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Social harm in a digitalized global world: Technologies of power and normalized practices of contemporary society



The world in which we live in is more interconnected and changing more rapidly than ever before. Accelerated technological advances, climate change and large-scale migration, to name a few, are all having an increasing effect on how we experience our lives today and how we will in the future. It leads to new modalities of social control and understandings of deviance as well as to increasing gaps between those who are able to take part in a digitalized global world, and those who are not – those who are privileged by globalizations and those who are harmed by it.

The changes brought on by globalization and the rise of technologies of power are influencing different aspects of different people's lives. While the transformations have been positive for many, they have also been extremely harmful for countless of others. Analyzing the changes and wide specter of consequences brought on by trends such as consumerism, transnationalism and digitalism in different parts of the world is a necessary prerequisite to

understand and act upon new ideological, policy, legislative, and enforcement solutions. Distinctions between public and private modes of provisions and control are becoming increasingly blurred, preventing oversight and bringing surveillance and repression, driven by economic incentives.

Resisting harms resulting from the normalized practices of contemporary society as well as harms brought on by technologies of power is not an easy task as it encircles our everyday life. In an aim to preserve human dignity, the normalized practices of contemporary socio-economic conditions as well as technologies of power that are changing the world as we know it must attract our attention in order for us to act upon it.

Streams

The call for papers is organized under streams pertaining to the titles of the European Group’s Working Groups, and suggests a series of key themes for that working group in relation to the overarching conference theme. We do, however, also welcome papers that explore other critical trajectories pertaining to the wider intersections of the overarching conference theme and the concern(s) of the working groups. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact one of the stream coordinators.

Please submit a short abstract of 150-300 words to the relevant stream coordinator *by 20 April*.

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| <p>The quest for growth and the issue of social harm</p> <p>Contact: katja.simoncic@pf.uni-lj.si</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The "normal", harmful practices of contemporary society - Technological progress and ethical issues - Privacy and data protection, a question of class? -- Big data, Algorithms and Policing |
| <p>Crimes of the Powerful</p> <p>Contact: samantha.fletcher@open.ac.uk</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Privacy as a privilege of the powerful; - Critically examinations of technologies and the state-corporate relationship; - Accountability in global, transnational and/or digital economies; - From the local to the global - green criminology and the environment; - Resisting and contesting the crimes of the powerful: Activism and protest in the digital ‘global’ world |
| <p>Social harm/Zemiology</p> <p>Contact: C.Pantazis@bristol.ac.uk S.Pemberton.1@bham.ac.uk</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uncovering harms of the sharing economy |

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| <p>Fear and looting in the periphery: Approaching global crime and harm in (and from) the south(s)</p> <p>Contact: aleforero@ub.edu rfaria@direito.up.pt djf@unizar.es ignasi.bernat@gmail.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technology and surveillance in the southern borders. - Controlling the (poor) migrants - Turning the predator into the prey: mapping and documenting harms and crimes to support resistance and social memory - Technologies and data treatment against global state-corporate crime. - Social torture and social murder under debtocracy - Synopticon, state repression and the (southern) violence of austerity |
| <p>Prison, Punishment and Detention</p> <p>Contact: Victoria.Canning@open.ac.uk</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crimmigration; - Imprisonment and resistance; - Immigration detention; - Abolitionist perspectives on confinement; - Punishment; - Torture and state sanctioned violence |
| <p>Historical, philosophical and artistic approaches on the study on deviance and social control</p> <p>Contact: s.georgoulas@soc.aegean.gr</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - history of crime and social control - criminological theory - crime in arts and literature |