

**THE POLICE, INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEWING AND HUMAN RIGHTS**  
**LEGAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS**

International Conference, Oranienburg/Berlin, Germany,  
22 to 24 May 2024

**DRAFT PROGRAMME (as of 11 March 2024)**

Conference venue:  
Brandenburg State Police University –  
Hochschule der Polizei des Landes Brandenburg  
Bernauer Strasse 146  
16515 Oranienburg, Germany

**Wednesday 22 May 2024**

8:30 **Registration**

9:00 **Welcome addresses**

9:30 **Introduction** Prof Ralf Alleweldt, Professor for Constitutional and European Law,  
Brandenburg State Police University

*Opening Keynote Lectures*

10:00 **The effectiveness of investigative interviewing: an evidence-based assessment**  
Prof Ray Bull, Professor of Criminal Investigation, University of Derby, United Kingdom

10:45 Discussion

11:15 *Coffee break*

11:45 **From the prohibition of torture to the Principles on Effective Interviewing**  
Prof Juan E. Méndez, Professor of Human Rights in Residence, Washington College of  
Law, American University, Washington, D.C., USA, former United Nations Special  
Rapporteur on Torture (online or in person)

12:30 Discussion

13:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 **Parallel Workshops 1-2: Experiences**

**Workshop 1: Investigative interviewing and police practice**

- **Investigative interviewing in the United Kingdom** Dr Andy Griffiths, Managing Director, iKAT Consulting; Honorary Lecturer, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom; Affiliated Scholar, New York University, United States of America
- **Investigative interviewing in Ukraine** Mr Yuriy Belousov, Head of War Crimes Department, General Prosecutor Office, Kyiv, Ukraine; Ms. Vasylyna Yavorska, Executive Director, JustGroup, Kyiv, Ukraine

### Workshop 2: Investigative interviewing and police practice

- **Investigative interviewing in Brazil** Dr William Weber Ceconello, Lecturer of Psychology, Atitus Education; Coordinator, Laboratory of Teaching and Research in Cognition and Justice (CogJus), Passo Fundo, Brazil
- **Investigative interviewing in the United Arab Emirates** Dr Rashid Almansoori, Forensic Science and Criminology General Department, Dubai Police, United Arab Emirates; Centre for Forensic Interviewing, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom

15:15 *Coffee break*

15:45 **Parallel Workshops 1-2 (continued)**

17:00 *End of day 1*

### Thursday 23 May 2024

- 9:00 **Police interviews and human rights: respecting dignity and ensuring a fair trial**  
Prof Robert Esser, Chair of German, European and International Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and White-Collar Crime, Director, Research Center “Human Rights in Criminal Proceedings”, University of Passau, Germany
- 9:40 **False confessions in police interviews: examples, causes, effects, prevention**  
Prof Allison Redlich, Distinguished University Professor, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, United States of America; former President, American Psychology-Law Society
- 10:20 Discussion
- 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:30 **Investigative interviewing: a human rights perspective**  
Dr Anja Bienert, Senior Programme Officer, Police and Human Rights Programme, Amnesty International, Dutch Section, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 12:10 Discussion
- 12:45 *Lunch break*
- 13:45 **Police interviews and intercultural communication**  
Dr Tanja van Veldhuizen, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Criminology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 14:25 Discussion
- 15:00 Sightseeing programme

## Friday 24 May 2024

9:30 **Parallel Workshops 3-4: Vulnerability, rapport, empathy**

### Workshop 3: Vulnerability during police questioning

- **Situations of heightened vulnerability in police interviews** Prof Lore Mergaerts, Leuven Institute of Criminology, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
- **The vulnerability of victims and witnesses of crime in police interviews** Dr Kevin Smith, Lecturer in Investigation, University of Sunderland, United Kingdom; former National Vulnerable Witness Adviser to law enforcement

### Workshop 4: Rapport and Empathy

- **The importance of rapport in interview situations with persons suspected of terrorist offences** Dr Frances Surmon-Böhr, Research Associate, University of Liverpool, United Kingdom
- **The effectiveness of empathy in investigative interviews with crime suspects** Dr Bianca Baker-Eck, Independent Psychological Consulting, Expert and Trainer for Investigative Interviewing, Munich, Germany

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 **Parallel Workshops 3-4 (continued)**

12:30 *Lunch break*

13:30 **Reports from workshops to the plenary; general discussion**

14:30 *Coffee break*

### *Closing Keynote Lectures*

15:00 **Investigative interviewing and police training** Mr Daren Jay, former specialist military police investigator, Lecturer in Policing, Australian Graduate School of Policing and Security, Charles Sturt University, Canberra, Australia, and Chief Executive, Interview Management Solutions

15:40 **Where to go from here? Experiences, achievements and perspectives of the International Investigative Interviewing Research Group (IIIRG)** Prof Gavin E. Oxburgh, Professor of Police Science and Assistant Director of the Northern Hub for Veteran and Military Families Research, Northumbria University, Newcastle on Tyne, United Kingdom

16:20 Discussion

17:00 **Conclusion** Ralf Alleweldt

17:30 End of conference