

Introduction

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Introduction

This eleventh edition of “International Perspectives of Crime Prevention” is focused on the topic of Violence and Radicalism. It consists of two parts. The first part includes a selection of the presentations of the 12th **Annual International Forum** which took place within the 23rd German Congress on Crime Prevention. The Congress was held on 11 and 12 June 2018 in Dresden and gathered together about 3.000 people from the field of crime prevention in Germany and worldwide. The main topic of this congress was “Violence and Radicalism – Current Challenges for Prevention”. The programme of the 12th Annual International Forum is printed at the end of this book.

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 of crime prevention and for fostering the exchange of expertise
- Helping to get into contact at the 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. To give the international guests a discussion forum, the Annual International Forum within the German Congress on Crime Prevention was established in 2007. This event offers lectures in English language as well as other activities within the German Congress on Crime Prevention that are translated simultaneously. In 2012 the DPT-Institute for Applied Prevention Research (DPT-I) was founded. It promotes the dialogue between prevention research, practice and politics, by offering further events, online-seminars and by participating in (international) research projects.

In this volume you will find the opening speech of the 23rd Congress, held by Erich Marks. This is followed by the detailed expert report on the state of research and prevention perspectives related to the main congress theme about violence and radicalism, written by Dirk Baier. The “Dresden Declaration” is based on this report and contains statements on the main consequences, published by the German Congress on Crime Prevention with its partners. The fourth essay is the so-called “Prevention Speech” held at the closing event of the Congress by Ute Frevert. She reflects on violence and radicalism from a historical point of view. These contributions from the main Congress programme are followed by three contributions from the International Forum (Triantafyllos Karatrantos, S.D. Shanti / Ashley S. Love, Harald Weilnböck / Oliver Kossack).

The second part of this book consists of contributions to the **International Conference on Prevention of Violence and Extremism (PV&E)** held in November 8 and 9, 2018, at the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH, short GIZ, in Eschborn, Germany. Catrin Trautmann, who organised this event for the German Congress on Crime Prevention, gives an overview about the international findings and approaches that have been discussed, followed by four contributions from this Conference (Frank Buchheit, Lillah Elsayed, Christina Foerch Saab, Maarten van de Donk). The whole programme of the PV&E-International Conference is also shown in the annex.

We hope to find a broad audience, interested in the upcoming events of the German Congress on Crime Prevention. For more information please visit our website at www.gcoep.org.

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