Dear All,

[The Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security, University of Maribor](http://www.fvv.uni-mb.si/en/), Slovenia is pleased to announce the conference

**Perspectives of Rural Safety, Security and Rural Criminology**

to be held at the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security, University of Maribor, Ljubljana, Slovenia, September 14-16, 2020.

The primary aim of the 13th biennial Conference is to exchange the latest views, concepts, and research findings from criminal justice studies on rural safety, security and, criminology among scientists, researchers, and practitioners from all over the globe. The conference will also highlight new ideas, theories, methods, and findings in a wide range of research/applied areas relating to rural issues.

The following plenary speakers will share their unique insights and viewpoints on the challenges and opportunities facing security provision in rural communities:

***Dr Joseph F. Donnermeyer****is professor emeritus in the School of Environment and Natural Resources at The Ohio State University, and is a Research Associate at the Center on Research on Violence at West Virginia University. He is the founding editor of the The International Journal of Rural Criminology and editor of the new Routledge monograph series on Rural Criminology.*

***Dr Vania Ceccato****is Professor in urban and community safety at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm, Sweden. Her research is on the situational conditions of crime and fear in urban and rural environments. She is the author of several books including*[*Rural crime and community safety*](http://www.amazon.com/Community-Safety-Routledge-Studies-Society/dp/0415856434)*(2016, Routledge) and of recent articles devoted to rural criminology with examples from*[*Sweden*](http://kth.diva-portal.org/smash/get/diva2%3A1244409/FULLTEXT01.pdf)*and*[*Brazil*](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0734016817724504?casa_token=kQPUPjlzICgAAAAA%3AWIcNfdH6U1m40y5Kool3LtmuQIO86qrho37Yn_K4PEV6Tk4Wv_7Q2DsD4PiaztDooFmsiZVFPe6f)*.*

***Dr Majda Černič Istenič****is associate professor at the Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana and a senior research fellow at the ZRC SAZU Sociomedical Institute. Her research falls within the scope of various sociological sub-disciplines such as sociology of the family, the link between sociology and demography and rural sociology. Using both quantitative and qualitative methodological approaches, she focuses on different aspects of life of urban, rural and farm populations.*

***Dr Nicholas Lovrich****holds the rank of Regents Professor Emeritus and is a Claudius O. and Mary W. Johnson Distinguished Professor in Political Science at Washington State University. He holds a BA (cum laude) degree in International Relations from Stanford University, and earned a PhD in Political Science from U.C.LA. His scholarship has appeared in the major journals of Political Science, Public Administration and Criminal Justice/Criminology*

***Dr Andrew Wooff****is a Lecturer in Criminology and Programme Director for the Policing and Criminology degree at Edinburgh Napier University. He is a member of the Scottish Institute for Policing Research and has worked with a number of police organisations, including Police Scotland, South Yorkshire Police Force and the London Met.*

***Dr Gorazd Meško****is Professor of Criminology at the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security, University of Maribor, Slovenia. His research interests include crime control, crime prevention and provision of security, delinquent behaviour and legitimacy of formal social control institutions. He is currently a lead researcher in a project on Local Safety and Security in Slovenia – Urban and rural perspectives (2019-2024).*

Information on the conference, including call for papers, guidelines for submission, possibility of publishing, and registration is available on a website <http://www.fvv.um.si/conf2020/>.

The abstracts should be submitted by way of the submission form available at the conference web page. The abstract should be submitted on or before **April 10, 2020**.

You are encouraged to submit your full paper by September 14, 2020. Papers are going to be peer-reviewed and included in conference proceedings and international criminal justice and criminology journals. Papers can be submitted in the Word-for-Windows format to the following e-mail address: gorazd.mesko@fvv.uni-mb.si. The target length for an article is 9,000–12,000 words. Our general guidance for authors can be found on<https://www.fvv.um.si/rV/navodila-E.html>.

If you wish to be a session chair, please email your request to us and indicate the topic area in which you are interested.

We would be grateful if you are willing to inform your partners and colleagues about our conference.