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Introduction

This twelfth edition of “International Perspectives of Crime Prevention” includes a selection of the outcomes of the 13th and the 14th Annual International Forum (AIF) of the German Prevention Congress (former German Congress on Crime Prevention).

Part I of this book contains lectures and documents from the 13th Annual International Forum, which took place within the 24th German Prevention Congress. This Congress was held on 20 and 21 May 2019 in Berlin and gathered about 3,000 people from the field of crime prevention in Germany and worldwide. The main topic of this congress was “Prevention & Democracy Promotion”. The programme of the 13th AIF is printed at the end of this book.

This part starts with the opening speech of the congress, followed by the “Berlin Declaration” of the Congress, in which statements are made on the (crime) policy consequences resulting from the annual focus topic as well as on other current crime prevention developments and trends. Ten further essays report on lectures of the congress and deal with topics such as Juvenile Justice, organised and gang crime, violent crime, and data protection.

In the year 2020 the pandemic stopped the preparation of the 25th German Prevention Congress, which was planned to take place in the city of Kassel. This congress was changed into a purely online event with no dedicated international Forum.

Part II is devoted to the 14th AIF which has taken place within 26th German Prevention Congress. This Congress was held on 10 and 11 May 2021 in Cologne. Due to the ongoing pandemic situation most lectures and the entire AIF have taken place online. The main topic of this congress was “Prevention provides Orientation! ... planning ... training ... exchange”. The programme of the 14th AIF can also be found at the end of this book.

The articles of this book section start with two expert reports written on the main topic. They are followed by the “Cologne Declaration” of the congress. The book concludes with five papers focusing on topics of family-based crime, extremism, nightlife safety, and safety management.

We would like to thank all the authors for their contributions and the patience that was required in the preparation of this volume. We would especially like to thank Lawrence Schätzle for his careful editing of the articles. Information about the Authors can be found on our website: <https://www.praeventionstag.de/go/archive-of-contributors>.

Following a tradition that has proven itself over many years, this congress volume is also published in different formats. On the one hand, the print edition is published as a book on demand and as an e-book by the Forum Verlag Godesberg. On the other hand, the German Prevention Congress publishes the book divided in its separate chapters for free download on its website <https://www.praeventionstag.de/go/publications>. In addition, numerous other documents of the past Congresses were documented via various formats and media in German or English, in particular via the internet portal of the DPT as well as via the DPT YouTube channel. For example, the speeches of the opening event of the 26th DPT with the Prime Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia as Congress patron and the Mayor of Cologne, are documented on the DPT YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@praeventionstag>.

The German Prevention Congress 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 Prevention Congress 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 Prevention Congress was established in 2007. This event offers lectures in English language as well as other activities within the German Prevention Congress 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.

We hope to find a broad audience, interested in the upcoming events of the Annual International Forum as well as the German Prevention Congress. For more information, please visit our website at www.praeventionstag.de/go/en.

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