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International Seminar

The role of the judiciary in the application of restorative justice: challenges, lessons learnt and ways forward

This International Seminar is organised by KU Leuven Institute of Criminology in the context of the RE-JUSTICE Project on Judicial Training in Restorative Justice, co-funded by the European Commission (project JUST-JTRA-EJTR-AG-2018 no 854042) – Click here to see the dedicated website.

When: 30th March 2022 (full day) and 31st March (half day)

Where: hybrid – KU Leuven and online (the link to the event will be shared closed to the day)

Language: English

Registration: please register here https://www.euforumrj.org/en/events/role-judiciary-application-restorative-justice
PROGRAMME

Day 1
30th March 2022, KU Leuven and online

Chair: Ivo Aertsen, Emeritus Prof. of Criminology at KU Leuven

9.30 – 10.00 Coffee & registration of the participants

10.00 – 10.30 Opening and introduction to the Seminar
Speakers: Reine Meylaerts, KU Leuven Vice-Rector
Wojciech Postulski, EU Commission, DG Justice, Unit on General criminal law and judicial training

10.30 – 11.00 Introduction to the RE-JUSTICE project and to the seminar
Speakers: Monique Anderson and Silvia Randazzo, RE-JUSTICE coordinators and PhD researchers, KU Leuven

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 12.15 The challenges in the intersections between criminal justice and restorative justice
Speakers (online):
Public Prosecutor Marco Scuccimarra, Saint-Etienne, France
Judge Maria Leijten, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

12.15 – 12.45 Restorative justice and the role of the judiciary: a European perspective
Speaker: Ian Marder, Assistant Professor in Criminology, School of Law and Criminology – Maynooth University

12.45 – 13.00 Q&A session

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 14.45 Roundtable discussion: the challenges in the intersections between criminal justice and restorative justice and the role of the judiciary
The Roundtable is moderated by Ivo Aertsen (KU Leuven), with discussion among Ian Marder (Maynooth University), Claudia Mazzucato (Catholic University, Milan), Katrien Lauwaert (Moderator) and Annemieke Wolthuis (Restorative Justice Nederland and substitute youth judge)

14.45 – 15.00 Q&A session
15.00 – 15.20  Identifying and addressing those challenges: the importance of judicial training on restorative justice  
Speaker (online): Tim Chapman, Chair of the European Forum for Restorative Justice

15.20 – 15.50  The RE-JUSTICE needs assessment and training package  
Speakers: Monique Anderson and Silvia Randazzo, RE-JUSTICE coordinators and PhD researchers, KU Leuven

15.50 – 16.10  Coffee break

16.10 – 17.10  Notes from the field: RE-JUSTICE achievements and video documentaries  
From Greece: Aristotle University, Thessaloniki (UATh)  
From Italy: Catholic University, Milan (UCSC)  
From Spain: University Carlos III, Madrid (UC3M and CGPJ)

17. 10 – 17.20  Q&A session

17.20 – 17.30  Closing remarks  
Ivo Aertsen, Emeritus Professor of Criminology at the University of Leuven (Belgium)
Day 2
31st March 2022, KU Leuven and online

Chair: Katrien Lauwaert, Policy coordinator at Moderator Forum for Restorative Justice and Mediation (Belgium)

8.30 – 9.00 Coffee & registration of the participants

9.00 – 9.10 Opening and introduction to the day
Speakers: Monique Anderson & Silvia Randazzo – RE-JUSTICE coordinators and PhD researchers, KU Leuven

9.10 – 9.45 Key-note speech: Judicial Training on Restorative Justice
Speakers: Judge Patricia McNamara and Public Prosecutor Maria del Carmen de la Fuente Mendez, representatives of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)

9.45 – 10.30 Judiciary training on restorative justice: The RE-JUSTICE training piloting in Italy, Spain and Greece
Speakers from the Italian School for Magistrates and Catholic University, Milan; from the Spanish School for Magistrates and University Carlos III, Madrid; and from the Greek School for Magistrates and the Aristotle University, Thessaloniki

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 11.30 Roundtable discussion on Judicial training on restorative justice: the ways forward
Roundtable moderated by Edit Törzs (EFRJ), and discussion among representatives from the judiciary from Italy, Spain, Greece and the EJTN

11.30 – 11.40 Q&A session

11.40 – 11.55 Closing remarks
Speaker: Antony Pemberton, Professor of Restorative Justice at the Leuven Institute of Criminology and Senior Researcher at the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (NSCR) in Amsterdam

11.55 – 12.00 Greetings and closure of the event