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Presenting the project

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Project info

FULL NAME OF THE PROJECT: CROATIAN VIOLENCE MONITOR - A Study of the Phenomenology, Etiology, and Prosecution of Delinquent Violence with Focus on Protecting Particularly Vulnerable Groups of Victims (Violence Research Lab)

PROJECT LEADER: Prof. Dr. Anna-Maria Getoš Kalac, LL.M. (June 2021), Assist. Prof. Dr. Reana Bezić

PROJECT FUNDED BY: Croatian Science Foundation & University of Zagreb Faculty of Law

PROJECT DURATION: 60 months (March 1st 2018 – February 28th 2023)-extension February 28th 2025



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MEMBERS: 24 members (including 6 experts) – multidisciplinary approach

FUNDS: 2 mil. HRK (2 doctoral positions), 265.500 EUR

WEBPAGE: www.violence-lab.eu



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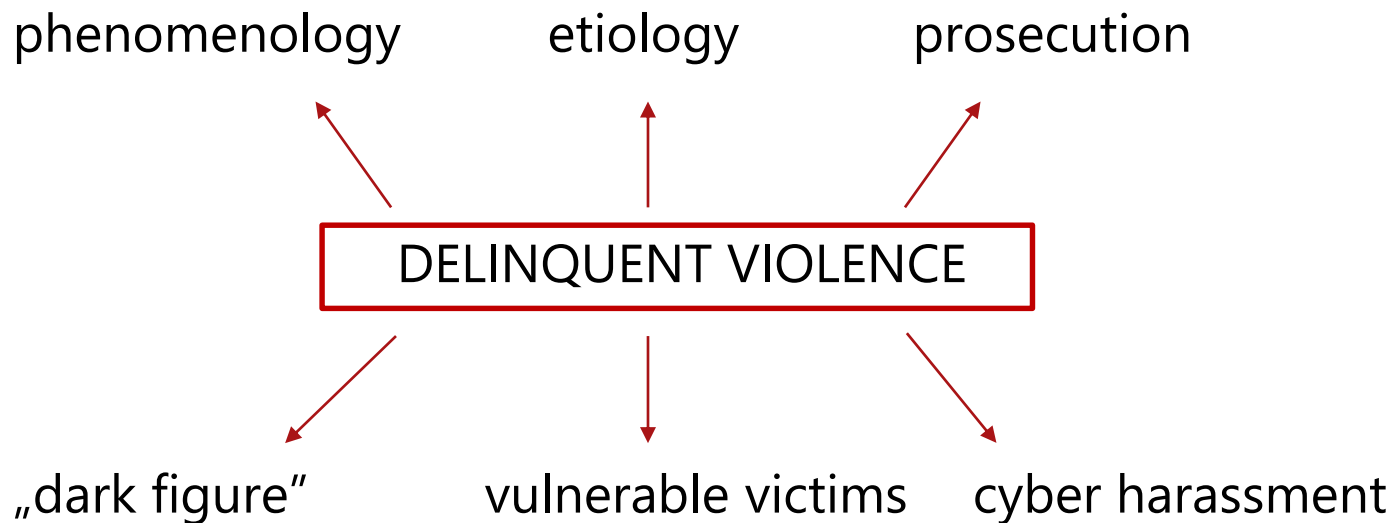
RESEARCH FOCUSES



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Research focuses

- Delinquent violence – unlawful use of force by person(s) towards another person(s) against their will with the exclusive or primary intent to inflict physical harm or to kill





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Can we measure violence?



„Genuine violence classification system“



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Parameters for quantity of violence in particular act of violence

- Duration
- Injury
- Vulnerability of victim
- Instrument
- Motive
- ...?



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Research focuses

- Comparison: our classification vs. normative classification
- Mapping violence



- where it happens
- what time
- how frequent
- by whom
- ...



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KEY TASKS



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Key tasks

- Establishing 1 Central Violence Lab in Zagreb and 3 Regional Violence Research Lab in Split, Rijeka, Osijek
- 12 clusters
- Operational Violence Research Lab database



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Key tasks

- Pilot study on 'dark figure' of delinquent violence
- Testing "genuine violence classification system" using data from 2016/2017 homicide research
- Final "genuine violence classification system", published and offered for commercial use
- Violence Research Lab "genuine violence classification app"



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Key tasks

- Violence Research Lab Strategy on preventing and detecting delinquent violence and cyber harassment
- Targeted manuals and protocols
- Over 20 journal articles, 50 presentations
- 8 diploma/master thesis on Violence Research Lab
- 2 edited books (English and Croatian version)



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METHODOLOGY



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Methodology

- 8,000 – 10,000 case analysis/2,000
 - over 200 relevant prosecutorial and both criminal and misdemeanor judicial offices in Croatia
 - Time period of analyzed cases: 3 years
- 200 conducted interviews/ 40
- self-report- victimisation survey; self-report-delinquency survey
- 16 field studies



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Criminology vs. Criminal law

- 🖱 CRIMINAL LAW = normative perception / CRIMINOLOGY = social reality
- 🖱 Criminal law abstraction vs. Criminological reality
- 🖱 Criminological research – main source: criminal justice system
- 🖱 How do we deal with normative concepts, figures and institutes in criminology?
- 🖱 Example I: 12 year old A shoots at B – violence? **YES**
- 🖱 Example II: Insane A hits B in the head – violence? **YES**
- 🖱 Example III: In self defense, A kills B – violence? **YES**



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Rules, figures and institutes I



Attempts should be included in criminological research of violence (attempted homicide or completed heavily bodily injury?)



Criminally **Insane** Perpetrators should be included in criminological research of violence



Omission and commission should be included in criminological research of violence (letting a baby starve to death vs. throwing a baby through a balcony)



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Rules, figures and institutes II



Exclusion of Unlawfulness – ‘Justified’ Violence **should be included** in criminological research of violence (e.g. self-defense)



Negligence - **should be included** in criminological research of violence (negligent homicide vs. murder = violence)



Instigation – **should NOT be included** in criminological research of violence (verbal expression=violence?)



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Question to discuss?



Other:

Insignificant Offences, presumption of Innocence, lack of evidence = no provability, statute of limitation, etc.



Challenges:

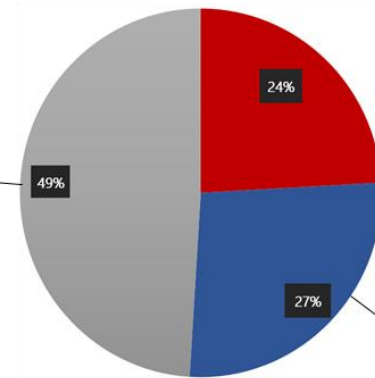
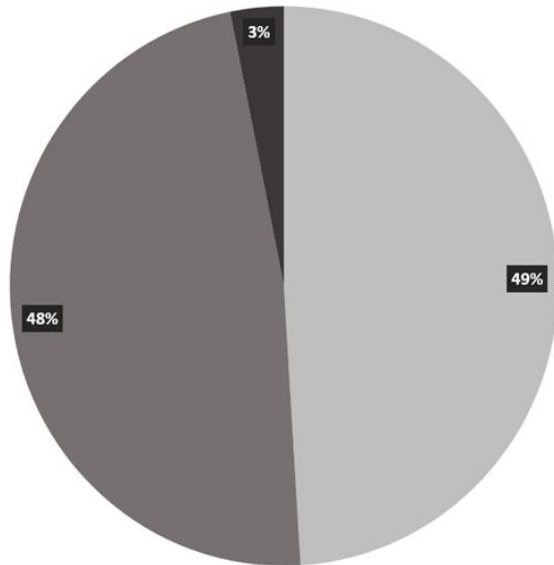
Definition of violence translation into normative framework?

Methodological & sampling challenges?

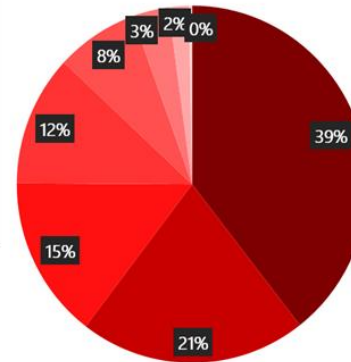


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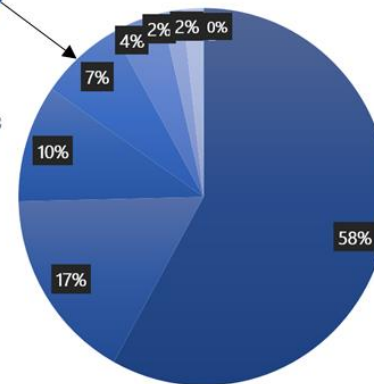
- Property (N=4,679)
- Personal freedom (N=4,563)
- Other from category 3 (N=301)



- Category 1
- Category 2
- Category 3



- Bodily injury (N=1,852)
- Property (N=981)
- Public order (N=691)
- Bodily injury (Para. 1, N=557)
- Sexual (N=353)
- Homicide (N=158)
- Humanity & dignity of person (N=89)
- Other from category 1 (N=12)



- Traffic (N=3,038)
- Marriage, family & children (N=866)
- Attempts from category 1 (N=527)
- Sexual (N=378)
- Public safety (N=233)
- Personal freedom (N=94)
- Killing or torturing of animals (N=90)
- Other from category 2 (N=6)



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PRACTICAL IMPACT



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Practical impact

- ✓ Improving normative framework
- ✓ Training, workshops and seminars for practitioners
- ✓ Findings actively incorporated in higher education programs
- ✓ Methodological solutions for violence researches



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SELF SUSTAINABILITY AND PROMOTION



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Self-sustainability and promotion



PREDSTAVLJEN NAJVEĆI PRAVNI PROJEKT HRVATSKE ZAKLADE ZA ZNANOST

Revolucija u istraživanju nasilja

Prof. dr. Anna-Maria Getoi
Kalac doc. Iudja Sokanović

Na Pravnom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu predstavljen je 12. srpnja znanstveni projekt "Hrvatski monitor nasilja" u naznačenosti riktora prof. Danica Boras i docenta prof. Iga Guba, te glavni državnog odvjetnika Dražena Jelenića.

Projekt Hrvatske zaklade za znanost ukupne financijske vrijednosti od čak dva milijuna kuna, što je daleko najveći iznos financiranja istraživanja od Zaklade u području prava, dodijeljen je izv. prof. Anna-Maria Getoi Kalac sa zagrebačkog Pravnog fakulteta, za istraživanje nasilja u Hrvatskoj. Zajedno s multidisciplinarnim istraživačkim timom od osamdeset mladih znanstvenika (kriminalolozi, pravnici, kriminalisti, sociolozi, psiholozi, socijalni

radnici, pedagozi, pravni informatičari, psihijatri) u sklopu deset ustanova sa četiri najveća hrvatska sveučilišta i istaknutim stručnjacima iz prakse (glavni državni odvjetnik Dražen Jelenić i sudica Ana Garišić u Vrhovnog suda Republike Hrvatske) te međunarodnim ekspertima utrojit će i vodeći nacionalni laboratorij za analizu nasilja u Zagrebu, te tri regionalna laboratorija u Splitu, Osijeku i Rijeci. U tome će im pomoći i dvoje doktoran- da za čija je nova radna mjesta izv. prof. Getoi Kalac uspjela osigurati sredstva iz projekta.

Sljedeći će pet godina i znanstvenici zajedno sa stručnjacima iz prakse raditi na rasvjetljavanju uzroka napredovanja nasilja nadležnim tijelima na praktičnim mjerama za unapređenje detekcije nasilja i fokusom na zaštićenost ranjivih skupina žrtava: djece, žena i djevojačka, starijih osoba, margina, stranca, žbječica i migranata, osoba institucija.

onalnoj slabosti, obojka rizičnih profusija i LGBT osoba. Jedan od glavnih ciljeva istraživanja je osmišljavanje i testiranje inovativne metodologije kojom bi se na temelju podataka iz čak 8-10.000 kaznenih spisa nasilnih delikata izmjerila količina i "kvaliteta" nasilja u čitavoj Hrvatskoj. Doliveće spomenje bi trebale revolucionirati istraživanje nasilja te rezultirati u izradi tvrdi, autentičnog sustava klasifikacije nasilja, a koji bi u sredite potpomogao stvaranje samo nasilje te u konačnici potpuno iz-tava nasilja, za razliku od dosa- daljnjeg jalnog fokusa na moti- ve i znanstvenih spoznaja u praksi.

Znanstvena i praktična vrijednost takvog postignuća trebala bi se s lakoćom prenjeti u daljnja istraživanja i praksu, ali i svjesti javnosti u smislu popularizacije znanosti.

Uz nesumnjivu uspješnu provedbu projekta, isti bi se trebalo razviti u prepoznatljiv nacionalni, regionalni i europski Laboratorij za analizu nasilja te osigurati daljnje nacionalne i međunarodne znanstvene suradnje i uspješne nove iolabovativne projektne prijave s potencijalom za primjenu znanstvenih spoznaja u praksi.





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Self-
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and promotion

- Genuine violence phenomenology app commercialised
- Funding applications
- Establishing research centre



Thank you for your time!

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