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2019 marked the sixty-third session of UN's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63). Every year, representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world attend the session to disseminate evidence on policies and practices affecting women globally. The sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 11 to 22 March 2019. The ten-day session included a ministerial segment with round tables and other high-level interactive dialogues, a general discussion, as well as interactive and expert panel discussions. Stakeholders organized many side events and parallel events to draw attention to critical aspects of the work on gender equality. The World Society of Victimology (WSV) partnered with the Division on Women and Crime (DWC) of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), the International Sociological Association, and Criminologists Without Borders to host two side events and four parallel events at CSW63. This was the first year that the WSV co-sponsored or participated in events.

Side events at United Nations Headquarters:

1. March 11, 2019: The Status of Women: The Policing of Conflict & Post-Conflict Areas in partnership with United Nations Police
2. March 12, 2019: The Safety of Women: Penal Mediation in Greek Domestic Violence Legislation in partnership with the Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations

Parallel Events at Church Centre for the United Nations:

1. March 18, 2019: Empowering Girls & Women Facing Violence in Family Settings
2. March 19, 2019: The Safety of Women & Girls in Educational Settings
3. March 21, 2019: Women, Re-Entry, & Social Protection
4. March 21, 2019: Access to Justice for Women & Girls: The Role of Women in Law Enforcement & Peace-keeping

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The Policing of Conflict & Post-Conflict Areas: Topics for this panel included *The Role of UN Police & Role of Women in Peace Missions of the UN* presented by Ms. Garima Bhatnagar, Chief, Mission Management Support Section, Police Division, United Nations Department of Peace Operations. *Policing Radicalization & Violent Extremism: The Importance of Having a Truly Reflective Police Service* presented by Dr. Jackie Sebire, Assistant Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police, Kempston (UK). *How to Build Inclusive Institutions Protective of Human Rights: Lessons from a Complex Story of Democratization of the Croatian Police* presented by Dr. Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovich, Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University. *Women and What Works in Post-Conflict Policing: The Importance of Building Social Representation, Trust, and Legitimacy* presented by Dr. Staci Strobl, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice, University of Wisconsin-Platteville. *Gender Equity, Culture and Knowledge: The Influence of Professionalism on Law Enforcement Officials' Attitudes in Bosnia and Hercegovina* presented by Dr. Lisa R. Muftic, Professor, Criminal Justice & Sociology, Western New England University.



The Safety of Women - Penal Mediation in Greece: DWC Chair, Dr. Sheetal Ranjan of William Paterson University of New Jersey moderated this panel and outlined the theoretical implications of Greece's penal mediation program in the context of the domestic violence literature, especially in relation to power & control, coordinated community response and restorative justice approaches. Opening remarks were provided by Ms. Maria Theofili, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations. Speakers included: Ms. Xenia Dimitriou, The General Prosecutor of the Supreme Court of Greece; Ms. Marina Chrysoveloni, Deputy Minister of Interior in charge of Gender Equality (Greece); Dr. Sevaste Chatzifotiou, Associate Professor in Democritus University of Thrace (Greece); Ms. Kalliopi Mingeirou, Chief, Ending Violence Against Women, UN Women; Ms. Eleni Fotou, Forensic Psychologist and Founding Partner of VIA-STOP (Greece).

Empowering Girls & Women Facing Violence in Family Settings: Dr. Elaine Arnull, Nottingham Trent University (UK) moderated this panel. Panelists discussed a variety of topics related to violence against women. Ms. Kalliopi Mingeirou, Chief, Ending Violence Against Women, UN Women (USA), spoke about *Preventing & Responding to Violence Against Women & Girls in Family Settings*.

Dr. Lori K. Sudderth, Professor, Quinnipiac University discussed information on *Creating a Safe Space Where There Was None: The Women's Project*. Presenting findings from the Nuffield Foundation, Mr. Rob Street, Director of Justice, Nuffield Foundation (UK), spoke about improving family justice system outcomes in England and Wales. Dr. Janet E. Fine, WSV member, Independent Consultant, Trainer & Adjunct Faculty, Northeastern University, spoke about *Strengthening Practice & Empowerment of Women & Girls When Intimate Partner Violence & Children's Exposure To Violence Co-Occur*. Dr. Elaine Arnull, Reader, Nottingham Trent University (UK), and Vice-Chair, Division on Women & Crime, along with Ms. Anna Kaproski, Deputy Chief Executive, United Against Violence and Abuse (UK) wrapped up this important panel with *Developing A Conceptual Framework of Violent Behavior in a Family: Policy and Practice Recommendations*.



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The Safety of Women & Girls in Educational Settings: Dr. Rosemary Barberet, UN Representative, International Sociological Association & Criminologists Without Borders and Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice moderated this panel. Maintaining a focus on violence against women, panelists incorporated educational settings into their discussions. Dr. Elaina Behounek, Assistant Professor, Middle Georgia State University, spoke on *The Safety of Women and Girls in Educational Settings: A Global Overview*. Ms. Eleni Fotou, Forensic Psychologist, VIA-STOP spoke about *Empowering School Children in Greece in Identifying, Reporting, and Standing Up to Violence and Discrimination*. Ms. Amelia Roskin-Fraze, DWC Student Member and Activist, Columbia University spoke about *Sexual Violence Amongst Women in Educational Settings*. Ms. Alethia Jimenez, Policy Specialist, Ending Violence Against Women, UN Women presented a UN Women's Guidance Note on *Prevention and Response to Violence Against Women in University Campus Settings*. Dr. Sheetal Ranjan closed out the panel with a presentation about *Violence Prevention: A Coordinated Community Response Approach*.



Women, Re-Entry, & Social Protection: Dr. Dawn Beichner, UN Representative World Society of Victimology, Professor, Illinois State University, both moderated and presented at this panel. Maintaining a focus on the lives of women, panelists addressed the social and political realities of female inmates through their presentations. Ms. Pilar Larroulet, Lecturer, Universidad Católica de Chile (Chile), discussed *Reintegration, Desistance and Recidivism Among Female Inmates in Chile*. Moving the discussion forward, Dr. Judith Ryder, Associate Professor, St. John's



University, advocated for education by presenting *Students All: A Call for Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education for Female Prisoners*. Dr. Andrea Leverentz Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts Boston, spoke about *Fostering Family Relationships & Women's Employment*. Ms. Topeka Sam, Founder and Executive Director, Ladies of Hope Ministries, Hope House NYC, focused on social reality with her presentation about *How Can We Advocate if We Can't Eat?* The final panelist, Dr. Dawn Beichner wrapped up this panel with *A Call to Action: Policy and Practice Recommendations for Incarcerated & Returning Women*.

Access to Justice for Women & Girls: The Role of Women in Law Enforcement & Peacekeeping

DWC Chair, Dr. Sheetal Ranjan moderated this panel. Dr. Cassia Spohn, Professor, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Arizona State University spoke about *Policing and Prosecuting Sexual Assault: Research Findings and Policy Recommendations*. Dr. Prit Kaur, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Department of Criminal Justice, Auburn University at Montgomery discussed the *Role and Scope of Women Police in Cyber Crime and Cyber Victimization*. The next panelist, Dr. Jackie Sebire, Assistant Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police, Kempston (UK), presented a personal reflection on *Why Gender Equality in Policing is so Important in Increasing Women's Access to Justice*. Two panelists, Dr. Kerry Carrington, Professor, School of Justice Faculty of Law, Queensland University of Technology (AUS) and Maria Victoria Puyol, PhD Candidate, School of Justice Faculty of Law, Queensland University of Technology (AUS), delivered a presentation on *The Role of Women's Police Stations in Widening Access to Justice and Eliminating Gender Violence*. Dr. Jan Marie Fritz, Professor, University of Cincinnati; Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of South Florida (USA) & University of Johannesburg (South Africa), concluded the panel by speaking about *Inclusive Peacebuilding and Women Mediators*.



Forthcoming Journal: A selection of papers from the six CSW63 panels are forthcoming in the *International Journal for Crime, Justice and Social Democracy* in a special issue titled *CSW63 & The Social Protection of Women and Girls: Links to Crime and Justice*. The journal is an open access, blind peer reviewed journal that publishes critical research about challenges confronting criminal justice systems around the world. Committed to democratizing quality knowledge production and dissemination through free open access publishing, they use a Creative Commons copyright. We selected this journal for wider dissemination among policy makers and practitioners.

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