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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Soon after the publication of the Issue of this Newsletter in December 2019, the COVID-19 started to spread to all over the world and quickly became a pandemic. Its death toll is reported to have reached four million, while infection has been increasing again lately with appearance of various variants. I sincerely hope that no ACS member has lost life by the virus infection, while the pandemic must have gravely hindered research activities of all the ACS members.

I invited all of you to attend our 12th Annual Meeting which was originally scheduled for October 2020. The organizing committee established at Ryukoku University in Kyoto under Professor Shin'ichi Ishizuka had started its planning in the spring of 2019. The proposed theme of the conference was "Crime and Punishment under Asian Cultures: Tradition and Innovation in Criminology." The organizing committee was designing a conference which would satisfy academic interests in criminology and criminal justice and provide cultural enjoyment only available in the historical city of Kyoto and the Buddhist heritage of Ryukoku University.

However, the first patient of COVID-19 was found in Japan in January 2020 and it became

clear that the conference should be delayed, and it became uncertain whether it could be held as a conventional, in-person event. The organizing committee was forced to postpone the conference until June 18-21 this year and hold it as an essentially virtual event.

This change created a mountain of problems, including additional costs for staff and services as well as needing to redesign the registration and submission systems. But committee and staff members under Professors Ishizuka, Koichi Hamai, and Masahiro Tsushima managed to transform such a tremendous challenge into a blessing through broader programming and more careful planning. I was constantly impressed by their hard work by attending their frequent meetings. The conference was finally held with an exceptionally rich program, including eleven keynote and plenary sessions by speakers who represented a wide range of academic interests, different generations, and Asia and Western countries. [This conference also offered an opportunity to examine the criminological and criminal justice implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.](#)

I was initially worried about attendance and submissions. However, such a fear turned out to be utterly groundless: nearly 300 people from 28 countries participated and approximately 100 presentations were made. Please read a report from Professor Ishizuka in this Newsletter for more details. It was vitally important to hold this conference – even as a virtual event – to maintain interactions among ACS members and sustain momentum for the growth of the ACS. I am convinced that this turnout is evidence of the robustness of our association.

I am most grateful to the members of the Local Organizing Committee who had to work harder for a much longer period than initially expected.



I would also like to express my gratitude to Ryukoku University which provided a strong institutional support to the conference. We were very lucky to have it as our host institution.

Now, we must move on to the 13th Annual Meeting. It was originally planned to be held at Gujarat National Law University in Ahmedabad in India in September to October 2021. But, of course, the COVID-19 pandemic required it to be delayed, and it is currently scheduled to take place on July 7-9, 2022. Please read a report from Professor Latha Subramanian in the Newsletter for details. I am confident that it will be another successful conference.

Regarding the membership, I reported in the second issue of this Newsletter that we had 236 members with good standing as of July 31, 2019. I am pleased to report that we have 271 members with good standing as of August 16, 2021. We are growing. It is particularly noteworthy that 180 of them are life members. I hope that current members will try hard to recruit new members.

I would particularly like to invite graduate students to join the ACS as life members by taking advantage of our extremely inexpensive student life-member category.

Another sign of the growth of criminology in Asia is the rapidly rising reputation of our official journal, the Asian Journal of Criminology (AJOC).

I would like to express my greatest gratitude to Professor Liu for his outstanding editorship and to invite more ACS members to submit their important works to the AJOC (you can read more about the journal's success later in this newsletter).

Inside the ACS, we annually award the AJOC Best Article Award, the Distinguished Book Award, and the Graduate Student Article Award. The results of selections for these awards in 2020 and 2021 are presented in a separate column in

this Newsletter. Congratulations to the awardees! An announcement will be made in due course for the 2022 awards covering publications in 2021. I hope that many nominations will be made to the Selection Committees.

Outside the ACS, we sponsored four ancillary sessions at the 14th Congress of on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Kyoto. The Congress was delayed from April 2020 to March 7-12, 2021 and held as a hybrid event, including both in-person and virtual presentations. Details are presented in a separate column in this Newsletter. I would like to express my utmost appreciation to its participants.

Finally, I would like to mention that the three-year term of the current ACS officers, including myself, will expire by the end of this calendar year. As we must hold an online election probably in October, I have appointed a nomination committee with Professors Jianhong Liu, Chuen-jim Sheu, John Braithwaite, and Peter Grabosky. I will announce the roster of candidates and prepare a voting system in due course.

Please stay safe!



ACS AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 2020 ASIAN JOURNAL OF CRIMINOLOGY BEST ARTICLE AWARD

The Winner:

Emiko Kobayashi, David P. Farrington & Molly Buchanan, [“Peer Reactions, Peer Behavior, Student Attitudes, and Student Deviance: a Comparison of College Students in Japan and the USA,”](#) Asian Journal of Criminology, 14: 3-22 (2019).

Springer, the publisher of the Journal, provides a cash award of 1,000 euros.

Selection Committee:

- Jianhong Liu (University of Macau), Chair
- Setsuo Miyazawa (Kobe University, Emeritus)
- Xiaoxiang Wang (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)
- Yan Zhang (Australian National University)

2. 2020 DISTINGUISHED BOOK AWARD

The Winners: Sally Atkinson-Sheppard, The Gangs of Bangladesh: Mastaans, Street Gangs and ‘Illicit Child Labourers’ in Dhaka, Palgrave (2019).

Rebecca W. Y. Wong, The Illegal Wildlife Trade in China: Understanding the Distribution Networks, Palgrave (2019).

The Honorable Mentions:

Laura Bui & David P. Farrington, Crime in Japan: A Psychological Perspective, Palgrave (2019).

Vincent Shing Cheng, Hypocrisy: The Tales and Realities of Drug Detainees in China, Hong Kong University Press (2019).

Erik Herber, Lay and Expert Contributions to Japanese Criminal Justice, Routledge (2019).

Selection Committee:

- Peter Grabosky (Australian National University, Emeritus), Chair
- Nicole Wai Ting Cheung (Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- Setsuo Miyazawa (Kobe University, Emeritus)
- Aki Roberts (University of Milwaukee-Milwaukee)

3. 2020 GRADUATE STUDENT ARTICLE AWARD

The Winner:

Dan Jerome Barrera, [“The Role of ‘Problematic’ and ‘Improved’ Indicators of Risky Lifestyles in the Self Control/Lifestyle Framework of Victimization Among Filipino Adolescents,”](#) Asian Journal of Criminology, 13: 175-191 (2018).

The Honorable Mentions:

Karma Tshering, [“Ideological Influence of Gross National Happiness on the Administration of Criminal Justice in Bhutan,”](#) Revue Juridique du Bonheur, 1 (2019).

Rottem Rosenberg Rubins, [“Crimmigration as Population Management in the ‘Control Society’: Lessons from the Detention of Asylum-Seekers in Israel,”](#) New Criminal Law Review, 22: 236-300 (2019).

Selection Committee:

- Chuen-jim Sheu (National Taipei University), Chair
- Xuan Chen (University of Macau)
- Yuet-Wah Cheung (Hong Kong Shue Yan University)
- Xiaomei Liu (Tianjin Academy of Social Sciences)
- Yong-chul Park (Sogang University)

(Submitted by Setsuo Miyazawa)



THE ASIAN JOURNAL OF CRIMINOLOGY REPORT

Professor Jianhong Liu (Editor in Chief)

According to the latest list of SJR in 2020 published by SCImago, the Asian Journal of Criminology chief-edited by Professor Jianhong Liu, the Chairman of General Assembly of Asian Criminological Society, was once again listed in Q1 in the subject of law, ranking 109th among 770 law journals in the world. In addition, from 2019 to 2020, the SSCI impact factor increased from 1.05 to 2.29, making it one of the fastest-growing prestigious legal journals in the world. The jump makes the AJOC rank at 36/69 by the Journal Impact Factor (JIF) and 38/107 by the Journal Citation Indicator (JCI) in the category of Criminology/Penology journals. In addition to the significant progress, contributions by country/region of the AJOC have expanded to 12 Asian ones, including South Korea, the Philippines, Singapore, Vietnam, India, Bangladesh, Mainland China, Israel, Taiwan, Malaysia, Pakistan, and Japan. The diverse coverage is an outcome of AJOC's endeavor to establish a vibrant platform for Asian scholars and their research to be heard and read by audiences worldwide.

The editor-in-chief of the Asian Journal of Criminology, Professor Jianhong Liu is a Distinguished Professor of the Faculty of Law of the University of Macau. Professor Liu has been elected and served in numerous leadership roles in international academic organizations. He was the Founding President and the Honorary President of Asian Criminological Society; he has been the Elected President of the Scientific Commission of the International Society for Criminology, the Elected Chairman of the General Assembly of the Asian Criminological Society, and a member of the steering committee of Campbell Collaboration's Crime and Justice Group (since 2009), etc.



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Since its inception in 2009, the Asian Journal of Criminology has been committed to promoting the development of Asian criminology. The journal advances the study of criminology and criminal justice, promoting evidence-based public policy in crime prevention, and comparative studies on crime and criminal justice. The Journal provides a platform for discussion and exchange of ideas among criminologists, policymakers, and practitioners, by publishing papers relating to crime, crime prevention, criminal law, socio-legal topics and the administration of criminal justice in Asian countries. The focus is on research articles with an emphasis on evidence-based, empirical research addressing crime in Asian contexts.

107	European Journal of International Law	journal	0.607 Q1
108	Global Policy	journal	0.602 Q1
109	Asian Journal of Criminology	journal	0.597 Q1
110	Forensic Science Review	journal	0.592 Q1



13TH ASIAN CRIMINOLOGY CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Jointly Organised by Asian Criminological Society and Gujarat National Law University

The epoch-making changes in various technologies, particularly information and communication technologies (ICT) have left its indelible mark on almost all facets of society and criminal justice systems are no exception. The emerging discourse on the interface of cutting-edge ICT and the existing criminal justice systems range from essentialism to situations where technology adds substantial value to the criminal justice processes – from supporting to replacing human discretion in the justice dispensation chain.

We no longer refer to technology per se; instead, we have come to recognize a combination of disruptive technologies. The first is Artificial Intelligence (AI) which encompasses machine learning and intelligent cybernetics. Second is the Internet of Things (IoT) that has enabled establishing digital identity of not just all human beings on the planet but also every plant, animal and bird, apart from various inanimate participants in digital processes. This has become possible due to the 2^{128} (equivalent to 3.4×10^{38}) digital addressing space now available, with the advent of IPv6. The third is the block chain technology which has a rich collection of applications that are already disrupting evidence systems, particularly in accounting and logistics by introducing new concepts of authenticity, using crypto primitives. Alongside disruptive technologies, researchers are now looking at two waves of disruption to legal systems that are triggered by the need to relate the existing criminal justice systems to the compelling changes ushered in by disruptive technologies.

This conference will address two key questions emanating from the interface of law and technology, in the context of harnessing technology to improve criminal justice process. First will be areas where the existing laws are seen as being out-of-sync with contemporary technologies and second will be areas where technology can be used to play a significant role in the criminal justice process; particularly in policing.

Gujarat National Law University is a statutory University established by the Government of Gujarat under the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003. The University is recognized by the Bar Council of India and the University of Grants Commission. The University functions as a nodal agency to uplift legal education in the State of Gujarat. The University offers teaching, research and training programme in law and inter-disciplinary fields such as Arts, Commerce, Science and Technology, Business Administration and Social Work at undergraduate and post-graduate level. It is the only National Law University which is offering integrated undergraduate law degree in five areas- B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), B.S.W. LL.B. (Hons.), B.Com. LL.B. (Hons.), B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), and B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.); full-time LL.M., MBA in Financial Management and Business Laws and Ph.D. in laws and other disciplines as recommended by the UGC as well as diploma/certificate courses in various areas.

Theme of the Conference

“Emerging Trends in Technology and its Impact on Law, Criminal Justice and Public Policy”

Sub themes:

1. Technology and Crime: Trends and Issues
2. Criminal Justice Responses to Technology Based Crimes: Issues and Concerns
3. Technology, Crime and Public Policy
4. Technology based crime and law
5. Crimes Against Women and Children in Cyber Space
6. Financial Frauds in the Cyber Space
7. Technology Based Crimes Threats to the Government Agencies
8. Victim Services and Support Systems to Tech-



nology based crime victims.

9. Digital Forensics and Digital Evidences:
Trends and Issues

This conference is aimed at students, educators, researchers, academicians and practitioners in the area of Criminology, Victimology, Law, Sociology, Information Technology, and allied sciences, from Criminal Justice Professionals, NGO practitioners, and from experts in the fields of cyber-crimes, information security and digital forensics. The conference will have a balance of lectures and presentations from the academic as well as the practitioners' perspective and will have renowned speakers. It is aimed at creating a platform for a healthy exchange, debate and development of ideas and emerging issues in the area of Law and Technology, Criminal Justice and Public Policy.

Important Deadlines:

- Submission of Abstract: 31st March 2022
- Payment of Registration Fee and Registration: 30th April 2022
- Submission of Final Paper: 30th April 2022
- Dates of Conference and Paper Presentation: 20th -23rd July 2022

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12TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASIAN CRIMINOLOGICAL SOCIETY (ACS)

**RYUKOKU
UNIVERSITY,
KYOTO, JAPAN
18-21 JUNE 2021**

Prof. Dr. ISHIZUKA, Shin-ichi
Ryukoku University, Kyoto

The 12th Annual Asian Criminological Society Conference (ACS2020), the second to be held in Japan after the 2014 Osaka conference, aimed to promote the growth of Criminology in the Asia-Oceania region and to promote academic exchange with advanced regions in criminology such as North America and Europe.

The theme of the Conference was "Crime and Punishment under Asian Cultures: Tradition and Innovation in Criminology", with the aim of promoting understanding of Japan's social systems and culture, as well as crime and delinquency prevention.

Originally, the Conference was planned to be held between October 2nd-5th, 2020. However, given the impact of COVID-19 which caused major disruption across the world, it was postponed to June 18th-21th, 2021, with the format adjusted to make it a primarily virtual event.

In light of this, we created a new online platform for live and on-demand broadcasting which included a comment function to facilitate communication among participants. 10 world-leading criminologists from Asia and Western countries were invited and gave



live sessions online, which resulted in many fruitful and lively discussions. In particular, Professor David Garland (U.S.), author of “The Culture of Control”, and Professor Shad Maruna (U.K.), a leading expert on theories of desistance, provided significant suggestions for the construction and development of theory in non-Western societies, and it is hoped that these contributions will further stimulate debates about key questions such as “why is there so little crime in Japan?”. In addition, many speakers, including Professor Lorraine Mazzerolle (Australia) and Professor John Pratt (New Zealand), provided many insights into COVID-19, and the significance of holding this conference online at this time was strongly emphasized. From Japan, many reports on the situation in Japan were presented by the research members of Ryukoku Criminology Research Center, contributing to the enhancement of the presence of Japanese criminology and criminal policy in the international community. These live sessions, along with approximately 100 individual presentations, were made available to view online from the start of the Conference until August 31st, 2021. Testament to its success, 298 individuals from 28 countries participated in the Conference, presenting papers on a diverse range of topics from migration to ‘smart cities’ and victimisation.

In addition, Ryukoku Congress 2021, which was planned by Ryukoku Criminology Research Center, was also held in tandem with ACS2020. The program was extensive, including a plethora of themes such as “ICT in criminological education”, “Ryukoku’s proposal for new criminal policy”, “the war on terrorism and International human rights”, and “diverse lifestyles and drug policy”.

The Closing Plenary Session and Closing Ceremony on the last day of the Conference was held at the Seijyukan building located at the Fukakusa Campus of Ryukoku University. The Closing Plenary Session and Closing Ceremony were held in a hybrid format, with participants from not only Japan but also China, Taiwan, Australia, Vietnam, India and other countries connecting online. In the Closing Plenary Session, Professor Koichi Hamai (Ryukoku University) spoke

on the topic, “The Paradox of Criminology in ‘Safe’ Countries: A Case Study of Japan: How has Japan maintained its low crime rate?”. Following this, the awards ceremony for the Asian Criminological Society was held, with respective winners offering their thanks. Finally, the Conference was handed over to the hosts of the next annual conference which is to be held in 2022 in India, and the ACS2020 Conference was thereby concluded.

For additional information about the ACS2020 Conference, please visit the Ryukoku Criminology Research Center website: <https://crimrc.ryukoku.ac.jp/en/acs2020/>

We would like to thank all those who made the ACS2020 Conference a success, and we look forward to seeing you at the next annual conference of the Asian Criminological Society in India.

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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL ASIAN CRIMINOLOGY CONFERENCE – COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Muthukuda Niriella

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We are pleased to announce that the 14th Asian Criminology Conference of the Asian Criminological Society will be held in Sri Lanka from 10th June to 12th June 2023. The hosting organization is the Faculty of Criminal Justice, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Ratmalana, Sri Lanka and is



jointly sponsored by The Board of Management of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University and Department of Police. It is expected to attract between 300 and 350 participants and delegates. However, the KDU has the strength to handle 500 total number of the participants.

Colombo has a wide range of hotels and accommodation facilities. Deshabandu, Professor Jeeva Niriella, Dean Faculty of Criminal Justice, KDU will be the conference Chair of the 14th ACS conference. The conference main theme and the sub themes will be informed in due course in consultation with the ACS office. As a part of the conference, a field trip will be organized to visit the following places and institutions:

- University Hospital KDU - one of the best teaching hospitals in Sri Lanka, comprised of ultra-modern facilities.
- Welikada Prison
- Government Analyst's Department – the only forensic laboratory Sri Lanka, consists of two major divisions – Food Science and Forensic Science,
- Genetech: a multi-faceted institution that deals with Molecular disease diagnostics, DNA typing for paternity testing and forensic casework, Genetically modified (GM) and other food testing, sex determination of birds, Diagnostics of animal diseases and Molecular biology products etc.

Each conference participant can choose two places according his/her preference.

Sri Lanka is a beautiful island and a famous tourist destination. This conference is also a great opportunity to experience the beauty of Sri Lanka.

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University and Faculty of Criminal Justice

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University was initially established as the “General Sir John

Kotelawala Defence Academy” in 1981. Subsequently, it was elevated to “University” status in f 1988, empowering it to award Bachelors and Postgraduate degrees in Defence Studies. KDU has eleven Faculties and a campus (Southern Campus) which is situated in Sooriyawewa. KDU is the only defence university Sri Lanka and is ranked 17thin the webometrics ranking system by offering undergraduate programmes for the Officer Cadets, Police Officers, Civil Students as well as postgraduate degrees to Graduates and Professionals. KDU is a member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities (United Kingdom).

The Faculty of Criminal Justice, KDU, is the first faculty in the University Education system in Sri Lanka, established in 2021 to offer degree programmes under the discipline of Criminal Justice. The faculty consists of two departments, namely the Department of Criminology and Department of Police Science. The Department of Criminology offers BSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice, BSc in Criminal Psychology, MSc in Criminology and criminal Justice and MSc in Criminal Psychology whilst the Department of Police Science offers BSc in Police Science, BSc in Crime Investigations, MSc in Police Science. The faculty also offers MPhil and PhD degree programmes. On behalf of KDU.

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ACS MEMBERSHIP AND PAYMENT DUES

The ACS offers a variety of membership categories, ranging from the regular life-membership with subscription to the Asian Journal of Criminology to the one-year student membership without the journal. Every dues-paying member is entitled to a reduced registration fee at the annual meetings. Those who have not yet joined the ACS or have forgotten to pay dues are strongly requested to visit [this site and join or pay dues.](#)

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