

A criminologist walks into the WCRI...

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The experience of participating at the Doctoral Forum, 2015

- Full day dedicated to discuss ongoing research (and Michael Kalichman)
- Different scientific and national traditions
- Different concerns and research sub-topics
- Honest and interested feedback from the tutors, validation of choices and strategies
- Award “for creative and critical use of theory for understanding research behavior” - caused a commotion at my University!
- My research had a place and a community

Room: SEGOVIA II

DOCTORAL FORUM (BY INVITATION ONLY)

Chair: *Nicholas Steneck, University of Michigan, US*

Speakers in the Doctoral Forum:

- *Edilson Damasio, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*
- *Rita Faria, University of Porto, Portugal*
- *Simon Godecharle, University of Leuven, Belgium*
- *Chris Hartgerink, Tilburg University, Netherlands*
- *Nolan O'Brien, University College Dublin, Ireland*
- *Sophia Jui-An Pan, National Chiao Tung University, Chinese Taipei*
- *Christiane C. Santos, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*
- *J.K. Tijdink, VU University, Netherlands*
- *Sander van den Bogert, Utrecht University, Netherlands*

Panelists in the Doctoral Forum:

- *Elizabeth Heitman, Vanderbilt University, US*
- *Brian Martinson, HealthPartners Institute for Education and Research & Minneapolis Veterans Affairs, US*
- *Andre Pinto, Brazilian Center for Physics Research, Brazil*
- *Nicholas Steneck, University of Michigan, US*

A niche topic?

- Considered an “exotic” topic of research in Criminology
- Preferred by critical approaches to the field where notions of crime and law, as well as so-called “positivistic” knowledge and science are contested
- Gaps in the literature
- Dispersion and fragmentation of approaches and concerns

- The impression that only a hand-full of people are totally dedicated to the topic
- Different sciences (biology, economics, medicine, psychology) discussing what makes people comply with rules and how such rules are made

Research Ethics

Impact Factor: 1.7

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Should research misconduct be criminalized?

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“Good luck with the research that will end your career”

- In Criminology: no peers to discuss and debate, e.g. presentations in miscellaneous panels
- From the RI community: incomprehension; why study misconduct when importance is on fostering integrity? Or outright silence after contact
- Where to publish? How to choose jurors for the PhD defence?
- The consequences for a junior scholar of studying an “unwelcomed topic” esp. in Portugal

Claiming my ground

- Thank you to R.K. Merton. E. Sutherland, D. Vaughan and many others!
- Finding a place in Criminology: white-collar and organisational crime scholarship
- **Research misconduct as occupational crime or deviance:**
 - committed by professionals in the course of their occupation;
 - opportunities, pressures, sub-cultural norms and deterrence generated in the context of the scientific profession;
 - in legitimate and relevant organisations – in this case, dedicated to research and science;
 - in specific political, economic and social contexts;
 - offenders do not exhibit risk factors for conventional crime (substance abuse, unemployment, low education, etc.), use complicated neutralization techniques and formal social control systems are not as well prepared to deal with such situations, "victimless crimes"

Slowly but steadily

- 1st panel on RM at a criminological conference in 2015
- Invitations to write for special issues
- Contacts with the very few who (had) studied such topics and creation of a (loose) network
- Uses: ramifications to ethics in research: member of ethics committees in 2 institutions
- ENRESSH : social impact of research, vg “GRIMPACT” – the negative impact of RM and Col

Tijdschrift over Cultuur & Criminaliteit

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Trefwoorden	scientific misconduct, organizational culture, social control
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Samenvatting

Scientific misconduct takes place at the heart of higher education organizations. Organizational culture (meso level) shapes scholars' behaviors and perceptions (micro level) about what should be problematized while conducting research and teaching. In this paper it is argued that there are organizational mechanisms at place by which organizational goals (funding) and professional goals (recognition) become indistinguishable. The mechanisms are: pressure, loose social control, scarce resources and lack of alternatives. Scholars may strategically react to these mechanisms by accepting, fitting in, resisting or giving up. It is at the heart of these mechanisms and strategies that problematic behaviors may emerge.



Derrick, G.E.; Faria, R.; Benneworth, P.; (2018)
Budtz-Petersen, D.; Sivertsen, G.

**Towards characterising negative impact:
Introducing Grimpect**

Article in monograph or in proceedings



ENRESSH

European Network for Research Evaluation

in the Social Sciences and Humanities

COST Action 15137

Finding the sweet spot

- **Updating:** keeping up to date with main concerns and developments
- **Disseminating:** research stays via Erasmus+; invitations to talk on the topic (e.g. NRIN Lunchmeeting, January 2022)
- **Using:** ethics and research integrity as integral part of methods in every empirical research project
- **Advocating:** RM as a form of occupational crime worth studying as any other type of fraud or misconduct committed by professionals due to their legitimate occupations
- **Publishing**

RESEARCH MISCONDUCT AS WHITE-COLLAR CRIME

A Criminological
Approach

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You're the first, the last, my only one...?

(Barry Whyte dixit...)

- Evaluation of training on RCR – Responsible Conduct of Research, for Ghent University: is it effective and well implemented? Does it have an impact on students' knowledge and perspectives?
 - 4-year funded research: “Predatory publishing practices: Paper tigers or actual threats from evaluation systems?”
- Not my exclusive topic of research
 - Niche or ground-breaking?
 - Forever present in my preferred research topics



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Thank you and best
of luck!

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