



Contemporary Societies in Motion
Pioneering qualitative research methods
in the study of deviance and social control

Call for Abstracts for the Conference
**Contemporary societies in motion: Pioneering qualitative
research methods in the study of deviance and social control**

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are excited to invite you to join us
virtually on **27-28 of May 2021**.

New dynamics of change within the context of so-called 'liquid' modernity have impacted many aspects of social life – including deviance, crime and social control. Concurrently, disciplines from a wide range of fields including criminology, anthropology, sociology, political sciences, development studies, media studies, and many more, have adapted to these shifts – and have often done so by developing new methods to reveal, interpret and understand both their obvious and hidden aspects. Unsurprisingly, a great many methodological and epistemological issues have been raised by these adaptations, triggering considerable academic debate. Such discussion, for instance, concerns how we may study new forms of crime and deviance – as well as new responses to them. In addition, the changing terms of researchers' engagement, the risks and ethics of doing research on deviance, and its formal and/or informal regulation, have provoked serious reflection–suggesting reflexivity concerning our own work, as well as the research methods we use (including ethnography, visual, and participatory forms), is of paramount importance – and requires further development.

Further, the COVID-19 pandemic has created new challenges for science, society and policy. Under pandemic circumstances it is important to ensure that scientific activities will continue their course of bringing freshness to our creativity and thinking. Therefore, the Organizing Committee has decided to switch our original conference schedule to an online environment in order to ensure the safe participation of all speakers and attendees – and to comply with global recommendations related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The National Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), the National Center for Social Research (EKKE), the Center for the Study of Crime (CSC) and the ESC Working Group on Qualitative Research Methodologies and Epistemologies are pleased to invite you to a joint online conference titled **“Contemporary societies in motion: pioneering qualitative research methods in the study of deviance and social control”**.

Keynote speakers:

Paul Rock, Emeritus Professor, Department of Sociology, LSE

Rita Faria, Assistant Professor School of Criminology of the Law Faculty, University of Porto

Michael Mills: Lecturer in Criminology, Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, University of Kent

Plenary sessions:

Nicolas Demertzis, Professor in Political Sociology and Communication, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, President, Greek National Center for Social Research

George Pleios, Professor and Director of the Laboratory for Social Research in Mass Media at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Joanna Tsiganou, Research Director, Ph.D., Greek National Center for Social Research

Scholars from all social science disciplines are invited to submit panel proposals, abstracts of individual presentations and requests for the organization of workshops/round tables.

The conference also foresees round tables and special workshops that will be of particular relevance for Ph.D. students, professionals, researchers, postdoctoral researchers and policymakers (e.g. Conducting Qualitative Interviews in Prison, support development of core skills in interviewing, running focus groups (whether virtual or face to face), Qualitative Analysis of Visual Data, etc).

A selection of papers will be published in a special e-book dedicated to the conference proceedings. After the end of the conference, presenters will be informed about the instructions and the deadlines for (full) papers submitted for publication.

We cordially invite colleagues to submit proposals on topics such as:

- **Examining qualitative research approaches:**
 - Multiple (mixed) methods in approaching deviance and social control;
 - Phenomenological approaches in criminology: current narrations and discourses;
 - Ethnographies of movements: (sub)urban changes in context;
 - Crime discourses and narrations in Ethnomethodology;
 - Studying emotions, seductions and harms in crime and punishment;
 - (Metanalysis): Stories behind the stories from the field;
 - (Un)Lawful identities: research illustrations in progress.
- **Digital and online methods:**
 - Digital 'portraits' of deviance and social control;
 - Doing research on the (inter)net.
- **New challenges and paradigms:**
 - The Covid-19 Pandemic and Social Science (Qualitative) Research: Challenges and difficulties;

- Qualitative research vis-a-vis Big-data. New challenges for criminology;
- Changing paradigms of qualitative research methods;
- Between borders and barriers: constructing methodologies and epistemologies;
- Ethical boundaries of criminological research.
- **Power imbalances:**
 - Postcolonial research perspectives in criminology;
 - Participatory (action) research with the socially excluded;
 - Observations of contemporary inequalities and power dynamics in criminal justice;
 - Life-histories of the controllers and the controlled;
 - Visual and kinesics approaches: victims and offenders;
 - Gender-based research perspectives in deviance and social control).

The working language is English.

There will not be any official interpretation into other languages.

Online Conference will be held on Zoom platform

Required equipment: Any microphone and internet connection suitable for a web conference, running on any computer, phone, or tablet.

Abstract Submission

Deadlines
The submission period opens 01 February 2021
The deadline for abstract submission is 31 March 2021

Submit your abstract [here!](https://athensconf2021.synedry.com/abstracts/submission.aspx)

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All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the [Scientific Program Committee](#). All accepted abstracts will be published electronically and made available to participants at the conference. All presenters must pay to register for the Conference.

Submission guidelines

1. Indicate the format of your abstract and the following details:

Individual paper presentation

- Name(s) author(s), name(s) presenter(s), affiliation (of all), email and work address (corresponding author), phone number (corresponding author)
- Abstract (400 words maximum) and 2 to 5 keywords
- Extra info/comments such as technical requirements (if applicable)

Full thematic panel

- Title of the panel, content/abstract of the thematic panel
- Add up to 4 parts, each consisting of:
name(s) author(s), name(s) presenter(s), affiliation (of all), email and work address (corresponding author), phone number (corresponding author)
- Abstract (400 words maximum) and 2 to 5 keywords
- Discussant (optional) (name and affiliation)
- Extra info/comments such as technical requirements (if applicable)

Note that authors need to register individually, but the abstract submission can proceed via one corresponding author.

Organization of a workshop or alternative format session

- Convener(s): name(s), affiliation of all, email and work address (corresponding author), phone number (corresponding author)
- Outline the format, aims, and content of the proposed workshop (1000 words maximum) and 2 to 5 keywords
- Targeted audience (400 words), the maximum number of participants?
- Requirements (preparation of the participants, logistics, etc.)
- Organization of alternative format sessions (submit a proposal A4: aims, organizers, requirements etc.)

2. Indicate one or more 'streams' for each abstract:

- **Examining qualitative research approaches:**
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If you have any questions relating to the submission of your abstract please contact the Center for the Study of Crime (CSC) via mail at athensconf2021@gmail.com

Registration /Key Dates:

- **Abstracts and proposals submission deadline:** 31 March, 2021
- **Registration fees**

The early registration fees apply to registrations made before 01 May, 2021

	Early: Before 01.05.2021	Late: After 01.05.2021
Participants	25 Euro	40 Euro
Students	15 Euro	30 Euro

How to register?

You can register and pay for the conference [here!](#)

<https://athensconf2021.synedry.com/services/registration.aspx>

Payment methods will include Visa, MasterCard, or bank transfer. For practical reasons, we prefer payment with a credit card.

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Scientific Committee

The European Society of Criminology (ESC) Working Group on Qualitative Research Methodologies and Epistemologies (WG-QRME)

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NCUA), Department of Communication and Media Studies

National Centre for Social Research (EKKE)

Center for the Study of Crime (CSC)

We look forward to welcoming you virtually in Athens!

The Organizing Committee

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Webpage: <https://e-keme.gr/en/contemporary-societies-in-motion/>

- **The European Society of Criminology (ESC) Working Group on Qualitative Research Methodologies and Epistemologies (WG-QRME):**

Webpage: <https://www.esc-eurocrim.org/index.php/activities/working-groups/66-qualitative-research-methodologies-and-epistemologies-wg-qrme>

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