

***“Recognizing Knowledge to Reduce Crime and Injustice”***  
***Stockholm, Sweden, June 13–15, 2022***

*The Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention (Brå) hereby invites researchers, policymakers and practitioners to the Stockholm Criminology Symposium 2022.*

## **CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS**

Recurrent positive reports of a general decrease in crime levels in many parts of the world are periodically offset by worrying messages about negative trends in gang violence and other forms of serious crime. The most immediate threat from these types of crime is often experienced by those who are themselves involved in organized criminal activities, bystanders, and those who live in the neighborhoods in which these crimes take place, but they also present a threat to levels of public trust, which can in turn lead to calls for responses that go beyond the rule of law. These trends are currently occurring in the context of a global pandemic, and during a period in which modern democracies and international cooperation are facing new pressures, including actions intended to create distrust between various groups, and the deliberate dissemination of disinformation.

Participants are invited to submit panel session presentations within the following two themes:

### **1. Understanding the mechanisms that cause crime and promote desistance from crime**

Given the backdrop described above, if we really want to prevent and combat gang violence and other forms of serious crime, the only way forward is to highlight and develop practice based on the best and most advanced knowledge available. To this end, the 2022 symposium will direct a spotlight at research, theory, policy and practice focused on the underlying factors and mechanisms that result in young people entering into, and remaining engaged in, gangs and other forms of serious crime. The symposium also wishes to direct a focus at the knowledge on pathways out of serious crime, and at the effects and opportunities associated with gang exit services, sentencing options and correctional programs, and treatment and desistance programs more generally. The symposium also wishes to direct special attention at the situation of groups and individuals at particularly high risk of becoming involved in crime, including factors such as negative future expectations, experiences of discrimination, and minority stress. Within these subject areas, the symposium welcomes contributions that include gendered and children’s right perspectives.

There is now a pressing need to compile and discuss research, policy, and practice relating to the understanding and prevention of crime and violence, particularly with regard to gang offending and other forms serious crime. The principal theme of this year’s symposium is therefore *Understanding the mechanisms that cause crime and promote desistance from crime*. The theme provides scope for presentations on a variety of approaches, results, and experiences from all around the world. The Symposium welcomes contributions based on research or other forms of documented experience with a focus on inter alia:

- Criminal gangs and other forms of organized and serious crime
- Theories and qualitative and quantitative analyses on the onset and continuation of offending
- Theories and qualitative and quantitative analyses on desistance from crime
- Gang exit services
- Features and effects of criminal justice sanctions, and of programs and treatments delivered both within and outside the correctional system
- Vulnerable groups, negative expectations, crime, and offending
- Gender, crime, and offending

## 2. 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 once again welcome presentations from all areas of criminology, crime policy and relevant fields of practice. Speakers are welcome to submit single presentations/abstracts, as well as full panels with up to three presentations/abstracts from three different speakers. 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. Speakers who have submitted a single presentation/abstract will be allocated to panels according to subject. The invitation is not restricted to any specific field, but might include subjects as diverse as:

- Youth delinquency and the prevention of youth crime
- Online harassment against and between youth
- Crime and safety in vulnerable residential areas
- Drug markets and organized drug crime, and their links to other forms of crime
- Shootings in criminal contexts
- Violence against women, and domestic and dating violence
- Sex crime
- Street robberies
- Economic and environmental crime
- Crimes against welfare systems
- Crime against politicians, journalists, civil servants etc.
- Hate crime and ideologically motivated violence
- Property crime and fraud
- Crime and migration
- Cybercrime, and the it-dimension in crime and crime policy
- Analyses of patterns of crime, offenders, victimization
- National, regional and local crime prevention
- Policing
- Penal law development
- Criminal investigation practices
- Prosecution practices
- Sentencing practices
- Correctional 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
- Aspects related to a children's rights perspective

## 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, must be limited to 300 words, and must be submitted by February 28, 2022. 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, together 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 13, 2022. After the poster session, posters will be available to view throughout the symposium. All abstracts (including poster abstracts) will be printed in the program book. However, abstracts received after the deadline will not be included.

### All presentation abstracts must be submitted by February 28, 2022

You will find guidelines for submissions at [www.criminologysymposium.com](http://www.criminologysymposium.com)

### The Stockholm Prize in Criminology

The Stockholm Prize in Criminology will be presented on June 14, 2022, at Stockholm City Hall. The jury is proud to award the 2021 prize to Professor Elijah Anderson, Yale University, USA, and the 2022 prize to Frances T. Cullen, University of Cincinnati, USA, and Professor Peggy C. Giordano, Bowling Green State University, USA.

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