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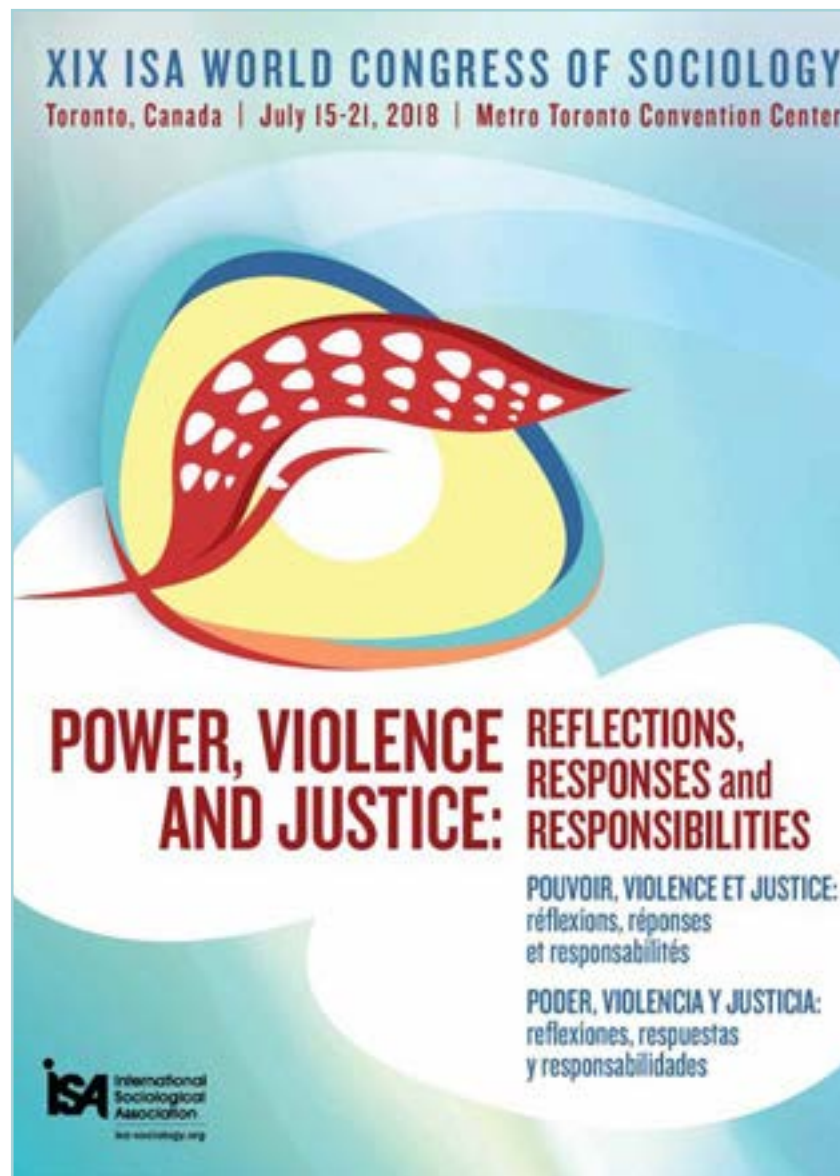
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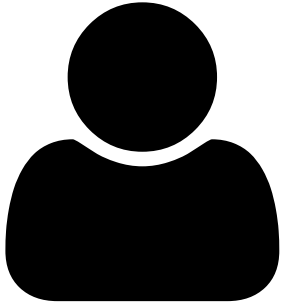
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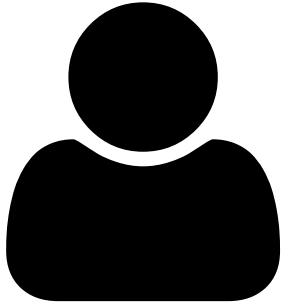
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Escenarios transicionales en Colombia: Las lógicas del crimen organizado y las violencias homicidas en escenarios urbanos matizados por la tensión social y la negociación.

Las dinámicas de transformación de las representaciones sociales encuentran en los escenarios transicionales, complejos contextos que están redefiniendo las lógicas de apropiación, representación y convivencia presentes en el país.

Por esta razón se hace necesario no sólo comprender e intervenir los escenarios históricamente afectados por el conflicto armado en Colombia sino también poder reconocer los entornos urbanos en los cuales se puedan identificar variables que podrían jugar un papel importante ya sea para profundizar los conflictos existentes alusivos al crimen organizado y las violencias homicidas, o para generar nuevas conflictividades en los escenarios emergentes.

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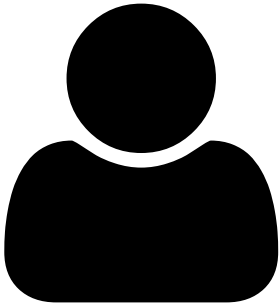


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**Penal State Making and Security:
Institutionalizations and Effects of Security Policies**

The political problem of crime control constitutes not only a central issue in today's political arenas, but has impacted the contemporary state architecture in very different ways. In this regular session we will discuss empirically based and theoretically informed papers addressing how the new political and administrative category of "security" impacted the penal sectors of the state, from the local to the national and throughout different regions of the world.

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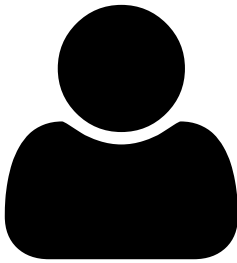
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Sexual Harassment at Workplace: A Case Study of Female Call Centre Employees in India.

The study explores the nature and growth of call centre Industry in Asian countries such as India, China and Philippines. Since the nature of call centre work involves working in late night shifts, it makes female employees vulnerable of sexual harassment by their bosses. The discussion will explore the nature, types and Sociological causes of sexual harassment of female employees working in various call centers of India.

What is a judicial lacuna of the Indian courts in punishing the perpetrators of performing sexual harassment? Is sexual harassment against females is product of social structure and environment or it is the lacuna in judicial system which is responsible for increase in magnitude of sexual deviance in our society.

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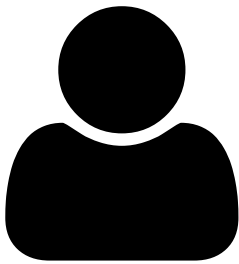
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Against the Bodies of Women: Violence Taking Place Across the Tourist Map of the Globe.

This session seeks not to detail criminal and violent activities, but rather to analyze the conflict between our bodily integrity against our desire to see the world.

Experts note that this trend, so to speak, is amplified by the media, which makes individual incidents seem part of a larger pattern. Nor they cannot know whether attacks on female tourists are actually increasing. It is possible that violence is on the rise in part because more women than ever are traveling alone, and are venturing ever farther off the beaten path? About this last topic, we should very deeply reflect.

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Youth and Violence: New Theoretical Interpretations

For many decades violence related to youth was seen from one of two angles: youth as victims of violence and/or youth as perpetrators of violence. In most parts of the world where the sociology of youth is well developed (e.g. Western Europe, North America, Australasia) levels of interpersonal physical violence among youth while higher than among the rest of the population, are today quite low.

This is the sharp edge – now so vital that we develop stronger understandings of physical violence in our world. It is time to get behind those who dare to look where angels fear to tread.

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Women's Rights

Violence against women has been increasing despite the measures that have been implemented, so we propose to evaluate the inputs and resources that have been created to safeguard their rights

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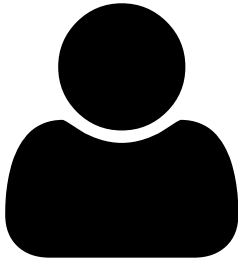
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Violence, Criminology and Human Rights, RC29 Session on State of the Art

The panel will invite experts on the topics of criminal violence, urban violence, organized crime, state violence, terrorism and international Human Rights discussions related to criminality and state violence.

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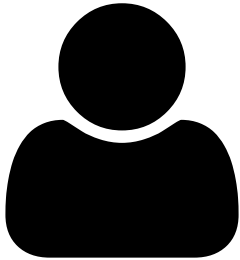
Cyber-Criminology: Understanding the Impact of Technologies on Deviant Behaviours Online and Offline

For many decades violence related to youth was seen from one of two angles: youth as victims of violence and/or youth as perpetrators of violence.

How can considerations of violence as an object of study enrich youth sociology, and how can youth sociology enrich the understanding of violence? It is in the twin notions of structure and action that we believe that many valuable contributions are being made today. While violence is regarded in a negative manner by many and by the law, for some youth violence is a positive action whereby they value themselves.

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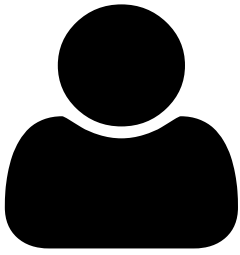
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Femicide/Feminicide, Global Diagnosis and Responses

The way nation states respond to femicide has become the focus of international attention in developed and developing countries. While more than half the countries with high femicide rates are concentrated in South Africa & Latin America, no country is free from this type of violence.

This session seeks papers from social scientists, in an interdisciplinary way, examining the contributors and responses to femicide over time and across various regions.

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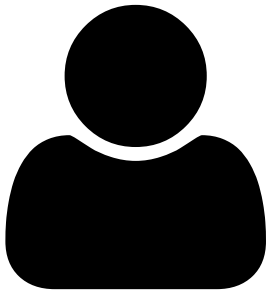


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Moral Panic Studies: Current Debates and Emerging Directions

This session encourages theoretical and empirical analyses on all aspects of contemporary moral panic studies. Papers could address current debates about risk-based problems, amoral panics, institutionalized rhetoric, measurement, scope, and the possibility that moral panics can be good. Papers could also address emerging directions such as the influence of social media on panic narratives, the resurgence of populism, and the continuing significance of ideology, power, and political economy.

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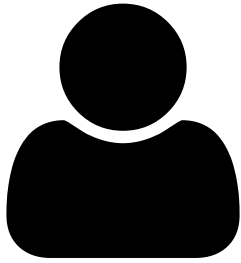
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RC29 Session on Organized Crime

In its various forms, organized crime is present on all continents and in almost all contemporary societies.

The proposal seeks to gather contributions from research in different countries that allow building a panel of these scenarios and their most characteristic situations.

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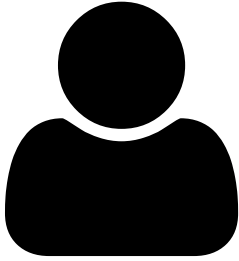
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Social Control and Safety: Challenges for a New Model of Security

The world panorama in the 21st century is marked by world social issues and the global cities indeed are very multiple in their use of the space.

Latin American societies have accepted violence as the ongoing social practice, as there are everyday examples of violence in cities. The notion of "lacerated citizenship" it evokes the laceration of body and flesh and the increasing expression of physical violence in society. This leads us to identify a great paradox: despite the democratic political regime, authoritarianism is part of social life. How to imagine a new mode of safety beyond violence and modelled by peace values?

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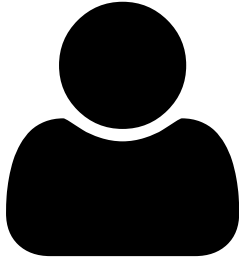
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The New Literature of Violence and the Sociological Tradition

This session will analyse the figuration of the following social dimensions as contained in several contemporary novels: the relationship between crime and power elites; the connection between crime and businesses, politics, and forms of corruption; and finally, the cognitive mapping of the microphysics of violence.

The purpose is to explain what could be seen as a new genre of fiction whose novelty can be perceived through the transformation of its narrative structure, albeit incorporating some trends of the classic detective novel and the roman noir.

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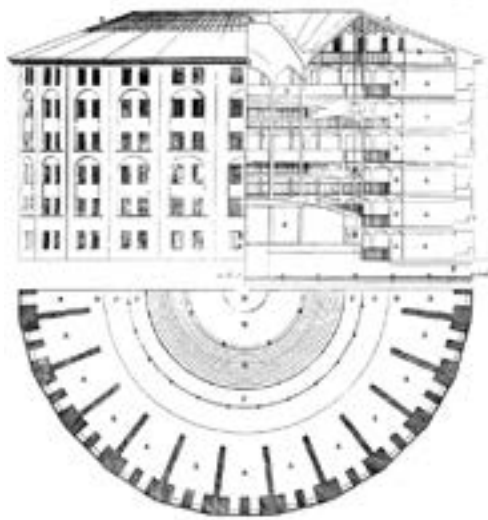
Victimization and Deviation-Victimización y Desviación

The purpose of this session is to discuss the profound consequences of several regional and international trends in violence and criminality. On the one side, criminality by organized crime has produced an unknown number of victims, disappearances and forced migration in countries in Latin America. On the other side, current war conditions on the Middle East are producing a humanitarian crisis with enormous numbers of refugees, displace populations and deep international consequences.

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