The Stockholm Criminology Symposium

Call for presentations

“Recognizing Knowledge to Reduce Crime and Injustice”

Stockholm, Sweden, June 14-16, 2027

The Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention (Brå) hereby invites researchers, policymakers and practitioners to the Stockholm Criminology Symposium 2027.

Preventing violence and combating criminal economy.

Call for Presentations

The 2027 symposium is being arranged under the overall title Preventing violence and combating criminal economy and will include one general and two more specific themes. One of the specific themes of the symposium is Preventing violence by targeting the perpetrators, which relates to the award of the 2027 Stockholm Prize in Criminology to professors Anthony A. Braga, USA and David M. Kennedy, USA. The second specific theme is Combating criminal economy, that focusing on increased knowledge on the prevention and combating of crime at the intersection of economic crime and organized crime. The third, more general, theme is Contemporary Criminology, which provides an opportunity for presentations from all areas of the broader field of criminology, crime policy and crime prevention.

Participants are invited to submit panel session presentations or workshops within the following three themes.

1. Preventing violence by targeting the perpetrators

There are many approaches to violence prevention, many of which focus on areas such as early preventive interventions targeting young people, security measures for crime victims, and modifying physical environments. However, methods targeting the actual perpetrators—placing the onus for change on those who commit violent offences—are also crucial.

Violence prevention interventions targeting perpetrators and potential perpetrators rely on various preventive mechanisms and practical strategies. Basic strategies include restrictive measures such as restraining orders, and other common approaches include treatment-oriented measures directed at individuals in the community or correctional settings. Newer approaches combine elements of both support and deterrence, such as focused deterrence strategies. These involve engaging with members of criminal gangs or other types of offenders to offer support and pathways to a law-abiding life, while making it clear that failure to do so will result in intensified law enforcement action against the individuals involved.

The symposium will highlight research, theory, policy and practice concerning various aspects of perpetrator-focused violence prevention and the development of knowledge in the field, including evidence regarding the effectiveness of these interventions both from evaluations and meta-analyses.

The scope of the theme Preventing violence by targeting the perpetrators will include presentations on a variety of strategies, results and experiences from around the world.

The Symposium welcomes contributions based on research or other forms of documented experience with a focus on, inter alia:

- Risk factors and the identification of individuals at risk of committing crime
- Focused deterrence against violence and other forms of crime
- Treatment programs in the community
- Restrictive measures
- Programs in correctional settings
- Restorative justice
- Meta-analyses of effects

2. Combating criminal economy

Organized and economic crime appear to have become more intertwined with one another over time. Criminal business operations often intersect with or take place in legitimate sectors, utilizing logistics, financial systems and loopholes in legislation to create new crime schemes. Criminal networks' use of businesses as vehicles for crime is also attracting the attention of both practitioners and researchers. Combating the criminal economy has become a prioritized area and strategies involve following the money and increasing efforts to prevent the use of businesses for the purposes of crime, money laundering and corruption.

Law enforcement agencies further need to improve their ability to detect and investigate the criminal economy and hold those involved accountable. This includes developing work on financial investigations and the confiscation of assets. It also requires increased knowledge and action from regulatory authorities and other public bodies that have responsibility and expertise with regard to controls, administrative measures and other preventive efforts.

The Symposium welcomes contributions based on research or other forms of documented experience with a focus on, inter alia:

- Systems and analyses for detecting criminal financial transactions and actors, and also vulnerable sectors and functions
- The mapping of criminal schemes within the criminal economy and the identification of their weak points
- Estimates of the extent of economic crime in business environments and links to organized crime
- Legislation and perspectives on administrative measures and the confiscation of assets
- Experiences regarding the investigation, prosecution and adjudication of economic crime in business environments
- Ideas and experiences of preventive collaborations focused on the criminal economy.

3. Contemporary criminology

By tradition, the Stockholm Criminology Symposium presents a large number of panels under the general theme Contemporary criminology, providing an overview of the current state of the knowledge. We therefore welcome presentations from all areas of criminology, crime policy, related fields of research, and also from relevant experiences on decision making and practice. Aspects and accounts relating to gender and gender equality are generally welcomed in all submissions, as are submissions that include a focus on children and a children's rights perspective.

The invitation is not restricted to any specific field, and may include subjects as diverse as:

- Organized crime and criminal networks
- Patterns of proliferation among criminal networks
- Homicides, gun crime and the use of explosives in criminal contexts
- Crimes by and against businesses
- Crimes against children and youth
- Crimes committed by children and youth
- Violence in schools and school-attacks
- Violence against women, and domestic and dating violence
- Sex crime
- Crimes, safety, services and trust in rural areas
- Drug markets and organized drug crime, and their links to other forms of crime
- Environmental crime
- Economic crime and tax fraud
- Crimes against welfare systems
- Corruption
- Crimes against politicians, journalists, civil servants, etc.
- Criminal infiltration of local politics, law enforcement agencies, public sector authorities and other vital services
- Hate crime and ideologically motivated violence
- Migration, ethnicity and crime
- Property crime and fraud
- Analyses of patterns of crime, offenders and victimization
- National, regional and local crime prevention
- Crime prevention programs
- Policing
- Penal law development
- Criminal investigation practices
- Prosecution practices
- Sentencing practices
- Statistics on crime and criminal justice operations
- Measuring performance and costs in justice systems
- The governance of agencies working in the field of crime policy
- Similarities and differences based on gender
- To what extent children's rights are upheld

Submission of panel session presentations

Panel session presentations are proposed via the submission of an abstract that briefly describes the content of the speaker's presentation. Each abstract must be in English, no more than 300 words, and submitted electronically by February 19, 2027. Guidelines for submissions can be found on the Symposium website. There are a limited number of panel sessions. If the number of proposals received exceeds the time available for presentations, the submitted contributions will be subject to a review process.

Speakers who have submitted a single presentation/abstract will be assigned to a panel with two or three other speakers sharing a common theme or purpose (to the extent that this is possible). Speakers are permitted to submit multiple presentations/abstracts and to appear in several sessions. However, the committee reserves the right to exclude second and third contributions from speakers in order to give as many speakers as possible the opportunity to present. Participants are also welcome to suggest a full panel session, together with other researchers, policymakers or practitioners. Please submit all abstracts to be included in the suggested panel session, along with a panel session title.

If we are not able to assign your contribution(s) to a session, you will, as far as space allows, be offered the opportunity to display your work at a poster session. The poster session will be held on Monday evening, June 14, 2027. After the poster session, posters will be available to view throughout the Symposium. All abstracts (including poster abstracts) will be published in the abstract book on our website and included in the digital program. However, abstracts received after the deadline will not be included.

Submission of 90-minute workshop

A 90-minute workshop is appropriate for an in-depth overview of recent research evidence. Workshop sessions typically are interactive, focused on developing participant's skills.

Proposals that are interdisciplinary and involve presenters from a range of institutions and academic rank are encouraged. Only a few 90-minute sessions can be accepted, thus applicants are encouraged to submit only topics that are recent, innovative, novel and/or that address a glaring gap/need in the field.

Information required when submitting a workshop abstract:

1. Title of workshop
2. Speakers (name, title, institution, country) – maximum of 4 (including the session chair)
3. List up to 3 learning objectives
4. State whether material is for participants at an 'Introductory', 'Intermediate' or 'Advanced' level or whether any level is suitable
5. Indicate the target audience (practitioners, researchers, policymakers, etc.)
6. Briefly state whether any prior learning, experience or qualifications, or pre-reading are recommended or essential for optimal participation.
7. Outline of the 90-minute session – please list what each speaker will present, and the time allocated to each speaker.

All abstracts must be submitted by February 19, 2027

You will find guidelines for submissions at:
www.criminologysymposium.com

The Stockholm Prize in Criminology

Anthony A. Braga (USA) and David M. Kennedy (USA) have been awarded The Stockholm Prize in Criminology 2027.

The Stockholm Prize in Criminology Award Ceremony will take place on the evening of June 15, 2027 at Stockholm City Hall.

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