Greetings!

We are delighted to present to you the third volume of the IC&J Newsletter.

This edition contains exciting updates as well as news about our students and faculty achievements and involvement in the program, and past and future IC&J events.

The IC&J community wants to know how you are making a difference as International Justice advocates! We look forward to your continued interest and contributions!

Enjoy reading this issue of the IC&J Newsletter.

Sincerely yours,
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From the Program Director

Welcome Back!

The Fall issue of our IC&J Newsletter is finally ready. Students and faculty, thank you for your contributions. One more year full of achievements and success stories is behind us.

I am so thankful to our dedicated faculty and adjuncts for their continuous support and to our students for being our greatest ambassadors. Also, thank you Jerry Cho for being such a wonderful peer advisor and program assistant, and for putting this excellent issue of the Newsletter together. I encourage you all to take the time from your busy schedule and to read this Newsletter in order to become familiar with the work of your peers and professors.

This May 2017 twenty-four students graduated from our program, many of whom obtained the ACTOCS certificate as well. Congratulations! This Fall 2017 approximately fifty new students joined our program (IC&J MA & ACTOCS). Welcome on board! It is wonderful to see our IC&J program grow and attract so many qualified students with such diverse professional, educational and cultural background. I couldn’t be happier.

Our very own IC&J and ACTOCS alumni as well as current students are making an instant global impact as fierce advocates for justice. Our alumni have acquired positions with various reputable organizations. I would like to share just a few of those recent achievements with you.

As the Program Assistant for the Individuals at Risk Program at Amnesty International USA, Laura Galeano helps the Urgent Action Network grow and make a greater global impact. Suchaya Mokkhasen is now serving as the Special Case Officer at the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime in the Special Investigations Unit of the Ministry of Justice in Bangkok.

Alex Lynn is the Prosecutor’s Assistant in the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor of the Immigration and Customs
Enforcement agency. And Adriana Michilli got accepted at a prestigious PhD program at the University of Padova in Italy!

Also, Sara Cronqvist, our former IC&J peer advisor who is an international student from Sweden, started working as an Intelligence Analyst with the City of New York Business Integrity Commission in the Background Investigations Unit.

Our faculty and adjuncts continue to receive awards. Congratulations to Professor Jamil Dakwar for being awarded the American-Arab Anti Discrimination Committee’s 2017 Ralph Johns Award! And Professor George Andreopoulos (Political Science) was awarded a Mercator Fellowship by the German Research Foundation.

The IC&J and ACTOCS programs hosted numerous exciting lectures and events throughout 2017. The ACTOCS faculty announced the launching of the advanced certificate program on April 3rd at the Transnational Organized Crime Studies Event. Dr. Elaine Carey was a keynote speaker and gave a very interesting lecture on women and organized crime.

Students in the ICJ 770 Capstone course taught by Dr. Barberet participated in the Diplomacy Lab project. They conducted semester long research and presented their research findings related to effective reduction of pre-trial detention population across the globe. The State Department representatives were delighted with the final results our students presented!

This September, Dr. Anna Di Ronco, a Lecturer in Criminology at the University of Essex in the UK gave an excellent talk on fighting incivilities in European cities through zero tolerance approaches. Dr. Borbala Fellegi, a researcher, mediator, as well as university lecturer in Hungary also gave an excellent lecture on October 17, 2017.

Drawing from her experiences in Hungary, Dr. Fellegi examined how restorative practices have been used in her “silenced” country, where citizens still feel the impact of 20th Century dictatorships.

We have many more upcoming events so please mark your calendars. The MA in International Crime and Justice Program & United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services are organizing an International Investigations Workshop on Thursday, November 30th, 5.30pm to 8pm. The United Nations Investigation Division will discuss international investigations with you, and conduct a sexual abuse response scenario to illustrate the role, tasks and operational context of investigating in peacekeeping operations.

Also, our muster event is scheduled on November 20th at 5pm. The Muster Event is one of the finest traditions of the IC&J MA program. The main goal of the biannual event is to enhance program cohesion through socializing and networking. This year we will host two guest lecturers (Miriam Wijkaman and Diana Rodriguez) and the topic is on gender, female offenders, and transnational crime. Food and drinks will be provided and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Then our new Adjunct Professor Isa Karasioglou will give a guest lecture on radicalization of village community in the Caucus on November 28th. Please join us!

Also, as many of you already know I will be going on maternity leave during Spring 2018 and will step down as the director of the IC&J MA program this December. Our beloved Dr. Rosemary Barberet, who many of you already know, will take over this position. She was the first director of our program, as well as one of the founders of the IC&J MA program. Dr. Barberet is a great mentor and advisor so no doubt that all of you are in great hands!

Finally, our fully online IC&J MA program will officially start this Fall 2018. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch with Dr. Klaus von Lampe, the online program director if you have questions.

There is a lot of excitement ahead of us, including new faculty and students to meet, new books to read, new friendships to make and new skills to master…and I look forward to you sharing in those exciting times. I hope to see you soon at some of these upcoming events! Have a wonderful Fall semester.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Jana Arsovksa
Program Director
IC&J Alumni and Student Involvement

Great news! Our very own IC&J and ACTOCS alumni as well as students are making an instant global impact as fierce advocates for justice. Our alumni have acquired positions with various organizations including Amnesty International and other national law enforcement agencies, while our current students continue to develop professional proficiencies through internships with reputable organizations like the United Nations.

Suchaya Mokkhasen - Special Case Officer

Suchaya is currently a Special Case Officer at Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Transnational Crime in the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) of the Ministry of Justice in Bangkok, Thailand—"Prior to beginning my study at John Jay, I couldn’t imagine myself working in academia. However, the engaging coursework and research opportunities have fostered a deeper understanding of the nature and impact of transnational and organized crime from an international perspective and has opened my eyes to new possibilities. ICJ program at John Jay has given me greater confidence and the ability to continue a career in academia."

Laura Galeano - Program Assistant

As Program Assistant for the Individuals at Risk Program at Amnesty International USA, I lead and grow the Urgent Action Network in order to make impact on more cases. This entails communicating with a list of over 9,000 activists all over the world who campaign on cases that require urgent responses. Additionally, I lead and grow the Case Commitment Initiative which is a program where local and student AIUSA groups take on long term commitments on cases in our network. I provide groups with resources to ensure that their campaigning is kept on track. I also lead a team of 4 interns and ensure that, on top of getting work with the UAN and CCI done, they choose a focus case to work on during the duration of their internship. I am one of only two full time staff members in the IAR program in the NYC office, so it is crucial that our interns are trained in all aspects of the work; I am also in charge of screening and interviewing incoming interns for that very reason.

Adriana Michilli

Human Rights, Society, and Multi-level Governance, Ph.D Candidate

The Joint Ph.D Degree in “Human Rights, Society, and Multi-level Governance” is a three-year, interdisciplinary, joint academic program coordinated by the University of Padova (Italy) with affiliations at Universities in Australia, Croatia, Greece, and Cyprus. The doctorate aims at forming researchers with a multi/interdisciplinary profile. The program includes teaching, research and training in the area of human rights studies, covering the various legal, political, social, philosophical and economic approaches and methodologies, and different geographical areas.
Alex Lynn – Prosecutor’s Assistant-ICE
The largest legal program in DHS, ICE’s Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA) is the exclusive legal representative for the U.S. government in exclusion, deportation and removal proceedings before the U.S. Department of Justice’s Executive Office for Immigration Review. OPLA attorneys also litigate immigration-related hearings on behalf of the United States involving criminal aliens, terrorists and human rights abusers. Furthermore, OPLA provides critical legal support to ICE components focusing on customs, worksite enforcement, ethics, employment law, tort claims and administrative law issues. Overall, OPLA protects the homeland by diligently litigating cases while adhering to the highest standards of professional conduct, and providing timely and accurate legal advice in support of the agency's mission, which is “to ensure that criminals face justice in a court of law.”

Heleine Fouda – Research Assistant
I graduated last year from John Jay with a master degree in International Crime and Justice alongside an advanced certificate in terrorism studies. Last week, I got hired as a research assistant at the Global Center on Cooperative Security. The Global Center on Cooperative security is a think tank that works with governments, international organizations, and civil society to develop and implement comprehensive and sustainable responses to complex international security challenges through collaborative policy research, context-sensitive programming, and capacity development. The Global Center has four areas of programming and engagement: multilateral security policy, countering violent extremism, criminal justice and the rule of law, financial integrity and inclusion. My work at the Center will focus primarily on the area of criminal justice and the rule of law with a first project tackling the Lake Chad Basin region.

Sara Cronqvist
Intelligence Analyst, Background Investigations Unit
City of New York Business Integrity Commission
This employment position is directly aligned with my career objectives of intelligence gathering and investigating organized crime and corruption, two of my top interests. I am very excited to apply the knowledge and skills that I have acquired during my time in the Master of Arts program in International Crime & Justice and Advanced Certificate in Transnational Organized Crime Studies, into the field of investigations. By doing so, I hope to expand my knowledge and practical experience tremendously while contributing to the City of New York Business Integrity Commission’s goals of eliminating criminality from regulated businesses, and make the New York marketplace fair and free of corruption and organized crime.
The Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) at the United Nations is responsible for overseeing various sectors. It is composed of an Inspection & Evaluation, Internal Audit, & Investigations Division. In 1994, the General Assembly initiated OIOS to further substantiate an overall effective overview of performance by individuals who fall under the purview of the UN. Moreover, OIOS has regional offices based in Austria, Kenya, and New York, to mention a few. The primary focus of the Investigations Division of OIOS is to conduct fact-findings of potential misconduct such as fraud, corruption, waste of resources as well as other criminal and non-criminal actions committed by UN Staff members, vendors, peacekeepers and volunteers.

Fluency in foreign languages is imperative in instances when interns are asked to assist with cases based in other countries. Other than the special needs of communicating with foreign contacts, interns assume their positions as investigative assistants. Interns will mainly collaborate with investigators of the Division and occasionally bridge communication networks between the investigators and other United Nations departments or employees. Within the Division, the Director, Deputy Director and Chief of Section are recognized as the key staff members that supervise the general activities. Key staff members occasionally directly delegate assignments to interns. Specifically, interns at the Investigations Division of OIOS assist investigators by performing tasks such as quality assurance for reports, audio recordings, review, analysis of evidence documents as well as collecting corresponding evidence for cases.

The internship exposes interns to not only acquire an in-depth knowledge of OIOS but the UN in general. It is a multicultural environment in which individuals not only bring a unique background, but also a set of skills, which work cohesively. The workload is heavy but it is interesting and amplifies critical thinking skills. Finally, this internship gives interns the opportunity to gain insight about other offices such as the UNODC, UNFPA, and UNHCR.
Nothing felt real until I was on the 16hr flight from Philadelphia to Johannesburg. I couldn’t believe I was on my way to Swaziland, Africa. My friends and family were right, I am crazy. I spent more time reassuring them of my safety then actually understanding what I was getting myself into.

On this flight, I had a moment of panic. The Peace Corps? Two years of my life in a country I never even heard of? Where will I live? What if someone tries to kill me? My mind raced, but I had to catch myself. “Build no expectation, whatever comes your way trust in your ability, knowledge and experience to overcome it. You’ll be okay” I used those words as my new foundation.

I spent the first 2 1/2 months with my training host family undergoing extensive training from 7am-5pm, Monday – Saturday. It was quite dreadful, nevertheless every workshop reaffirmed my passion. We learned about the culture and tradition of Swaziland, the local language: SiSwati, community development, how to be a successful volunteer and all the obstacles that come with that. I lived in a two-room hut on my family’s homestead. I tried my best to not think of home, the minute you begin to compare the conveniences of America to your new home everything feels a lot more challenging than it really is. The latrine, fetching water, bucket bathing, the sound of the rain against the tin roof in the middle of the night, this was my new home and the faster I accepted it the easier things became. Still, there were moments of struggle. Like when about earwigs were falling from the ceiling landing on all my belongings, or the days there was no water. I had two options, either figure it or go back home. And I figured it out, time and time again.

On August 23rd, 32 volunteers sworn in as official Peace Corps Volunteers. That is when the real work began. I am now in a new community, with a new family and working in a High School. Throughout the next 3 months I will be conducting various needs assessments, hoping to understand what exactly my community needs and how I can assist them. This is a partnership, you work alongside teachers, community leaders and students to implement innovative ideas, build new foundations and address some of their issues. The goal is to create long lasting development that can exist and thrive without you.

Amid all of this it’s easy to forget that you’re only human, that in the process of creating change you will have moments of failure. Nothing of real value comes easy. So, I prepare myself emotionally for the projects that will fail and hope to use them as the foundations for those projects that will succeed.
I think about the next two years and I quickly remind myself to stop and focus on the present day. Peace Corps allows you to create your own schedule, this experience is only as great as you allow it to be. You can spend your days in your room isolated or walk around your community and meet the people who will eventually change your life. Peace Corps forces you to think, to be independent and to understand yourself as you navigate through a culture very different from your own. Moments of struggle are opportunities for growth and it’s up to volunteers to be intentional with every stage in this experience.

Dr. Borbala Fellegi’s Talk on Restorative Justice in Hungary

The CUNY Dispute Resolution Center at John Jay College, The Master of Arts in International Crime and Justice at John Jay College, The Restorative Justice Initiative, and The School of Education at Lehman College invited everyone to “When Talking Heals: Lessons learned from restorative justice applications in Hungary's emerging democracy.” The restorative approach gives voice and choice to the people, enabling them to strengthen their relationships, build communities and to prevent and manage their conflicts. But what does it look like in practice in a young and vulnerable democracy?

Drawing from her experiences in Hungary, Dr. Borbala Fellegi examined how restorative practices have been used in her “silenced” country, where citizens still feel the impact of 20th Century dictatorships.
This past July, I traveled to Australia and China. Of course, these are countries I have always wanted to visit, and this summer I was fortunate to have four talks to give there, to make this travel easier on my pocket. The first stop was in Melbourne, Australia. There, faculty and students had planned the second annual Victorian Postgraduate Criminology Conference and I was to deliver a keynote address. No, “Victorian” does not mean I had to dress in a long lace gown. Rather, Victoria is a state in southeastern Australia and Melbourne is its capital, and thus, this was a conference for postgraduate criminology students from various universities in Victoria. In the United States, it is more common for postgraduate students to attend the same conference as their professors, but in Australia (and in the UK) it is quite common for postgraduate students to have separate conferences or workshops. This allows them to network among themselves and also to receive special training and mentoring that will help them in their careers. My address was entitled, “Internationalizing Criminology.” My aim was to encourage Australian postgraduate researchers to consider internationalizing their research, which is a message I usually deliver when I give addresses. More than a few from the audience commented how they enjoyed the talk, especially those who were engaging in international criminological research for their dissertations.

At events and gatherings in Australia such as conferences, it is protocol for the organizers to give what is called an “Acknowledgement of Country.” An Acknowledgement of Country recognizes the Aboriginal history, including land ownership, and pays respect to the Traditional Owners. At all of the events I attended in Australia, whoever introduced me, or started the session I was a part of, would say something like, 'I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the (appropriate group) people, and pay my respect to elders both past and present.” Neither Australia nor the United States can be proud of its treatment of its indigenous peoples, but this protocol seemed to be a constant acknowledgement of the harm done, one that serves as a model to us in the US.

Melbourne is a very diverse city, as is New York City, but I really did not understand the concept of biodiversity until I visited the Australian countryside. There are so many different types of animals. After my talk at Melbourne I visited Healesville Sanctuary, a wildlife refuge that has kangaroos, Tasmanian devils, koalas, wallabies, wombats, platypuses, and so many many different birds! Of course, you cannot leave Australia without seeing at least one kangaroo.
From Melbourne, I proceeded to Cairns, in northern Australia. The main focus of my trip, Cairns was the site for the conference, “Crime and Justice in Asia and the Global South”. This conference was organized by the Crime and Justice Research Center of Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and the Asian Criminological Society. Prior to the conference, there was a day-long postgraduate mini-conference, in which I co-led a workshop on publishing for postgraduate students. The conference itself focused on the new idea of “Southern Criminology” – that the Global South has its own particularities and needs to formulate its own criminology (theory, methods, topics) that resonate with its reality and not only mirror the criminology of the Global North. A new book (in which I have a chapter) will be published soon on this idea, the Palgrave Handbook of Criminology and the Global South. The conference was filled with interesting presentations from criminologists from Australia, Asia, Africa and Latin America that I rarely get to meet at other conferences I attend. My keynote address was entitled, “The Sustainability of Women’s Human Rights: Dialogue between North and South.” One of the main organizers of the conference, Dr. Kerry Carrington, had asked me to address women’s issues. She and I wrote very similar books on international feminist criminology in 2014-15, and she is on the editorial board of the journal I edit, Feminist Criminology. My keynote address was the last of three (the others were delivered by gender studies giant, Raewyn Connell and Guoling Zhao, Professor of Law at Peking University, China.

The conference was punctuated by many opportunities for socializing, including two invited music and dance performances by local aboriginal groups. After the conference was over, many of us took advantage of the good weather to tour the Daintree Rainforest nearby as well as the Great Barrier Reef. Here below you will see me with Margaret Reynolds, former senator for Queensland, with Dr. Kerry Carrington, Head of School of Justice, QUT, and on a boat with Dr. Anna Sergi, a noted organized crime researcher, who has visited us here at John Jay.

After Cairns, I proceeded to Shanghai. I must admit the flight to Australia was so long that the flight to Shanghai seemed comparative short! My son is teaching English in Shanghai and thus the visit was both personal and professional. This was my first time in China and like most tourists, I was overwhelmed with the sheer size of everything and the huge quantities of people everywhere. The infrastructure (subway, trains, airports) is so impressive. What surprised me the most was the Chinese sense of humor, which is delightfully sarcastic like ours. Even though Shanghai is a big city, not everyone sees Westerners often, and people would want to take photos with me, or I could see them photographing me out of the corner of my eye.

In Shanghai, thanks to University of Delaware colleague Dr. Ivan Sun, I gave a guest lecture at the East China University of Political Science and Law, invited by sociologist Dr. Feng Li. My talk was entitled, “Gender and Crime”, a topic I frequently cover in my courses at John Jay. However, for the sociologists and criminologists attending my talk in Shanghai, it was quite novel. I received quite a few questions but there were quite a few puzzled silences as well. I was assisted by a young interpreter from the language department who frequently interrupted me with her own questions as well as those of the audience (“Is there really such a thing as a ‘prison abolitionist’?” “Three bathrooms, not two anymore?” “Professor, we cannot talk about our President the way you talk about yours!”). Despite the many differences in perspectives, good will prevailed.
Conscious that gift-giving is important in China, I had brought several John Jay glass paperweights to give to those who had invited me to speak. They were, of course “made in China”, and when I told this to my hosts, they broke into peals of laughter.

I visited many sites in Shanghai, and I plan to return to visit more. Of most interest to ICJ scholars was the day trip I took to Nanjing from Shanghai. There, I visited the Nanjing Massacre Memorial Hall and Museum. This museum commemorates the hundreds of thousands of Chinese residents of Nanjing who were murdered and raped in six weeks’ time by the Japanese invaders in 1937. The hall is built above a mass grave, with the victims still in it. Below is the part of the museum with victims’ remains. An immensely sobering experience that marked the end of a fascinating trip to Australia and China.

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The Master of Arts in International Crime and Justice Program & United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services invited you to attend an International Investigations Workshop on November 30th!

Whether pursuing corruption in international operations, investigating sexual abuse by peacekeepers or tracking down evidence of war crimes, international investigators depend on strategies for collaboration with military and civilian authorities to get the job done.

The United Nations Investigation Division will describe international investigations and conduct a sexual abuse response scenario to illustrate the role, tasks and operational context of investigating in peacekeeping operations.

The Workshop will include pre-exercise review of materials, a brief lecture and then deployment to a scene where participants must consider investigation with limited authority, uncooperative communities, insecurity and little information, all while navigating the complex bureaucracies that ensure rule of law in post conflict situations.

The workshop will require participants to commit to studying the pre-workshop material as well as a 2.5 hour on-campus session. Upon successful completion of the workshop students will be issued a certificate of completion.

The course will be facilitated by Michael Dudley, Principal Deputy Director, and Vladimir Dzuro, Chief, Investigations, with support from others.
Human Trafficking Spring Course Offering
Nora M. Cronin, Esq.

I am thrilled to be back for another semester with the ICJ program at John Jay. Having worked in the criminal justice system as an assistant district attorney in Brooklyn, a policy maker in Albany, and my current position as the manager of the Response to Human Trafficking Program for New York State, teaching at John Jay gives me an opportunity to take what I have learned in the field and help students achieve their goals of understanding one of the most misunderstood human rights abuses in the world—human trafficking.

Last semester, our human trafficking seminar covered a wide range of topics, including identification and investigation techniques for both sex and labor trafficking, the nonprofit’s role in supporting efforts to eradicate trafficking, and the sociological and economic forces at play that help fuel the demand for traffickers. We also covered topics related to this area, such as the human rights questions surrounding cultural body modification, differences in policing in other countries, and what role gender and race play in who is trafficked and who is the trafficker.

One of the highlights of the seminar was an in-class debate on whether the legalization of prostitution in the United States would help eliminate the problem of human trafficking in this country. It was an extremely spirited debate that the students supported with research from a wide range of sources, including personal accounts they obtained from survivors of trafficking, and current sex workers.

I also will be relying on a little help from my friends to bring the latest best practices in the field to the classroom, so students next semester can expect to hear from current prosecutors of trafficking cases, directors of anti-trafficking programs at local nonprofits, worker’s rights advocates, and maybe even an ICJ alum or two! Looking forward to working with you this Spring.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Fall 2017 Muster Event – November 20, 2017 (5pm-7pm)
(John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 9th Floor Conference Room, New Building 524 W 59th Street, New York, NY)

The Muster Event is one of the finest traditions of the MA IC&J program. The main goal of the biannual event is to enhance program cohesion through socializing and networking. This year we will host two guest lecturers (Miriam Wijkman and Diana Rodriguez) and the topic is on gender, female offenders, and transnational crime. Food and drinks will be provided and everyone is encouraged to attend.

5:00-5:20 PM Refreshments and food
5:20 PM Words from the IC&J director
5:30-5:50 PM “Female offenders of human trafficking and sexual exploitation” Miriam Wijkman - Professor, Vrije University Amsterdam, The Netherlands
6:00-6:20 PM “Gender and terrorism: a homeland security perspective” Diana Rodriguez - PhD Candidate, Policy, Oversight & Administration Program, John Jay College (IC&J Alumna)
6:20-7:00 PM Refreshments and food
As the Oriental Republic of Uruguay
At the 2017 New York Model United Nations Conference
Jerry Cho

The John Jay United Nations Student Association participated in the 2017 National Model United Nations competition for the 13th consecutive year. The 28 members of the team were among the few who competed at the conference. Approximately 5,500 college students from over 30 different countries participated as the delegation of a United Nations member state. The John Jay United Nations Student Association represented the Oriental Republic of Uruguay in this year’s conference.

The National Model United Nations competition requires students to emulate qualities of a United Nations member state delegate by illustrating proficiency in a country’s stance on various subjects relevant to the United Nations committee agendas. I had the privilege of contributing to two committees: the Security Council and the General Assembly-First Committee. Between the two committees, my colleagues and I were required to write positions papers and speeches on various topic agendas such as ‘Protection of Civilians in the Context of Peacekeeping Operations’, ‘Global Nuclear Disarmament’ and ‘The Role of Science and Technology in International Security and Disarmament’.

The week long conference as well as the six month preparation period was a great learning experience in not only extending my knowledge of Uruguay and other countries, but more importantly in understanding how international policies and diplomatic practices have a direct impact on achieving international justice. Although at times bureaucratic negotiations between delegations with conflicted perspectives hindered the swift production of resolutions to the agendas, it was delightfully encouraging to witness all delegations eventually come together to consolidate their ideas towards a true United Nations.

The hard work of John Jay’s United Nations Student Association team was rewarded with top awards presented at the closing ceremony of the conference. The team was awarded the Distinguished Delegation award and many individual members reaped awards for producing outstanding positions papers and performing at the highest standards during the conference.
Students in the ICJ 770 Capstone course participated in the Diplomacy Lab project 68 during the Spring 2017 semester. As participants of the project initiated by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance and Partnership, U.S Department of State, students conducted comparative analysis of pre-trial detention and alternatives for numerous countries. Specifically, the students conducted research and presented self-designed programs that could effectively reduce the pre-trial detention population across the globe.

The State Department representatives were delighted with the final products of the project and complimented the students for their success.
Learning Through Teaching

Itena Dhrami

Teaching this class on Criminology Theory has been awe-inspiring. This is not only due to the fact that teaching is the ultimate learning tool for oneself - the insightful thought processes posited by the students, and the uniqueness of the interactions with every one of them, has provided for the ultimate, humbling experience. On my part, I try to make every session high yield for the students, by combining a variety of materials that I have researched, while following the core curriculum criteria. I do so in the hope that I can cultivate points of reference with all of the learning styles, and astoundingly vivacious personalities, the students themselves possess. I believe this is what makes for a synergistic learning environment. In every class I prepare, I try to emulate my father's teaching methodology. I find it is critically important to work toward establishing a democratic atmosphere, without sacrificing individualized attention. The most rewarding element of my job is that the topic itself gets the students to ask a lot of questions, and I only wish to be the guide, mediator and supporter of their curiosities. The students are undoubtedly the very best part of the entire process.

I do look forward to improving my technique further in the International Crime and Justice class that I will be teaching in the Spring of 2018. The merit for my understanding of these subject matters goes to my institution, International Crime and Justice Department at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. It trained me, helped me grow and now gave me the opportunity to contribute back to its ever growing student body. It has proven to be a perfectly symbiotic, organic process within my institution's traditions.

Adjunct Lecturer Itena Dhrami is a 2016 graduate of the M.A. in International Crime and Justice. She is currently employed as an Intelligence Analyst in the Background Investigations Unit, of the City of New York Business Integrity Commission, while pursuing a M.S. in Governmental Analytics and a Post-Graduate Professional Certificate in Intelligence at Johns Hopkins University. Itena also acquired a M.A. in Forensic Psychology with a Master’s Thesis on Victimology: Analyzing Behavioral Consistency and Inconsistency in Serial Homicide, using data provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Behavioral Science Unit. Itena’s current research interests are International Security in East Asia, Intelligence, Counterintelligence, and Transnational Crime.

ICJ MA Goes Online – FALL 2018

Starting in Fall 2018, the International Crime & Justice MA program will be available as a fully online program in addition to the traditional in-classroom ICJ MA program. This follows the launch of the online version of the Advanced Certificate in Transnational Organized Crime Studies (ACTOCS) in the 2017/2018 academic year. The application requirements and procedures for both the ICJ MA and ACTOCS are the same as for the offline program. However, the online program will make it much easier for students from outside of New York City and outside of the United States to enroll at John Jay College. Apart from the greater accessibility through distance learning, an added incentive is that online students only pay the in-state tuition rate.

Likewise, there are no differences in the course requirements between offline and online programs. 36 credits of coursework have to be completed, including an eight-course core curriculum and 12 credits from a list of approved elective courses. The online courses follow an eight-week schedule during the Spring and Fall semesters. This means that the content of a regular one-semester course is condensed into half a semester. Online teaching at John Jay is asynchronous so that students are not obliged to go online at a particular time. Further information can be obtained from the Director of the ICJ MA and ACTOCS online programs, Klaus von Lampe (kvlampe@jjay.cuny.edu).
On April 3rd 2017, the Master of Arts International Crime and Justice program hosted the Advanced Certificate in Transnational Organized Crime Studies Event at the Moot Court Room. The distinguished faculty of the MA IC & J program proudly announced the launching of the Advanced Certificate in Transnational Organized Crime Studies (ACTOCS) program during the event. The event also hosted a distinguished guest speaker Dr. Elaine Carey, professor of History and Chair of the Department of History at St. John’s University, who presented on the extensive history of women’s facilitation of transnational organized crimes.

Above: Dr. Arsovska addressing the crowd about the details of the ACTOCS program

L-R: Drs. Natarajan, Petrossian, von Lampe, Zabyelina and Arsovska

Left: Dr. Carey’s presentation on “Doing Drugs in the Archives: Facts, Fictions, And Histories of Women and Organized Crime”.
IC&J and ACTOCS Graduation Party!

The IC&J program also hosted the annual Graduation Commencement Party on May 26th 2017 where faculty, students and friends gathered to celebrate the achievements of the graduating class of 2017. Everyone present was able to wish the graduating class all the best with their future endeavors.

Above: Graduating Class of 2017 attended the Commencement on May 31st. We wish them the best with all their future endeavors.
Fun times at our Graduation Party! Congratulations Class of 2017.

CONGRATULATIONS IC&J GRADUATES!
IC&J and ACTOCS Program Updates

Dr. Anna Di Ronco, Professor of the Sociology Department at the University of Essex, provided an interesting and thought-provoking guest lecture titled ‘Normalizing Emergency: Fighting Incivilities in European Cities Through Zero Tolerance Approaches’ at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Left: Congratulations to Professor Jamil Dakwar for being awarded the American-Arab Anti Discrimination Committee’s 2017 Ralph Johns Award!

Right: Professor George Andreopoulos (Political Science) was awarded a Mercator Fellowship by the German Research Foundation and is spending the Fall 2017 Semester as a Visiting Professor at the Free University in Berlin.

Left: Congratulations to Joanna Callen for being awarded the 2017/18 Graduate Scholarship!

Criminals pay little attention to national borders, making the spread of transnational crime one of the most significant security challenges facing governments globally today. Dr. Jana Arsovskka and Sara Cronqvist, IC&J alumni and former peer advisor, wrote an article on Victims of Transnational Crime. The article will be published in Transnational Crime and Global Security, edited by Philip Reichel and Ryan Randa (PRAEGER Publishing, February 2018).

Spring 2018 Electives!

**ICI 705/805 – Human Rights and Counter Terrorism (Professor Jamil Dakwar)**

The purpose of this course is to explore the spectrum of state responses to the threat of terrorism and understand the impact of counter-terrorism laws, policies, and practices on human rights. While the course will primarily address the rule of law and human rights implications of counter-terrorism measures, it will also explore issues of efficacy and legitimacy surrounding states’ counter-terrorism policies. The course will cover relevant international human rights and international humanitarian law frameworks which already give states flexibility to protect national security, but within strictly defined limits. The course will address the ways in which anti-terrorism policies can threaten specific human rights, including but not limited to: the right to life; freedom from torture and arbitrary detention; the right to a fair trial; freedoms of association and expression; right to privacy, and the right to non-discrimination. At the conclusion of the course, students will have a deeper understanding of international law obligations that States must fully comply with while countering terrorism.
More Spring 2018 Electives!

**ICJ 706 – Transnational Crime (Prof. Gus Xhudo on campus & Prof. Yuliya Zabvelina online)**

This course examines current issues surrounding the topic of transnational crime and its prevention and control. The focus is on established and emerging phenomena with respect to illegal cross-border trade such as the trafficking in drugs, counterfeit medicine, and humans; transnational predatory crimes such as cross-border serial burglary; networks of offenders involved in these crimes and their mobility; and factors that facilitate and shape transnational crime, including technology. The course also examines the public and private sector responses to crime that transcends international borders.

**ICJ 730/810 – Human Trafficking (Profs. Natalie Jesionka and Nora Cronin)**

This course explores human trafficking – 21st century slavery – in terms of its causes, manifestations, controls and responses in an international context. It examines the definitions of human trafficking and the various socio-legal instruments to identify, measure and combat it. Students will also consider the methodological challenges in gathering data on this complex and dynamic phenomenon. The course takes an interdisciplinary approach to analyze human trafficking as a criminal justice issue, an organized crime problem, its aspects of supply and demand, immigration and migration, and the larger frameworks of poverty, gender inequality and human rights. In addition to examining victim and perpetrator characteristics, students will consider and assess strategies of prevention, victim protection and the cultural and political contexts of the global scope of the problem.

**ICJ 725/804 – Environmental Crime (Prof. Joseph Zelasney)**

This course is a general survey of the problem of environmental crime as a global phenomenon. The primary goal of the course is to critically examine the definitions, causes, and extent of the global problem of environmental crime. A review of the legal frameworks which regulate and/or criminalize practices harmful to the environment will be provided to help students understand the complexities of these instruments, as well as the limitations in their ability to address the problem. This course will also provide a closer look into some of the significant environmental crime problems that range from the illegal removing and international trade of wild flora and fauna, e-waste, bio-piracy, and chemical contamination.
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**Conversion of hay pieces into needles**

*Radicalization of village community in the Caucasus*

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Dr. Isa Karasioglu

I studied and investigated the Iranian hegemonic imposition upon Nardaran, a village, which is known as “Azerbaijani Palermo”, in Absheron Peninsula, Baku, Azerbaijan. Although my chief focus was on the formation of the unique Nardarani identity, the data I gathered during my field research has a high degree of propensity for being reanalyzed, as they are seen through the lenses of the concept of radicalization.

This approach and the necessity have become all the more timely since the emergence of the recent wars in the Middle East and the global onset of a virtual tsunami of destructive terrorism. We, social scientists, are duty-bound to explore the roots and assign the causes of this challenging problem of ISIS (The Islamic State) and its activities. In this regard I think of a comment made by the director of the F.B.I., in a conference held right after the Orlando attack: “Our work is very challenging. We are looking for needles in a nationwide haystack. But we are also called upon to figure out which pieces of hay might someday become needles.”

Having witnessed a community being turned into an extremely radical group of people, who adopted violent discourse at the very least, has prompted me to see some fundamental similarities between the sociological processes occurring in Nardaran and elsewhere.
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