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Dear friends and colleagues,

A year ago, we entered our first national lockdown, little knowing the full extent of the virus and its consequences for our everyday lives. It has been a year of turbulence, anxiety, and loss – one that will no doubt live long in our collective memory. It has taken a long toll.

Out of the ruins of 2020 have grown some small green shoots of hope, however. I am incredibly proud of the ways that SCCJR has continued to operate as a supportive, resourceful and creative community throughout these strange times. The switch to online working has created collective spaces where none previous existed, and the energy and enthusiasm in SCCJR events has been a real source of light.

As our work has adapted, we have also taken the opportunity to reflect. We are in the midst of conversations on the future direction of SCCJR, and how we can do more to support our ECR colleagues. If you would like to

contribute or make suggestions, [do get in touch](#). Meantime, we share news of events, activities and new work – including an innovative Modern Studies teaching resource, five briefing papers from SCCJR PhDs, and a new funding award from the ESRC.

As the easing of lockdown starts to glimmer on the horizon, I wish you all strength to keep on, keeping on.

Yours,

Alistair Fraser

Director of the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research

## Projects

### **A Life in Pieces**

**Criminology  
Resource for  
Modern Studies**



**Marguerite Schinkel's** (Glasgow) graphic novel, 'A Life in Pieces' has been turned into a new resource for Modern Studies students studying crime and law and criminology has been launched this month. [Download the resources here.](#)

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Congratulations to **Louise Brangan** (Stirling) who was awarded an ESRC New Investigator Grant for her new

project 'Mass Decarceration: A critical social history'.

This three-year study will look at the demise of Mother and Baby Homes and Magdalene Laundries in the Republic of Ireland between 1970-1998.



"Sisters of Our Lady of Charity, Sean Mc Dermott Street, Dublin, Ireland" by Desert Agama.

### Supporting Separated Children Thrive Under Covid-19

**Maria Fotopolou** (Stirling) is working on a new project which focuses on separated migrant children's wellbeing at a time when their connectivity to networks, services and peers is disrupted by the pandemic. For separated migrant children, COVID-19 is likely to be only one of many crises they have faced. However, for the services they rely on, COVID-19 represents the first crisis of this scale. The project aims to identify how these services have adapted to meet young people's needs and disseminate good practice throughout the UK and internationally. <https://separatedinScotland.co.uk>

## People

**Fern Gillon** (Strathclyde) has taken a new position as Research Associate at Glasgow University, working on the ESRC project '[Public Health, Youth & Violence Reduction.](#)'

Congratulations to **Michele Burman** (Glasgow) who was recently made a Fellow of the Centre for Criminology at Hong Kong University.

We bid farewell to **Gemma Flynn** (Edinburgh/Glasgow) who has been supporting SCCJR on Knowledge Exchange projects over the last few months, organising the fantastic seminar series you have all enjoyed and creating new teaching resources which will be launched soon. We wish her well in her new Teaching Fellow position at the University of Strathclyde.

## Events

### SCCJR Seminar Series

- Professor Kerry Carrington, QUT '[Beyond Criminalising Gender Violence: Are women-centred police stations a viable alternative?](#)' Friday 16th April, 9am.
- Professor Alison Young, University of Melbourne, '[Atmospheres of Lockdown: A Criminological Approach](#)' Friday 30th April, 10am.
- Dr Ben Collier, University of Edinburgh and Dr Daniel Thomas, University of Strathclyde. '[Influence government: Targeted advertising in PREVENT, criminal justice and beyond](#)'. Friday 14th May, 12noon.

The SCCJR Seminar from Professor Thomas Ugelvik on 'The role of interpersonal trust in desistance processes' is our latest video on YouTube.

### Forthcoming Presentations

On Wednesday 21st July, 12-1pm **Rania Hamad** (Strathclyde) will discuss her

ongoing doctoral research at the University of Edinburgh, which explores how and why hate crime occurs: exploring the accounts of people convicted of hate crime in Scotland. For more details on how to register click [here](#).

**Alistair Fraser** (Glasgow) and Andy Clark will present 'Damaged hardmen: organised crime and the half-life of deindustrialisation. British Sociological Association conference on Tuesday 13th April.

## News

**Oona Brooks-Hay** (Glasgow) contributed to an article in the National newspaper on '[Sarah Everard's case shows we must change, we must take political action](#)', published 14 March.

**Emiline Smith** (Glasgow) co-authored an opinion article with Erin L. Thompson called [Stumbling Towards Repatriation](#) published on Hyperallergic on 11 March.

## Publications



The inaugural Scottish Justice Fellowship winners have now published their briefing papers as part of a project which sees academic research inform policy making and practice.

**Five PhD students based at the SCCJR were awarded funding by the Scottish Government to turn their theses into concise and engaging research summaries.**

- Dr Emma Forbes, [How Domestic Abuse Victims Experience the Criminal Justice Process in Scotland.](#)
- Dr Kirsty Deacon, [Imprisoned Families: Young People's Experiences of Simultaneous Family Imprisonment](#)
- Dr Annie Crowley, [Practitioner Perspectives on Working with Young Women in the Criminal Justice Sphere: The Importance of Relationships](#)
- Dr Shane Horgan, [The Reality of 'Cyber Awareness': Findings and Policy Implications for Scotland](#)
- Dr Fern Gillon, [Grappling with the Complexity of Early and Effective Intervention \(EEI\): Benevolent Intentions, Negative Consequences in Youth Justice Implications](#)

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