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Police-Public Interactions

CALL FOR PAPERS (deadline February 1)

The **Police Science Program** at the University of Akureyri (Iceland) invites abstracts for its **“Policing and Society Conference” on Wednesday, February 20, 2019**. The conference is a venue where Icelandic and international academics and professionals meet and converse about policing in a broad sense. Professionals and academics who work in fields that involve policing in one form or another are encouraged to submit abstracts that build on their work and/or research.

The **keynote speakers** reflect the theme of this year’s conference: Police-Public Interactions. As the most visible arm of the criminal justice system, the police are in significant and various contact with the public. Police in the Nordic countries have been quite successful in this regard and enjoy high levels of public trust. Nonetheless, there is still a lot of room for improvement. Moreover, police in the Nordic countries and elsewhere face multi-faceted challenges in terms of police-public interactions in the face of rapid technological advances and a fast changing society.

We **strongly encourage** abstracts that deal with police-public interactions but we, of course, welcome all contributions that involve policing in one form or another. To reiterate: this conference is a joint venue for academics and professionals to share their research and experience involving policing; learn from one another; and engage with the public.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



Anina Schwarzenbach is a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard Kennedy School’s Belfer Center. As part of the International Security Program she researches strategies to counter violent extremism and radicalization adopted by democratic states. Her research is concerned with the legitimacy and effectiveness of extremism prevention, particularly in the area of religious extremism. Previously, she was a graduate researcher at the

Max Planck Institute for Foreign Criminal Law in Germany, where she has worked extensively on experiences of institutional discrimination of immigrant youths in Europe’s multi-ethnic cities and on the effect of discriminatory police activity on trust in the police. In her book “Police-Youth Relations in Multi-Ethnic Cities” (which will be published with Duncker & Humblot in 2019) she has analyzed young people’s interactions with the police authority and their experiences of police encounters in ethnically and culturally diverse German and French cities. Anina holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Freiburg, Germany, and an LL.M. and M.A. from the Universities of Bern and Zurich in Switzerland.



Ben Bradford is Professor of Global City Policing at the University College London Jill Dando Institute of Security and Crime Science. He is also Director of the Institute for Global City Policing, an initiative joint funded by UCL, the MPS and MOPAC to promote policing research in London. His research interests include trust, legitimacy, cooperation and compliance in justice settings, social identity as a factor shaping these processes, organizational justice, and elements of public-facing police work such as neighbourhood patrol, community engagement and stop and search.

USEFUL INFORMATION:

- **The conference will be held Wednesday, February 20** in the Miðborg house of the University of Akureyri, specifically in rooms N101 and N102. The conference runs from 9.00 to 17.00.
- **Presenters are allotted 25 minutes** for the actual presentation and subsequent questions and answers. **Abstracts** (maximum 250 words) **should be submitted via e-mail heidrunosk@unak.is no later than February 1**. Abstracts should include a title, short description, methods, main results and/or arguments. Include information about academic position, profession, and (if there are more than one contributors) the order of the authors.
- **The conference registration fee is €40** per person and the program, coffee and refreshments are included (pay on the spot when registering). The registration fee is waived for presenters. **University students attend free of charge.** Conference attendees pay for their own travel and accommodation.
- **Several airlines fly to Iceland**, incl. Icelandair www.icelandair.com WOW Air www.wowair.com
- **The airline Air Iceland Connect** flies from Reykjavík to Akureyri, see www.airicelandconnect.com

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