

Desistance

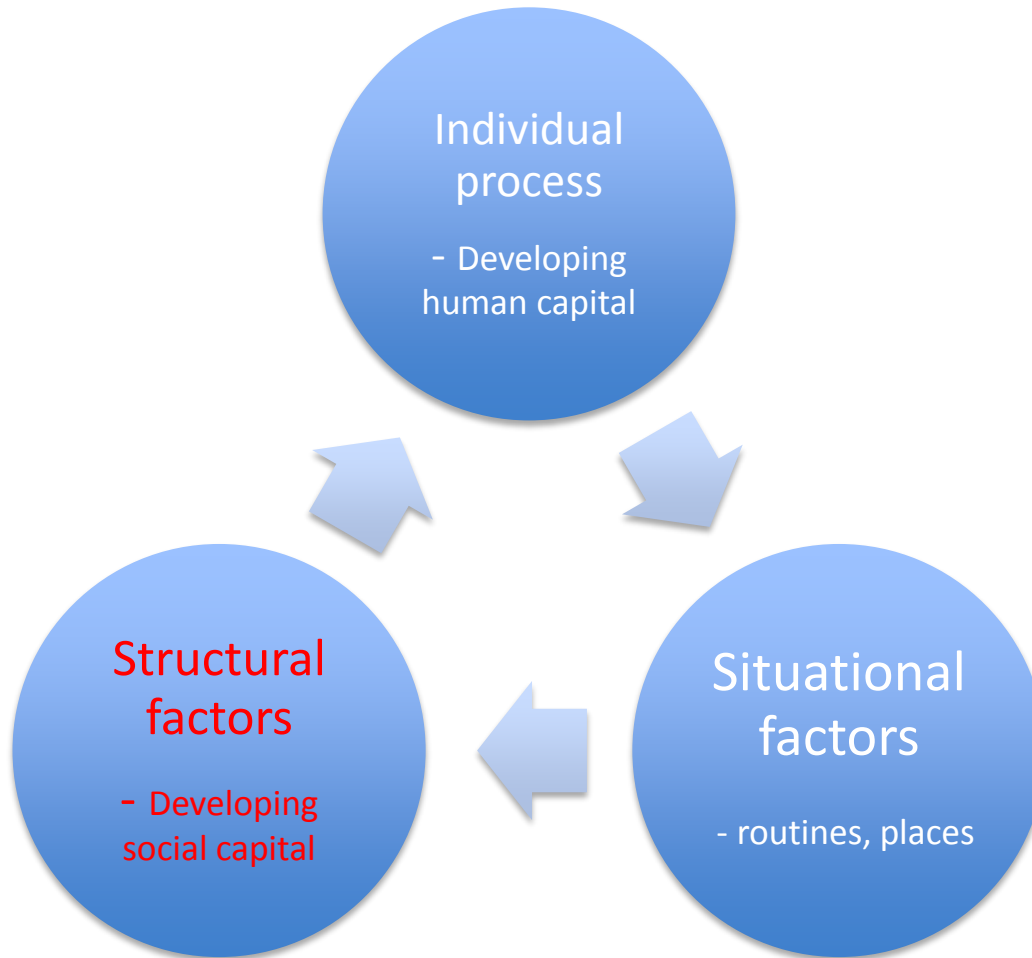
Session 2

Policy implications for desistance

Short recap

- What is desistance and what are the main theories ?

Desistance



Structural factors – beyond individual desistance

- Samson and Laub (1993) – bonds with the society (emotional attachment, commitment, believes and able to involve)
 - Different formal and informal institutions help to cement the bond
 - Adolescents: school, family, peer groups
 - Adults: employment, marriage, parenthood

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1. The way supervision is constructed:

a. Leibrich (1993), Farrall (2002) – **not much help** for offenders – later Farrall (2012) – later impact

b. Rex (1999) – **getting help, solving problems, showing respect and care, displaying professionalism, willing to engage, good relationship skills etc.**

c. Burnett (2004) – desistance a difficult and lengthy process, not an event – relapses are common – the **'zigzag' process** – excessive reliance on enforcement undermines the recognition of small progress – practices of breach and supporting compliance

d. Tyler (1997) – people are more willing to comply with the law when they think law and its agents **are legitimate and act as 'fair' and 'just'** – the legitimacy-based approach

e. Parent (1994) - From 'trail 'em, nail 'em, and jail 'em' to **supporting desistance**

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2. The role of probation service in facilitating access to pro-social opportunities

a. access to employment

- meaningful employment,
- involve cooperation and co-production

b. access to support services – for accommodation, identity papers, finances, debts management etc.

Interview with a high official of the Catalonian Probation Service

15 min.

Open discussions

To what extent the probation service in your country supports desistance:

- in house treatment
- referral system

- 10 min.

Small group discussion – 2 groups

What needs to be changed in our organizations to make them more desistance-focused?

Write down these ideas! They might be helpful in the last session 😊

15 min.

Presentation of the suggestions & Conclusions

Reflection point:

How can we celebrate the progress of our
clients????

Thanks !!