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WELCOMING OUR VISITING SCHOLAR

Prof Ascensión García Ruiz

We welcome Professor Ascensión García Ruiz (known as Chon) as a visitor this term. Chon is Professor of Law and Criminology in the Department of Procedural and Criminal Law at Complutense University of Madrid. She is here until 30 November for her project on '*Ecocide and climate displaced persons from the Criminal Justice and Green Criminology narrative*', funded by the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities (Spain) as part of the 'Postdoctoral stays abroad 'José Castillejo' 2019 funding programme. She says she'd be delighted to meet with anyone with similar interests, or who just wants to chat about Spain, by zoom or over an espresso (or other drinks...).



The Sociology Department New Books Seminar

Online, Thursday 14th October 2021 16:00-18:00

Register via [Zoom](#)

The following staff are due to present

- § Dr Neli Demireva [Pioneering Social Research: Life Stories of a Generation](#)
- § Dr Shaul Bar-Haim [The Maternalists Psychoanalysis, Motherhood, and the British Welfare State](#)
- § Professor Ken Plummer [Critical Humanism: A Manifesto for the 21st Century](#)
- § Professor Mark Harvey [Climate Emergency: How Societies Create the Crisis](#)
- § Dr Isabel Crowhurst [Third Sector Organizations in Sex Work and Prostitution](#)
- § Dr Anna Sergi [Ports, Crime and Security](#)
- § Dr Alexandra Cox [The Palgrave International Handbook of Youth Imprisonment](#)

Nigel recently returned from Norway. He says: 'It was great to be able to travel to Oslo in early September and meet up with colleagues in person and online at a seminar on findings from the project on *Criminal justice, wildlife conservation and animal rights in the Anthropocene*.'

<https://www.jus.uio.no/ikrs/english/research/projects/crimeanthrop/index.html>

The project is funded by the Norwegian Research Council and has been reviewing the policies and regulations related to [CITES](#) and the [Bern Convention](#) and their impact concerning wildlife trades. It is being carried out by researchers based in four countries with different socio-legal contexts and I was attending as part of the advisory board.

Nigel's blog for the BSA Climate Change Study Group has just been published: [Should climate change be considered ecocide? \(britsoc.co.uk\)](#)

Prof Nigel South



Prof Ayse Guveli



One of Ayse's working papers <https://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/research/publications/working-papers/iser/2020-09> has been cited in Ofqual's reports about *Learning during the pandemic* for the UK government: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/learning-during-the-pandemic>

Olivia Arigho-Stiles, PhD Candidate

Olivia recently participated in a roundtable on Latin America's Left and Constitutional Change, for Alborada magazine. You can watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8E7YTDwBts>

She also had an interview published in NACLA magazine with two leading organic-intellectuals in Bolivia discussing ecological struggle:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10714839.2021.1961504>





Dr Anna Di Ronco

I have published an article titled “Critical criminological research on environmental and social harm: Some lessons learnt and suggestions for future research” in the Journal Criminological Encounters. The article is open access and available at this link:

<https://www.crisresearchgroup.be/ojs/index.php/crimenc/article/view/86>.

I have also been appointed as an evaluator for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND [IMπACT](#) 2021-2026 and will therefore evaluate some of the submitted projects in the next few weeks.

Last week I presented one of my articles (with E. Garozzo and L. Lo Re) on sex workers in the San Berillo district of Catania at the launch of the special issue within which it was published; the issue is titled ‘The transfeminist city: intersectional movements, uses and practices for other urban imaginaries’. The special issue and my article are available at think link:

https://rosa.uniroma1.it/rosa03/tracce_urbane/article/view/17505

Finally, I have just heard the very good news that I have been accepted as visiting scholar at the Oñati Institute for the Sociology of Law, where I will spend part of my research leave during the spring term. During my leave, I will also spend a few days in Sassari (Italy) where I have been invited to give a lecture at the Law Faculty.

Prof Sean Nixon



Sean co-published an article in the July issue of the *Journal of Cultural Economy* with Don Slater and Liz McFall entitled ‘Strategic Ambiguity: a roundtable on cultural economy and consumer

culture’: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/17530350.2021.1958901>

Dr Anna Sergi

In the summer I published a journal article on the Journal of Criminology [Stumbling upon places and cultures: An involuntary ethnography in researching the Australian 'ndrangheta](#).

My new book [Ports Crime and Security: Governing and Policing Seaports in a Changing World](#) co-authored with Alex Reid, Luca Storti and Marleen Easton is out with Bristol University Press.

I participated in an episode for [CBC Our Montreal](#) on Montreal port, organised crime & drugs.

I featured in a podcast episode for the Herald's Sun [Mafia's Web podcast reveals how the Italian mafia run Australia's drug trade](#)

My upcoming book [Chasing the Mafia. Ndrangheta, Memories and Journeys](#) is scheduled for publication with BUP in Summer 2022 but already has a lovely cover!

I have taken on a role as consultant for a research project with the [Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime](#) on routes of trafficking in Southern European ports. I will be able to conduct one of the case studies in one of their selected ports (probably Piraeus!) during my research leave starting in January 2022, where I will also be a Visiting Scholar at the **University of Pisa, Tuscany**.

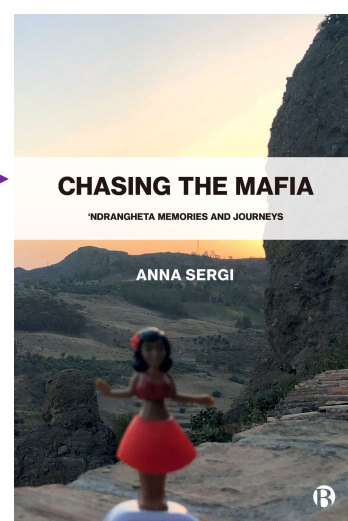
Some scheduled events this term

13th October 2021 - Guest lecture (online) Universitait Duisburg Essen - study centre on European integration and European Politics - topic of organised crime, mafias and political elites

20 October 2021 - Training session (online) ONGIA (Ontario Gang Investigators Associations) 2021 Conference - topic - 'ndrangheta/mafia in Canada
<https://www.ongia.org/confagenda>

11-12 November 2021 - Conference on Global Migration - Utrecht University - <https://www.uu.nl/en/events/hybrid-conference-global-implications-of-migratory-movements> - topic on policing complex crimes in ports

1st December 2021 - Book Presentation for Ports, Crime and Security: Governing and Policing Seaports in a Changing World for UNOV/UNODC staff and permanent missions in Vienna, as well as other interested parties organised by UNODC Sherlock Library





Dr Neli Demireva

19 October 2021 - Invited to open the Diversity and Social Cohesion Session of the “Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees”, an inter-governmental information exchange and policy debate and the first inter-state consultation mechanism on migration. It brings together the participating states, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the European Commission. The initiative is chaired by the UK.

2 November 2021 - “Co-farming communities – the importance of community farming for social cohesion and tackling food poverty”, COP26 week, Essex University

Dr Shaul Bar-Haim



My new book launched on 6 Oct at the Freud Museum to *The Maternalists: Psychoanalysis, Motherhood, and the British Welfare State* with Lisa Appignanesi and Daniel Pick:

I gave a lecture (2nd October) at St John's College, Oxford on 'The Shadow of Narcissism: (Jewish) Self-Hatred in the Age of Identity Politics' in their interdisciplinary psychoanalytic thought workshop.

A new volume that I've co-edited is coming out: <https://www.routledge.com/Wild-Analysis-From-the-Couch-to-Cultural-and-Political-Life/Bar-Haim-Coles-Tyson/p/book/9781032061146>

Dr Tara Mahfoud

Tara says: 'In August, I joined the British Sociological Association as co-convenor of the Science & Technology Studies (STS) Study Group:

<https://www.britsoc.co.uk/groups/study-groups/science-technology-studies-sts-study-group/>. Our first event, "How To: Publishing in an STS Book Series", will take place on Monday 25 October 2021 at 12 – 1:30 pm. The panel will feature STS book series editors who will introduce their series, offer tips on how to approach editors, write book proposals, and common mistakes to avoid.'



She will be presenting a paper titled "The Biological Imitation Game; Or the sublime similarity of brain simulation" at the "Critical Borders: Radical (Re)visions of AI" conference, organised by the Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence and the University of Cambridge Centre for Gender Studies, on 19-20 October 2021: <http://lcfi.ac.uk/events/critical-borders/>

She is also presenting a co-authored paper at the Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting titled "Multiple roles, identities and perceptions of 'Ethics and Society' in the Human Brain Project" with Christine Aicardi (King's College London), Arleen Salles (Uppsala University), and Inga Ulnicane (De Montfort University) on 9 October. This is part of a panel on "International Scientific Consortia: Knowledge Infrastructures and the Role of STS Scholars": <https://www.4sonline.org/107-international-scientific-consortia-knowledge-infrastructures-and-the-role-of-sts-scholars/>

Prof Nick Allum



Nick had a paper published in *Psychological Medicine* with one of our former undergrad and masters students, Kirby King (King, K., Allum, N., Stoneman, P., & Cernat, A. (2021). Estimating measurement equivalence of the 12-item General Health Questionnaire across ethnic groups in the UK. *Psychological Medicine*, 1-9. doi:10.1017/S0033291721003408) He was also mentioned in dispatched by the Daily Mail in a cricketing context. He also has little piece in the 'Researcher Hinterland' section of the Social Research Association 'Research Matters' magazine this month, page 7

I am a panellist with Afua Hirsch, Gideon Rachman and Bonny Ibhawoh for the 10th Annual Cambridge Whitehall lecture, this time given by Phillipe Sands on 'The Chagos Islands – Africa's Last Colony.' I was asked to contribute because I have written about Britain's colonial occupation of the Chagos Islands and its eviction of its indigenous peoples in my latest book, but also in order to put this situation in a broader historical/global context. The link to the event held on 27 October is here:

<https://www.culandsoc.com/events/10th-whitehall-lecture/>

I am also in advanced talks to work with Isuma Productions (makers of the Cannes film award winning 'Atanarjuat: the Fast Runner') as an adviser and interviewee on a new 10 part documentary series called 'We Will be Heard' about the history of Inuit rights in light of the current attempts by a corporation and the state to expand the Baffinlands Iron Ore Mine. It is directed by Zacharias Kunuk and Norman Cohn. This series is funded and is in progress, and is part of the Indigenous Digital Democracy: <http://www.isuma.tv/isuma/our-projects> and the idea is to film provide Inuit with information about the mine, but also to propose alternative democratic economies rather than corporate fossil fuel extraction.

Prof Colin Samson



Emeritus Prof Mark Harvey



Following the publication of my book - [Climate Emergency: How Societies Create the Crisis](#) - at the end of July, I've published a piece in *Discover Society* and contributed an invited short piece to the journal *The Environment*. I also been interviewed by a *Politico* journalist for a piece on the private jet industry in the US, and by the *Air Pollution Journal*. I'm involved with events to mark COP26, including a 1st Nov event jointly organised by CRESI, the History Department and, through Katy Wheeler, the BSA Climate Change Group. I will also be taking part in a webinar with the Sustainable Consumption Institute in Manchester.



Prof John Preston

John has been made a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences by the Council of the Academy of Social Sciences. Many congratulations to him on this excellent achievement!

Prof Mike Roper



Mike appeared in a recent episode of David Olusoga's TV series, 'A House Through Time', discussing WWI, the battle of Gallipoli and shell shock:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b09l64y9/a-house-through-time>



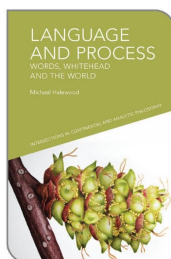
Jana Kujundžić, PhD Candidate

Jana was featured in the last month's edition of Croatian fashion magazine Grazia, they interviewed me about her PhD research on marital rape.



Prof Michael Halewood

My latest book (hardback in 2020) is coming out in paperback in November.



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Dr Roisin Ryan Flood

I recently presented findings from a British Academy funded project in the paper 'Holding Hands: LGBTQ relationships and experiences of shame, pride and protest in everyday spaces' at the European Sociological Association in September.

I will be speaking via zoom at the symposium '**Same-Sex Mothering: A Roundtable Symposium**' organised by Maynooth University, Ireland, on October 19th.

Recent publication:

Munt, S. R. & Ryan-Flood, R. (2021). 'Interview with Sally R Munt', *Sexualities*, 13634607211041708.



Norman Riley, Phd Student

I started a podcast last year, 'Football and Society', with a fellow Essex MA Sociology student. The details can be found here <https://podfollow.com/footsocpod/view> and on Twitter @FootballSocPod.



This summer, I had an article published in *Social Justice*, 'Social Movements in Juvenile Prisons: An Investigation':

<http://www.socialjusticejournal.org/product/vol-47-1-2/>

I also have an article forthcoming in *Sociology Compass* available via this Academia.edu link:

'The Sociological Landscape of Youth Confinement.'

Dr Alexandra Cox



Dr Isabel Crowhurst



The latest episode of 'Talking Europe', the UCL European Institute's podcast features myself and co-authors of the book *The Tenacity of the Couple Norm*. Here is the link:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/european-institute/news/2021/sep/tenacity-couple-norm>

Also, over the Summer, a Special Issue I co-edited with Italian colleagues on "Doing masculinities online: defining and studying the manosphere" came out in the journal *AG About Gender*:

<https://riviste.unige.it/index.php/aboutgender/issue/view/44>

Prof Pam Cox, Head of Department

A TV history series to which I contributed – *The Thirties in Colour* – aired in August on Channel 5 this year and is still available here: <https://www.channel5.com/show/thirties-in-colour-countdown-to-war/>.

On another note, I'll be presenting a paper with Ruth Lamont on the history of child victims at a workshop on 'Reconceptualising Children's Rights' (4-5 Nov) organised in conjunction with the journal, *Modern Law Review*.

In another life, I'm enjoying my time as a borough councillor and working with local groups on inequalities, liveable neighbourhoods, Roman heritage, active travel and more: <https://www.facebook.com/pamcoxlabour/>



Kerry Preston, PhD Student

I recently designed and produced a Research Based Curricula coursebook for key stage 5 Sociology and Media Studies students for Make Happen/Access Ed, based on my planned PhD research on US and UK gangs. I am also speaking at a teacher and student conference for the organisation in November:

<https://www.access-ed.ngo/how-can-we-help-us-and-uk-gang-members-leave-gangs>



Dr Kat Hadjimatheou

A new article of mine about the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (also known as Clare's Law) recently came out in British Journal of Criminology here

<https://academic.oup.com/bjc/advance-article/doi/10.1093/bjc/azab069/6321032>.

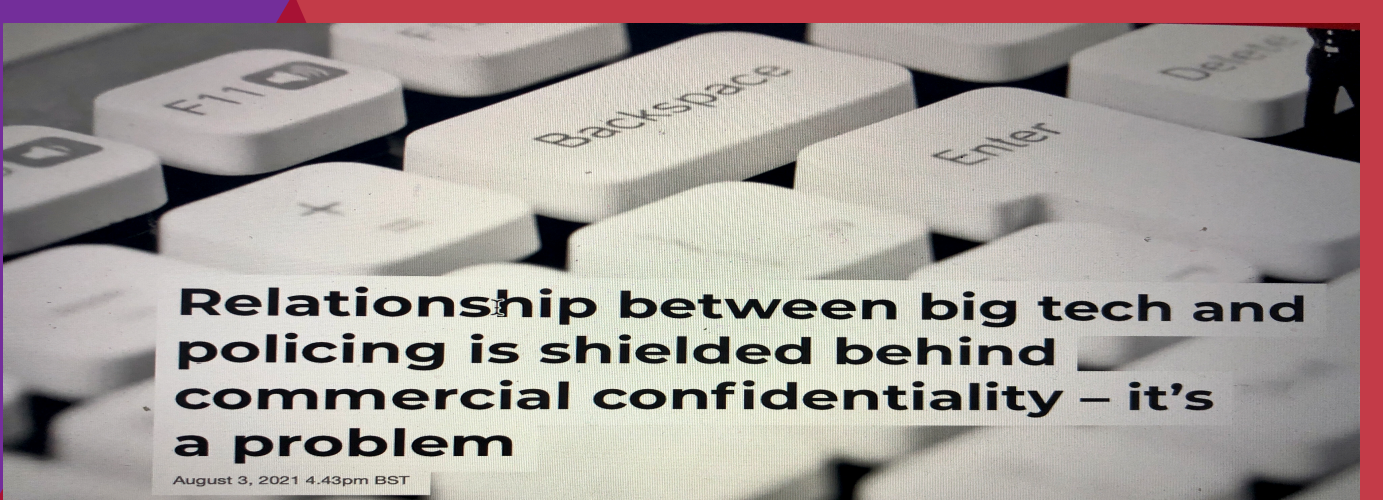
I've also been feeding into the drafting of new Home Office Guidance on the Domestic Disclosure Scheme, representing academics at weekly meetings of a Home Office Task and Finish Group over the last two months and am looking forward to seeing the new finished draft soon.

In early Oct I was invited to review and improve Islington Council's new Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy, to be published next month. And I'm looking forward to the first meeting on 3rd Nov of Essex University's Gender, Violence and Abuse Research Network, which I set up with colleagues from Law and Pathways.

I'm also excited to have 3 new PhD students starting this term, looking at domestic abuse perpetrators, sextortion, and cyberstalking. On a different topic entirely,

I had an article published in The Conversation about an area of research I'm hoping to do more on: the murky relationship between big tech surveillance companies and UK policing:

<https://theconversation.com/relationship-between-big-tech-and-policing-is-shielded-behind-commercial-confidentiality-its-a-problem-163958>



Relationship between big tech and policing is shielded behind commercial confidentiality – it's a problem

August 3, 2021 4.43pm BST

I gave a talk at the [2021 National Workshop on Data Science Education](#) organized by UC Berkeley's Division of Computing, Data Science, and Society. In my talk, I demonstrated my open teaching materials on [Reproducible Data Science](#) that are publicly available. The materials use real-world social data sets related to the COVID-19 pandemic to provide an accessible introduction to open, reproducible, and ethical data analysis using hands-on Python coding, modern open-source computational tools, and data science techniques.

I have been invited as a faculty to the [Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training \(RT2\)](#), August 23–September 3, 2021, organised by the Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences. RT2 provides participants with an overview of tools and practices for transparent and reproducible social science research. In my session, with an excellent teaching assistant, Hamid Nejadghorban (PhD candidate in Economics, University of Essex), we provided a hands-on tutorial on reproducible workflows with dynamic documents. Materials and computer code from the training and my session are publicly available and can be accessed via repositories on the [Open Science Framework \(OSF\) platform](#) and the [GitHub website](#).

I have spent part of my summer collaborating with excellent research assistants Victoria Stensland, Joshua Hodgkin, and Hamid Nejadghorban on a project concerning multilayer social networks and health disinformation on multiple social media platforms, which has received research SEED funding from Essex Sociology. We have pre-registered the study and completed the process of data collection.

A chapter I wrote with Mason A. Porter will appear later this year in a handbook on migration and digital technologies: Danchev, V and Porter, M. Migration networks: applications of network analysis to macroscale migration patterns. In McAuliffe, M. (Ed.) [Research Handbook on International Migration and Digital Technology](#). Elgar, 2021, Forthcoming



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