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Introduction

The German Congress on Crime Prevention is an annual event that takes place since 1995 in different German cities and targets all areas of crime prevention: Administration, youth welfare, the judiciary, churches, local authorities, the media, politics, the police, crime prevention committees, projects, schools, the health system, organisations, associations and science. The desired effect is to present and strengthen crime prevention within a broad societal framework. Thus it contributes to crime reduction as well as to reducing the risk of becoming a victim. The reduction of fear of crime in the population is connected with that.

The main objectives of the congress are:

- Presenting and exchanging current and basic questions of crime prevention and its effectiveness.
- Bringing together partners within the field of crime prevention.
- Functioning as a forum for the practice, and fostering the exchange of experiences.
- Helping to get contacts at an international level and to exchange information.
- Discussing implementation strategies.
- Developing and disseminating recommendations for practice, politics, administration and research.

Since its foundation the German Congress on Crime Prevention has been opened to an international audience with a growing number of non-German speaking participants joining. Because prevention is more than a national concern and should be focused internationally this step seemed crucial. Bringing together not only German scientists and practitioners but also international experts in crime prevention and therefore developing a transnational forum to foster the exchange of knowledge and experience constitutes the main focus of this approach. To give the international guests a discussion forum, the Annual International Forum within the German Congress on Crime Prevention was established in 2007. For non-German guests this event offers lectures in English language as well as other activities within the German Congress on Crime Prevention that are translated simultaneously. International guests are able to play an active role by presenting poster or displaying information within the exhibition.

This ninth edition of “International Perspectives of Crime Prevention” includes the outcomes of the 10th Annual International Forum which took place within the 21st German Congress on Crime Prevention on the 6th and 7th of June 2016 in Magdeburg and gathered together about 3.000 people from the field of crime prevention in Germany and worldwide. The main topic of this congress was: “Prevention and Freedom: On the Necessity of an Ethical Discourse”.

The book starts with a short version of the Congress expertise on the main topic, written by **Regina Ammicht Quinn**. She offers an insight into the philosophical question about the tension between prevention and freedom concluding in a practical list of seven “points to consider”. This is followed by the written version of the opening speech to the Congress, held by **Erich Marks**.

The next section deals with the work of some of our international partner organisations and their work on prevention topics. The **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit gGmbH (GIZ)** is presenting several examples of preventive work on social cohesion and integration in different countries, which they had shown to the Congress-audience in Magdeburg. The **European Forum on Urban Security (Efus)**, a network of about 250 European cities and regions, shows an overview of their current activities. **The Korean Institute on Criminology (KIC)** describes the mutual cooperation with the German Congress on Crime Prevention, which was confirmed by a memorandum of understanding in 2010. And finally the **RAN Centre of Excellence** gives a short report on the experience exchanges on the prevention of radicalisation they made during the Congress.

The main part of this book contains a range of topics presented during the international lectures of the Congress in Magdeburg.

Alexandre Chitov presents his study on the effects of the Buddhist religion in the Juvenile Justice System in Thailand. The potential of using drones for legal issues is explored by **Jee-Young Yun** (Republic of Korea).

Allan Y. Jiao and Jeffrey R. Phillips give an insight into police auditing, police reform and the Federal Consent Decree in the United States. This is followed by three articles on the US-Juvenile Justice Reform Forum. **Patricia M. Martin** offers a short overview on the panel discussion during the Congress and the development of the Juvenile Justice Reform Forum. **Melissa H. Sickmund** is dealing with the New Juvenile Justice Data Project and **Jeffrey G. Gregro** describes the methodology called the Standardised Program evaluation Protocol more detailed.

For the European area **Caroline L. Davey and Andrew B. Wootton** (UK) are discussing the prospects for EU-funded security research. Furthermore two projects from Germany are presented: A digital platform supporting stakeholders performing municipal work on integration is introduced by **Svenja Kirbis** and the outcomes of a symposium on the prevention of violence, which has taken place in Berlin, are described by **Stephan Voß and Erich Marks**.

The 21. German Congress on Crime Prevention concluded with a “**Magdeburger Declaration**” founded on the Congress Expertise on the main topic and the debate on the spot. This declaration summarises results and recommendations. You can find it at the end of this book.

We hope to find a broad audience, interested in the upcoming events of the Annual International Forum as well as the German Congress on Crime Prevention. For more information please visit our website at <http://www.gcocp.org>.

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