Desistance – Sketching the Future: An International Conference

15 – 17 September 2014
The Moot Court, School of Law

Programme

Monday 15 September

1300  Lunch

1345  Welcome and introduction to the conference – Joanna Shapland (Director of the Centre for Criminological Research)

1400  Panel 1  Transitions (chair: Stephen Farrall)

Antony Bottoms and Joanna Shapland: ‘Learning to desist in early adulthood: the Sheffield Desistance Study’

Torbjorn Skardhamar: ‘Timing change: life course transitions as causes and consequences of desistance’

Arjan Blokland and Niek de Schipper: ‘How important are life course transitions in explaining desistance? Examining the extent to which marriage, divorce and parenthood account for the age-crime curve in former juvenile delinquents

1545  Tea

1615 – 1730  Panel 2  Agency (chair: Anthony Bottoms)

Peggy Giordano: ‘Mechanisms underlying the desistance process: reflections on “A theory of cognitive transformation”

José Cid and Joel Marti: ‘Structural Context and Pathways to Desistance: Research in Spain’

2000  Optional dinner (at own expense) at Ego Restaurant, Surrey Street, Sheffield
Tuesday 16 September

0930  Panel 3  Changing pathways (chair: Joanna Shapland)

P.O. Wikstrom and Kyle Treiber: ‘The dynamics of change: explaining changes in young people’s crime involvement by changes in propensity and exposure’

Mark Halsey: ‘In search of desistance: notes from an Australian study’

Klaus Boers: Trajectories of delinquency and their covariates’

1115  Coffee

1145  Panel 4  Societal labels (chair: Fergus McNeill)

Christopher Uggen: ‘The increasing stickiness of public labels’

Megan Kurlychek, Shawn Bushway and Megan Denver: ‘Understanding and Identifying Desistance’

Shadd Maruna: ‘Catching waves and making ripples: implications of the Liverpool Desistance Study’

1330  Lunch

1430  Panel 5  Development over time (chair: Arjan Blokland)

Edward Mulvey and Carol Schubert: ‘The importance and implications of developmental processes in desistance’

Rolf Loeber, Magda Southamer-Loeber and Lia Ahonen: ‘Findings on desistance from the Pittsburgh Youth Study’

1530  Tea

1600 - 1730  Ideas session 1 discussion  Are there differences in the path to desistance? – between men and women? between countries? when starting to desist at different ages? (facilitator: Joanna Shapland)

1900  Meet at Inox Dine, for the conference dinner (1930)
Wednesday 17 September

0930   Panel 6   Promoting desistance: criminal justice responses (chair: Joanna Shapland)

Stephen Farrall: ‘Understanding desistance in an assisted context: key findings from Tracking Progress on Probation’

Deidre Healy: ‘”I’ve always tried but I hadn’t got the willpower”: understanding pathways to desistance in the Republic of Ireland’

Fergus McNeill: ‘The Fuel in the Tank or the Hole in the Boat? Can sanctions support desistance?’

1115   Coffee

1145   Ideas session 2 discussion: ‘Is there a smooth glide in desistance from first steps to a change in identity?’ ‘Are desistance theories compatible?’ (facilitator: Anthony Bottoms)

Followed by ‘What now?’ and ‘Is there any mileage in international comparative studies in desistance?’ (facilitator: Stephen Farrall)

1300   Lunch and close