

Introduction

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Introduction

This tenth edition of “International Perspectives of Crime Prevention” includes a selection of the outcomes of the 11th Annual International Forum which took place within the 22nd German Congress on Crime Prevention. The Congress was held on 19th and 20th of June 2017 in Hanover 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 & Integration”. The programme of the 11th Annual International Forum is printed at the end of this book.

The first two articles reflect parts of the opening event of the Congress: The opening speech, held by **Erich Marks**, and the speech on the main theme “Prevention & Integration” held by **Wiebke Steffen**. The third contribution is the so-called “Prevention Speech” held at the closing event of the Congress by **Wieland Machleidt**. In this speech the process of integration is compared with the developmental phase of adolescence, a socio-psychological view that gives new insights into the current challenges of migration.

The following essays of this book contain a range of topics which were presented during the international lectures of the Congress in Hanover. **Dorota Habrat** discusses the issue of criminal corporate liability, in particular with regard to the case law in Poland and the question of individual or collective liability. **Anika Holterhof** and **Johannes de Haan** present the work of the United Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on promoting a participatory approach to crime prevention by highlighting two technical assistance projects. One is on participatory crime diagnosis and policy development and the other on the use of sports for early crime prevention. **Tao-Hsin Tung et al.** have done a meta-analysis of community treatment effects on the rate of child sexual reoffendings. They indicate that while there is reason to believe that these measures are effective, further studies are needed to provide clear evidence. **Catrin Trautmann** presents the outcomes of the pre-conference on Countering Violent Extremism, which took place on the days before the German Congress on Crime Prevention. Besides the exchange of knowledge on prevention measures on radicalisation, the meeting enabled possibilities to develop cooperation structures. And finally ProtectED, a not-for-profit membership organisation and

accreditation scheme, is introduced by **Andrew B. Wootton, Caroline L. Davey and Lucy Winrow**. This supports member universities in the UK to tackle harassment and sexual assault as part of a wider programme of measures to ensure their students' safety, security and wellbeing.

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 combating crime and reducing the risk of becoming a victim. In addition, this is associated with reducing the fear of crime among the population.

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 thus 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 speaking guests this event offers lectures in English language as well as other activities within the Ger-

man Congress on Crime Prevention that are translated simultaneously. International guests are able to play an active role by giving lectures, presenting posters or displaying information within the exhibition.

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 www.gcocp.org.

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