

International seminar

Criminal Records Disclosure and Recidivism in the Digital Age

Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Barcelona – Thursday 13th of June 2019

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Description:

Criminal convictions have ‘collateral’ consequences beyond the effects stated in the sentence: ex-offenders are frequently discriminated against in the labour and housing market, and in other social interactions, when their criminal records are disclosed. These collateral consequences are criticized because they are automatic, frequently unknown, and their effects have been linked with recidivism.

This seminar presents the most innovative research on criminal records and recidivism in Europe and the US. The first two panels explore how the rapid technological change we live in has created new collateral consequences, but also new opportunities to address their effects. The third panel is directed at presenting the most innovative and robust studies on how to tackle recidivism in this evolving context.

Programme:

9:00 – 9:15	Introduction Elena Larrauri (Professor of Criminal Law and Criminology. UPF)
9:15- 10:45	Session 1: Social Change and Collateral Consequences. Chair: Josep Lluís Martí (Associate Professor in Philosophy of Law, UPF) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Stigma and Privacy in a ‘Big Data’ Criminal Records Context</i> Sarah Lageson (Assistant Professor. Rutgers School of Criminal Justice)▪ <i>Goals and values in criminal records management: Privacy as a surrogate for reintegration in an age of individualism</i> Alessandro Corda (Lecturer. Queen’s University Belfast)
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15 – 13:00	Session 2: Collateral Consequences in European Countries. Chair: Elena Larrauri (Professor of Criminal Law and Criminology, UPF) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Unintended effects of new regulations in Criminal Background Checks. A Pandora’s box?</i> Marti Rovira (Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Sociology and Criminology. University of Oxford).▪ <i>Resisting civic purgatory: achieving ‘justice as fairness’ in criminal records disclosure</i> Andrew Henley (Assistant Professor of Criminology. University of Nottingham)
13:00- 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 16:00	Session 3: New approaches in reducing recidivism. Chair: Clara Cortina, Associate Professor. Department of Political and Social Sciences. UPF <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>The effect of sensitization courses on reducing recidivism in crimes against women in intimate relations</i> Jorge Rodriguez-Menes (Associate Professor. Department of Political and Social Sciences. UPF).▪ <i>The impact of residential change and housing stability on criminal recidivism: a pilot randomized controlled trial</i> David Kirk (Professor of Sociology. University of Oxford and Nuffield College)
16:00 – 16:15	Conclusion Elena Larrauri (UPF) & Marti Rovira (University of Oxford)

If you wish to attend the seminar, please, send an email to: criminology.research@upf.edu

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