

## Introduction

Research on “Justice in Relation to Society” is an expanding domain but is generally lacking a multidimensional approach in the social sciences. The IUAP (Interuniversity Attraction Poles) project 7/22 “Justice & Populations: The Belgian Experience in International Perspective, 1795-2015” is a multidisciplinary program funded by BELSPO (Belgian Science Policy Office), studying the relationships between justice and populations. This conference concerns more specifically workpackage 1b (KU Leuven, UCL, ULg, UNamur, Cesdip): “The State Justice System: Functioning, Reform, Actors”.

The judicial system is taken as a point of departure to examine different levels of justice-society relationships. Both the structure and functioning of the national justice system are shaped by constant interaction between institutional actors at various levels of the “judicial chain” (policing, prosecution, judgment, penal practice), which is, in turn, subject to change and reform as a result of varying public demands and attitudes towards justice. Examining the agency of collective judicial actors also necessitates further study of the intellectual, social and professional networks of justice: prosopography of justice personnel; processes of professionalization and professional culture; (inter)national associations of judicial actors such as magistrates, police officers, lawyers.

The main objective of the conference is to present the first research results of the projects in this workpackage and to open a discussion on the topics with international scholars and policy makers in Belgium.

For more information on the research project and on all workpackages, please see [www.bejust.be](http://www.bejust.be)

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Attendance is free of charge but registration is compulsory on <http://www.bejust.be/event/international-conference-modernization-criminal-justice-chain>.

For more information on the conference, please contact [acroquet@ulg.ac.be](mailto:acroquet@ulg.ac.be)



# Modernization of the Criminal Justice Chain

## The Importance of Trust, Cooperation and Human Capital

International Conference

Brussels, 30-31 October 2014

National Archives  
Rue de Ruysbroeck, 2-6  
1000 Brussels

# Conference Program

## Day 1: Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup>

9.00 Welcome Coffee

9.30 Welcome Speech & General Introduction  
Xavier Rousseaux, UCL

10.00 **Judicial Trust (Part 1)**

Chair: Jeroen Maesschalck, KU Leuven

**Jolien Vanschoenwinkel**, KU Leuven “*Trust in Justice: Degree and Antecedents of Trust in the Criminal Justice chain*”

Discussants:

- Patrick Vandenbruwaene, Prosecutor General of the Court of Appeal of Antwerp
- Daniel Kettiger, Senior Researcher, Center of Competence for Public Management (CCPM), University of Bern, Co-Chair Research-Project “Basic Research into Court Management in Switzerland”, Co-Chair of the EGPA Study Group on Justice and Court Management

11.30 Break

11.45 **Accelerating Judicial Response Time. Measures and Stakes involved in the Belgian and French Cases**

Chair: Annie Hondeghe, KU Leuven

**Frédéric Vesentini**, CESDIP, “*Recent Evolutions of Prosecuting Practices in French and Belgian Jurisdictions: A Statistical Approach*”

**Virginie Gautron**, University of Nantes, “*French Courts faced with Paradoxical Political Injunctions: Heterogeneous but Convergent Penal Practices*”

**Christian Mouhanna**, CESDIP, “*Accelerating Judicial Time Response: to the Detriment of Quality? The French and Belgian Cases*”

Discussants:

- Cécile Vigour, CNRS, Sciences Po Bordeaux
- Christian De Valkeneer, Prosecutor General of the Court of Appeal of Liège
- Pierre-Yves Couilleau, Public Prosecutor in Metz

13.30 Lunch Break

14.30 **Reconfiguring the Criminal Justice Chain (Part 1)**

Chair: Christophe Dubois, ULg

**Joséphine Bastard**, ULg, “*The Execution of Sentence: from Policy to Practice*”

Discussants:

- Neil Hutton, Professor at the University of Strathclyde
- Freddy Pieters, President of the Sentence Implementation Court of Brussels

16.00 Break

16.15 **Judicial Trust (Part 2)**

Chair: Stephan Parmentier, KU Leuven

**Marloes Callens**, KU Leuven, “*Interorganisational Trust and Distrust within the Belgian Juvenile Justice System*”

Discussants:

- Philip Langbroek, Professor of Justice Administration and Judicial Organisation, Utrecht School of Law
- Stefaan Van Mulders, Administrator General – Youth Welfare Agency

17.45 **Round Table**

Moderator: Paul Ponsaers, UGent

Speakers:

- Christophe Mincke, Operational Director Criminology, INCC
- Willy Bruggeman, President of the federal Police Council
- Bart Willocx, President of the Court of First Instance of Antwerp

Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>, at 14.30, the Conference will be followed by the **Follow-Up Committee meeting** and the **Annual General Assembly** of the IAP 7/22 Justice & Populations (for IAP members and promoters)

## Day 2: Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>

8.30 Welcome Coffee

9.00 **Prosopography, Crisis, and Modernization of Justice: the Belgian Magistrates**

Chair: Geert Bouckaert, KU Leuven

**Xavier Rousseaux & Françoise Muller** UCL, **Emmanuel Berger** UNamur, **Mélanie Bost** Cegesoma/Royal Military Academy, **Pascaline LePolain** Cegesoma, **Laurence Montel** University of Caen, **Enika Ngongo, Kirsten Peters & Bérengère Piret** USaint-Louis Brussels, **Aurore François** UCL/ULg, “*Belgian Magistrates facing Revolution, Wars and Colonisation*”

Discussants:

- Fred Stevens, KU Leuven, Emer. Prof. Legal History
- Katia Weidenfeld, École nationale des Chartes, Prof. Legal History, Administrative magistrate
- Jean-Claude Farcy, founder of the “Annuaire rétrospectif de la magistrature française, XIX<sup>e</sup>-XX<sup>e</sup> siècles” (CNRS)
- Derk Venema, Radboud University, Nijmegen

11.00 Break

11.15 **Reconfiguring the Criminal Justice Chain (Part 2)**

Chair: Frédéric Schoenaers, ULg

**Alice Croquet**, ULg, “*Managing Public Security: Insight on Police Institutions*”

Discussants:

- Jacques de Maillard, CNRS, CESDIP - University Versailles Saint-Quentin
- Philip Willekens, SPF Intérieur, Director General Security and Prevention

12.45 **Concluding Remarks** by Michèle Coninx, President of Eurojust

13.30 Lunch Break