

Meet the researchers – Video series introduces the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law at Freiburg / Germany

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The Institute is located in Freiburg im Breisgau, a dynamic and green university city with a 900-year history. The city is located in a trinational border region (Germany, Switzerland, and France) and captivates with its high quality of life and international flair. Freiburg ranks third on Lonely Planet’s “Best in Travel 2022” list of the top ten cities to visit.

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Meet the Researchers! is a new video series presented by the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law in Freiburg. Under the hashtag #MeetTheResearchers, this bi-weekly video series showcases researchers and their field of research and discusses why Freiburg is a wonderful place to live and work.

Episode 1 is our Institute film which introduces the Institute’s research program and presents its directorate. You can find it in various places: on the [homepage](#), on [YouTube](#), on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Stay tuned, upcoming films are:

Episode 2: Dominik Gerstner, Postdoc Department of Criminology: “How can virtual reality experiments help us to better understand the behavior of burglars?”

Episode 3: Sofiya Kartalova, Postdoc Department of Public Law: “What is the mysterious adhesive that helps the Member States of the European Union stick together?”

Episode 4: Ivó Coca-Vila, Senior Researcher Department of Criminal Law: “What types of behavior should be criminalized in western democratic states?”

Episode 5: Clara Rigoni, Senior Researcher Department of Criminal Law: “Plurality is a major characteristic of today’s societies. But what role does plurality play in criminal law? And, in particular, how can we guarantee effective crime control in societies that are so diverse?”

Episode 6: Sebastian Kübel, Doctoral Researcher Department of Criminology: “How do you view your future? Although I hope you have optimistic expectations, I am convinced that one’s view of the future depends very much on past experience.”

Episode 7: Federica Coppola, Senior Researcher Department of Criminal Law: “One of the most pressing issues in current debates on criminal justice concerns the shortcomings of imprisonment. Prison environments can have traumatizing effects on confined people. Can brain science contribute to reducing incarceration and to reimagining justice from a different viewpoint?”

Episode 8: James Michael Angove, Senior Researcher Department of Public Law: “When political violence happens, it is tempting to point a finger at those who committed the violence or those who encouraged them. But, on inspection, modern political violence doesn’t always meet these expectations.”