

The rise and expansion of Balkan Criminology: A sustainable criminological landscape?

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Overview

- ▶ Context: The elusive face of crime and a 'broken' CJS
- ▶ Criminology - an international science
- ▶ The challenges - “international science”
- ▶ The focus: The Balkans - region *sui generis* (H. Sundhaussen '14)
- ▶ Balkan criminology
- ▶ Four pillars for a sustainable BCNet
- ▶ The future is bright!?



The elusive nature of crime and a broken' CJS

- ▶ Dynamic concept....
- ▶ E. Durkheim - normative and functional
- ▶ Crime is *relative* and *evolutive* (Fattah, 97)
 - ▶ Balkans - **relative**: corruption vs. violent crime
 - ▶ Canada - domestic violence... Calgary highest vs. Victoria
 - ▶ Germany - public security & sexually related crimes
 - ▶ Balkans - **evolutive**: social and political - former Yugo and 1989 Revolution...2014 new President
 - ▶ Canada - rape, crime control vs. modified justice model; fentanyl
 - ▶ Germany - privacy & sexually related crimes
- ▶ Rise of a “schizophrenic crime control” challenge (Garland ‘01)

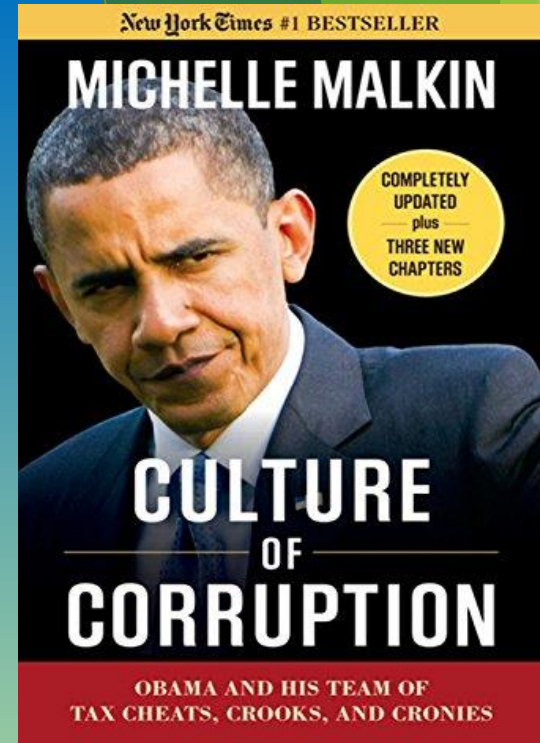
...'fragmented and tattered' CJS

- ▶ UN March 2016: 7.4B pop.
 - ▶ Balkan region estimated 55M
- ▶ 10.35M being detained world wide (Walmsley '15)
- ▶ World prison pop. Rate 144 per 100,000 capita
 - ▶ CDN 106 (115 '00)
 - ▶ USA 698 (731 '10)
 - ▶ BiH 73 (45 '00); Croatia 89; Serbia 148; Bulgaria 125; Turkey 225; Romania 143 (215 '00)
- ▶ Globally crime trends **DOWN** since mid-90s
- ▶ Costs going **UP** - e.g., '98 42.4B '14 85B (CDN)
- ▶ 62% policing, 3% prosecutions, 18% courts, and 17% prisons (Farrell & Clarke '04)



Key findings - Berenschot & Imagos '13

- ▶ 7 countries in the Balkan region
- ▶ Quite different...
- ▶ legal philosophy -- judiciary undergone fundamental change
- ▶ impressive array of new legislation
- ▶ Donor support to justice sector reform uncoordinated
- ▶ corruption and organized crime remain serious concerns
- ▶ key challenges is changing the “*corporate culture*”
- ▶ *need for building stronger and wider ownership to Rule of Law objectives through inclusive and participatory programming.*



Criminology - an “international science”

UNODC

International Statistics and NationMaster

- ▶ Comparative query
- ▶ Hans Joachim Schneider - G (1928-) “international science”
- ▶ Sir Leon Radzinowicz - P (1906-1999)- interdisciplinary
- ▶ Thorsten Sellin - S (1896-1994) 1938 “comparative”
- ▶ Hermann Mannheim - G (1889-1974) - pioneer of comparative criminology
 - ▶ 1965 vols1-2. “*Comparative criminology*”
- ▶ Crime a legal construct but complex human behavior
- ▶ E.g.: ICVS; European Sourcebook project; European Commission - ‘evaluation report’; & ISRD
- ▶ ! Comparative is critical....prevention - control continuum

Comparative challenges

- ▶ ‘comparing’ not easy... cultural and systematic factors
 1. Language (5 distinct), economic conditions, pop. composition
 2. Legal codes, EU/Non-EU divide
 3. Crime reporting practices - technology and social capacity
 4. Sharing of data (+/- victimization surveys)
 5. Reporting - accuracy, reliability, etc.

NEED FOR CAPACITY, COOPERATION, COLLABORATION and SOUND METHODOLOGY

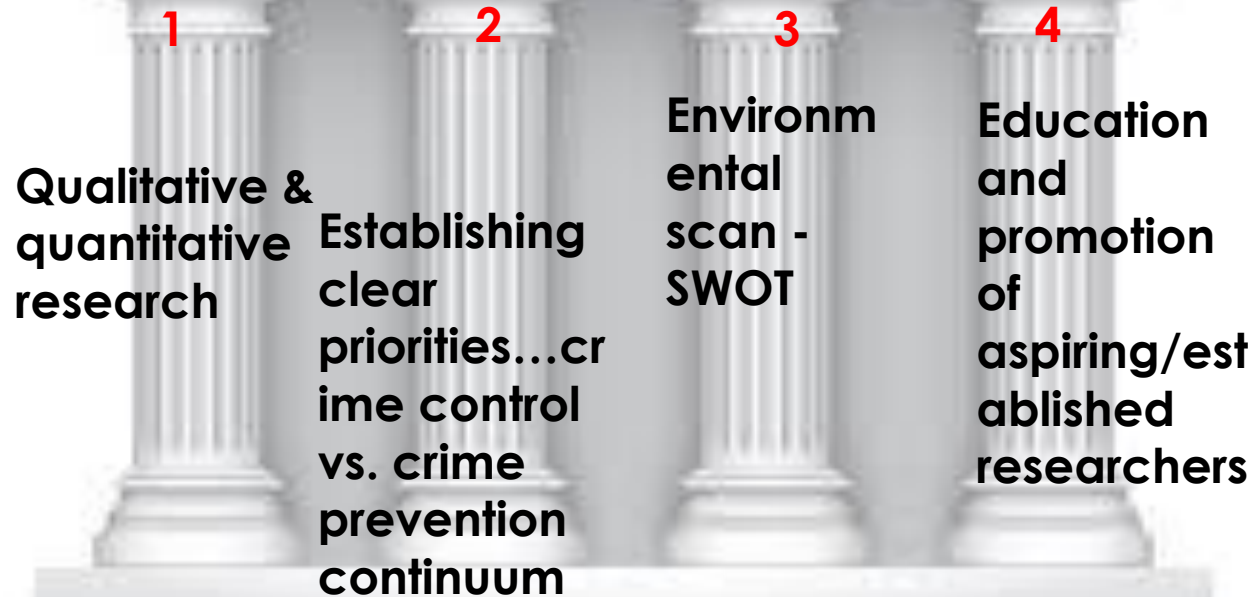
Some considerations

- ▶ serve as an **international impartial, non-political network...** purpose is to promote criminological inquiry
- ▶ provide a **scientific exchange** among its members
- ▶ **advise, encourage, guide and support** the efforts of those responsible for the education and training of criminologists and victimologists and professionals
- ▶ other **'knowledge partners'**
- ▶ Ensure careful consideration and **accounting** for cultural and systemic differences
- ▶ **Role of comparative criminal justice**

Creating a Balkan criminological landscape

- ▶ Winterdyk & Kilchling '14
- ▶ 2012 - 1st Balkan Crim meeting
- ▶ Partnership Max Planck Institute and International Criminal Law in Freiburg (G) & University of Zagreb = BALKAN CRIMINOLOGY NETWORK
- ▶ Max Planck Partner Group for Balkan Criminology (MPPG)
- ▶ Founded on 4 pillars

Pillars for a sustainable Balkan Criminology Network



Balkan criminology: Four pillars towards 'success'

- success...within an economically, socially, culturally, and political diverse regions - Balkans!

More than just a region

better understand one's own circumstances

help to improve/respond relative/evolutive crimes

facilitate cooperation -- 'strength in numbers'

joint ventures - "not reinvent the wheel"

facilitate social and policy reform - collaborate & cooperate

harmonize proactive measures

Improve rule of law (Cdn 98.6 VS. Rom. 63.5; Cro. 65.9; Ger. 93.3)

! Strengthen basis for scientific inquiry

‘Coming of age’ - rise of the Phoenix

- ▶ S-E Europe
- ▶ ! Demographics not support expansion of street crime...Bulgaria smallest child pop. In Europe; rural; emigration of young males
- ▶ POST-CONFLICT SITUATIONS...
- ▶ RF I - Violence, Organized Crime and Illegal Markets
- ▶ RF II - Feelings and Perceptions of (In)Security and Crime
- ▶ RF III - International Sentencing
- ▶ Publications:
- ▶ http://balkan-criminology.eu/en/publications/further_releases/
- ▶ - Balkan homicide study March 3-5/16
- ▶ - Balkan violence project July 22/16

‘proof is in the pudding’

- ▶ Balkan Criminology Newsletter 3X/yr (Andra et al.)
- ▶ Several MPPG publications (F. Vojta)
- ▶ 1 edited book... and now this meeting
- ▶ Scientific report 2013-2015 (A-M. Getos)
- ▶ Between 1986 - present over 50 Balkan related publications! Terrorism, state crime, sentencing practices, hate speech, markets of violence, etc.
- ▶ Impressive array of Balkan relevant links (Karlo Ressler)
- ▶ Events - 20+ regional, ESC, Onati...intensive course in Dubrovnik

Future perspectives/opportunities

Informed justification

Acknowledged some of the key challenges

Identified a rationale for BCNet

- e.g., Scandinavian Research Council for Crim since '62

CDN Crim Justice Association since 1919

Four pillars to sustainability

Benchmark and foundation of a second 'Scandinavia' in European criminology (W & K, '14: 72).



Thank you, danke, hvala,
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