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Visegrad Group 1989 - 2019: On the Road to
restorative justice?

Program booklet

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Venue

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10100 Prague 1

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Morning program (plenary sessions): 2nd Floor, Room 2.06

Workshops and projects: 2nd Floor, Room 2.06, 2.03, 2.11 – to be specified later

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Program

9:00-9:40 Welcoming and opening panel

PhDr. Andrea Matoušková



Andrea Matoušková studied at Charles University in Prague majoring in social work. After completing her university studies she began her career as one of the first probation officers in the Czech Republic. She participated in the introduction of probation and mediation work into Czech practice and later in the establishment of the Probation and Mediation Service where she worked as a methodology specialist and later as the Head of the Department for Conceptual, Analytical and Methodological Activities. Effective from February 2016, she has worked as the Director General of the Probation and Mediation Service. She is the author and co-author of several specialized books and articles. She is one of the core members of the *Restorative Justice: Strategies for Change* project.

Mgr. Marie Benešová



Marie Benešová completed the Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague. Starting from 1971, she worked at the District Prosecutor's Office in Kladno where she specialized in various agendas ranging from general crime to crime on transport. From 1991 she specialized in juvenile crimes at the General Prosecutor's Office of the Czech Republic. After the establishment of the High Public Prosecutor's Office in Prague she worked there as the Head of the General Crime Department. From January 1999 to September 2005 she served as the Prosecutor General in Brno. Later on she worked as a lawyer. From July 2013 to January 2014 she served as the Minister of Justice. She has held this function again since April 2019.

Doc. Ing. Lubomír Lízal, Ph.D.



Lubomír Lízal graduated in systems programming from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering at the Czech Technical University. In 1998 he obtained a PhD in economics at CERGE, Charles University. In 2006 he qualified as an associate professor in economics at Charles University in Prague. In his research he specializes in the economics of transition, econometrics, applied microeconomics, market structures, corporate governance, competitiveness, monopolies and the relationship between economics and the environment. Lubomír Lízal, AAU President from August 2018, is a Czech economist who served most recently as a member of the Bank Board of the Czech National Bank.

Howard Zehr



Howard Zehr, known as "the grandfather of restorative justice," began as a practitioner and theorist in restorative justice in the late 1970s at the foundational stage of the field. He led the very first conference between the victim and offender in the USA. He is one of the specialist who has developed the restorative justice concept as a theoretical concept. His book *„Changing Lenses: A New Focus for Crime and Justice“* is considered the classic book for the restorative workers. From 1996 he served as the Professor of Restorative Justice at the Center for Justice & Peacebuilding, Eastern Mennonite University, USA. In 2013, he stepped away from active classroom teaching and founded the new Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice.

prof. JUDr. Helena Válková, CSc.



Helena Válková completed her master's degree studies at the Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague. In 1997 she was habilitated at the Faculty of Law, Masaryk University in Brno and in 2006 she was appointed the professor of criminal law at the Faculty of Law, Trnava University in Slovakia. Between 2014 and 2015 she served as the Minister of Justice. She has been a Member of the Parliament of the Czech Republic and since May 2019 she has served as the Commissioner for Human Rights. For many years she has pursued the criminal justice policy, especially juvenile delinquency, criminal sanctions and crime victims. She has published in both local and international journals. She is

the author and co-author of various textbooks and scientific monographs on criminology, criminal policy and criminal law.

Edit Törzs



Edit Törzs is the Executive Director of the European Forum for Restorative Justice. After finishing her law studies she joined the Hungarian Probation Service where from 2006 was responsible for coordinating the implementation of victim-offender mediation. She is a trained mediator and facilitator of restorative conferences. She joined the European Forum for Restorative Justice in January 2012 as a project officer in the project 'ALTERNATIVE' on RJ in intercultural settings.

Willem van der Brugge



Willem van der Brugge started his career in 1976 ago as a nursing officer - and some years later as a unit manager – in a psychiatric hospital in the province of North Holland (the Netherlands). In 1989 he became a specialized probation worker for the Addiction and Probation Service in North Holland and established several drug-free units in prisons to work with addicted prisoners. In 2001 he switched jobs from local policy advisor to national policy advisor at the umbrella organisation of Addiction and Probation Trusts (SVG), where he dealt with various probation matters (Development of the Probation Registration System, Implementation of What Works, Redesign of the Dutch Offender Supervision) but

also with financial issues regarding Planning and Control. For four years he was responsible for the operational and financial management of the SVG. In 2013 he was appointed as Secretary General of the Confederation of European Probation. Willem holds a master's degree in Public Management and Governance.

9:40-11:00 Plenary Session

EuroAtlantic Bloc: Restorative thinking and practice: the importance, best practice and RJ development in an international context

9:40-10:00

Lars Otto Justad, Edit Törzs, Mediation service Konfliktraadet, European Forum for Restorative Justice, Norway, Belgium

Restorative justice developments in Europe and in Norway

This presentation will give an overview on restorative justice developments in Europe, the main resolutions and novelties of the 2018 Council of Europe Recommendation on Restorative Justice in Criminal Matters (CM / Rec (2018) 8) and the role the European Forum for Restorative Justice has. The general picture on Europe will be followed by a presentation on recent developments in Norway.

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Lars Otto Justad



Lars Otto Justad is a practitioner and a trainer of restorative approaches. He has a background in social psychology, sociology and peace and conflict studies. He is an advisor for the national mediation service Konfliktraadet in Norway since 2009. He has been involved in their work to promote the use of conferencing as a method, the use of restorative approaches in intercultural conflicts and the use of restorative practices in schools. He has been a member of the European Forum for Restorative Justice's Board since 2016.

10:00-10:20

Ivo Aertsen, Leuven Institute of Criminology, Belgium

Restorative justice in prisons: Mission impossible?



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Developing restorative justice in prisons seems to be a contradiction in the terms. However, we will argue that there are good reasons why to take up this challenge, as there are also important pitfalls. Implementing restorative justice in a prison context is built on a theoretical understanding of what a prison and its goals are supposed to be. We will discuss the feasibility of such an endeavour, with reference to experiences in Belgium and other countries. We will conclude with some recommendations.

Prof. Ivo Aertsen



Ivo Aertsen is the Professor Emeritus of Criminology at the University of Leuven (Belgium). He holds degrees of psychology, law and criminology from the same university. His main fields of research and teaching are victimology, penology and restorative justice. He has carried out various (mainly European) research projects on prisons, community sanctions and measures, the experience of punishment and desistance from crime; on restorative justice in prisons and other institutional settings; on victims' needs, services and legislation in general and on specific victim categories in particular such as victims and their relatives in cases of homicide, terrorism, sexual violence, partner violence, child abuse, road traffic accidents and corporate crimes. Ivo Aertsen has been chair of the European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ) from 2000-2004, and has coordinated COST Action A21 on Restorative Justice

research in Europe from 2002-2006. He has been expert for the United Nations, Council of Europe, OSCE and European Union. Ivo Aertsen was also the initiator and coordinator of the European FP7-project 'ALTERNATIVE' (2012-2016) on developing alternative understandings of justice and security. He is the Editor-in-Chief of '*The International Journal of Restorative Justice*'.

10:20-10:40

Carollann Braum, Anglo-American University, Czech Republic/USA

Comparison of legislative and constitutional mandates/directives on RJ programmes in USA and New Zealand

This presentation will compare legislative and constitutional directives that enable restorative justice programs to exist and function in various jurisdictions. Particular emphasis will be placed on jurisdictions from countries with robust restorative justice programs, for example New Zealand and certain states within the United States, such as Vermont and Colorado. The presentation will seek to create a better understanding of how governments in certain regions support restorative justice, whereas in other regions, restorative justice efforts must operate with little or no legislative support. Legal foundations clearly give restorative justice programs a strong foundation, making their success (including funding, accountability, management, and promotion) more likely. Concrete models will be evaluated, which could be useful in encouraging and implementing new directives or legislative changes in jurisdictions that seek to enhance restorative justice programs.

Carollann Braum, LL.M., J.D.



Carollann Braum is the Chair of Laws Programs at the John H. Carey II School of Law. She has a background in International Human Rights Law, including immigration and civil rights practice in the United States. She has strong experience with organizing and facilitating university level simulations in law and business classes, including mock trials, mock mediations, and mock truth commissions. As the Chair of the Task Force on Harassment Prevention, Response and Solutions at AAU, she has worked to implement restorative justice into a new university-wide policy. Subsequently, she has been appointed as the AAU Mediator and Restorative Justice Facilitator. Ms. Braum

is working on her PhD through the University of London, researching the comparative benefits and challenges of truth and reconciliation commissions and traditional trials for fully and effectively addressing human rights violations that occurred during decolonization. She currently holds an LLM in International Human Rights Law from the University of Notre Dame, a Juris Doctorate from Oklahoma City University School of Law, and a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Journalism from the University of Central Oklahoma.

10:40-11:00

Maria Lindström, Confederation of European Probation /Swedish Prison and Probation Service, Sweden

Restorative justice from Swedish perspective

Maria will speak about restorative justice in the Swedish perspective. She will discuss the differences regarding restorative justice approaches in the Nordic countries. The government in Sweden invested a substantial amount of resources to implement mediation for young offenders, still a very small part of young offenders participate in mediation. Maria will also discuss about possible explanations to why restorative justice is such a limited part of the Swedish legal system.

Maria Lindström



Maria Lindström of the Swedish Prison and Probation service (SPPS) is currently working as Liaison and Policy Officer for the Confederation of European Probation (CEP). She previously served as the Governor of the Probation Services in the county of Stockholm. Maria has an academic background in social work and criminology. Maria has a wide experience from different managerial positions in prison, remand-prison and probation offices and in the headquarters of the Swedish prison and probation service. Maria has been

working in different positions within the SPPS since the beginning of the 21st century and has extensive experience in the field of probation.

11:25 Plenary Session

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Marek Tkáč, Probation and Mediation Service, Czech Republic

15 minutes of restorative justice in the Czech Republic: The story about people and the power of belief

Probation and Mediation Service was established on January 1, 2001, after the Act on Probation and Mediation Service No. 257/2000 Coll. came into existence. Not only is the story connected to restorative justice which had influenced the form and concept of the Act, but above all it is a story about people – from students and their professors to other justice professionals -, who contributed to promote restorative justice in the 90's. Within a couple of years they brought both a new profession and organisation into being. Last but not least, they contributed to significant changes in the criminal justice system which by then had only „punished“ but with a gradual adoption of new laws it could begin to „restore“ what had once been disrupted by crimes. End of the story? Not at all. New people have entered - victims, offenders, their families, friends and other people who have been interested by the RJ ideas – and have told the story beyond the borders of the Czech Republic.

Mgr. Marek Tkáč



Marek Tkáč graduated from Charles University in Prague majoring in social work. He has been working with the Probation and Mediation Service since 2001. He started his career as a probation officer and Head of the Service Centre in Frýdek-Místek. In 2018 he has been appointed the Deputy Director for Expert Affairs. He has been actively involved in all areas of the probation and mediation activities. Eventually, he specialized in mediation and victim counselling. He has gained experience from abroad. He completed several study visits in the UK, Switzerland and Norway, and a number of specialized courses and trainings led by domestic and foreign experts. He made use of his knowledge and experience especially in his professional practice and methodological and lecturing activities.

11:40-11:55

Samuel Burský, Ministry of Justice, Slovak Republic

Probation, mediation and alternative measures in Slovakia

Development of the restorative justice principles and probation as the role of the state, organisation of the probation service, and application of the restorative justice principles. Influence of the electronic monitoring system in practice and current legislative changes.

JUDr. Samuel Burský



Samuel Burský completed the Faculty of Law at the Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica and Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice. He has been working at the Ministry of Justice since 2009. In 2017 he has been appointed the Director for the Probation, Mediation and Crime Prevention Section. In 2016 he participated in the implementation of the electronic monitoring system in practice. He has represented the Ministry of Justice at the Council of Europe, United Nations, Confederation of European Probation, European Judicial Network etc.

11:55-12:10

Anna Matczak, Hague University of Applied Sciences, Poland/The Netherlands

The trajectory of restorative justice in Poland: Achievements and challenges

The presentation aims at presenting the trajectory of restorative justice in Poland. The introduction of victim-offender mediation, the practice through which the concept of restorative justice was initiated in Poland, took place during the turbulent times of post-1989 transformation processes. There were a number of factors that drove the introduction of restorative justice. Apart from the desire to join the international community, as a novel solution in the Polish criminal justice system, victim-offender mediation was also associated with a fundamental change of criminal justice philosophy and policy aimed at the rationalisation and liberalisation of criminal law that was a convenient political tool under the socialist regime. Although the introduction of restorative justice was preceded with a well-prepared pilot study which has brought well-sound legal provisions, victim-offender mediation functions on the margins of the Polish criminal justice system. Any observed interest in mediation is greatly detached from the values and principles of restorative justice and predominantly concentrates on civil rather than criminal matters. There are a number of interpretations of such a state of affairs, including Polish society's receptiveness to restorative justice, and they will form the central point in the presentation.

Anna Matczak, PhD



Anna Matczak is a lecturer in comparative criminology at the Hague University of Applied Sciences. She holds a Ph.D. from the Department of Sociology, London School of Economics (LSE). She also holds master's degrees in Social Policy (Research) from the LSE and in Social Policy from the University of Warsaw. Her areas of expertise are penal policies and criminal justice system in Poland. Prior to beginning her Ph.D. she was appointed as a Research Associate at Kingston University & St George's University of London and Anglia Ruskin University where she was involved in a number of research projects on domestic violence and family interventions. Alongside her doctoral studies she worked as a qualified legal interpreter in the UK and co-operated with the Home Office, London Metropolitan Police, National Crime Agency, London Probation, Social Services, Magistrates and Crown Courts. Her doctoral study explored how lay Polish people, from a post-socialist and post-transformation country, view punishment and justice, and how these views can shed light on the preconditions for restorative justice in Poland. She is also a core member of the Polish representation to the European policy initiative: *Restorative Justice: Strategies for Change*.

12:10-12:25

Tünde Barabás, National Institute of Criminology, Hungary

Restorative Justice in penal matters in Hungary

The use of mediation in criminal matters had been debated for over a decade in Hungary. Those debates were brought to an end by Act LI of 2006, and in Hungary it has been possible to apply

mediation procedures in criminal matters since 1 January 2007. Mediation has been a uniquely success in the Hungarian criminal justice. Despite the earlier aversion, mediation as a restorative method works well in Hungary, with over 6000 cases closed successfully each year and in most of cases both parties - victim and offender - are satisfied with this solution. In my presentation I endeavour to summarize the actual situation and the main questions of victim-offender mediation in criminal cases, with regard to that circumstances which could have played a role in this success story. I introduce the background to this development: the legal framework, the key actors, the most important points in the process of the acceptance of RJ 's ideas and further possible directions for enlargement in Hungary.

Prof. Dr. Tünde Barabás



Tünde Barabás has been working as the Head of Division, Senior Researcher, Chief Counselor at the National Institute of Criminology. She completed the Faculty of Law, Eötvös Loránd University, and was appointed the professor in 2017. She specializes in applied criminology, mediation, fear of crime, victimology, simplification of the criminal procedure, alternative sanctions etc. She has worked as a lecturer, researcher and author (e.g. *Victimisation and fear of crime*, *Mediation and Restorative Justice during the execution of sentence*, *Mediation and restorative justice post-sentence: The Hungarian experience* etc). Besides that she has actively cooperated in various European research projects.

13:25-14:40 Workshops 1 - 3 (parallel start)

Workshop 1 - Victim-offender mediation in prison: Towards a practical implementation

In this workshop we will discuss in an interactive way the practical implementation of victim-offender mediation in prisons, based on experiences in Belgium and challenges as met in other countries. We propose to deal with the following topics: the recent historical context of developing victim-offender mediation and other restorative justice practices in Belgian prisons; some figures about the implementation of victim-offender mediation in Belgian prisons, in particular in Flanders; starting from a case study, presenting the process of doing victim-offender mediation in prisons; illustration with testimonies; reflection on experiences, findings and challenges.

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Natalie Van Paesschen



Natalie Van Paesschen studied social work and criminology. She has been working as a mediator with adult offenders in Moderator Forum for restorative justice and mediation. Between 1999 and 2015 she worked as a mediator with juvenile offenders in Oikoten – Alba where she was also involved in coordination of the mediation service.

Workshop 2 - Development of restorative justice – what's next?

The workshop is part of the activities within the *Restorative Justice: Strategies for Change* project. The participants will play an active role in the process of creating a new Strategy on restorative justice development in the Czech Republic. In the beginning, participants will learn about objectives of the project and the activities of the national group implementing the project in the Czech Republic, including the importance of the Council of Europe Recommendation on Restorative Justice in Criminal

Matters (CM / Rec (2018) 8). Exchanging ideas, sharing experience, knowledge and views about restorative justice will create an essential part of the workshop and they will be reflected in the Strategy. The participants will contribute to capturing ideas on the development of restorative justice in our country. Let's make your opinions part of the restorative vision of the Czech criminal policy and practice.

JUDr. Petra Masopust Šachová, Ph.D.



Petra Masopust Šachová is an expert on restorative justice and has strived for its broad involvement in the criminal justice system, both at the theoretical level and in practice. She has currently been working as a chair of the Institute for Restorative Justice and lecturer at the Department of Criminal Law, Faculty of Law, Palacký University in Olomouc, where she had introduced a new subject on restorative justice. She graduated from the Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague and completed her doctoral studies at the Faculty of Law, Masaryk University in Brno. She has worked as an attorney-at-law in the non-profit sector, especially

in cooperation with the organisation People in Need. Within the project *Restorative Justice: Strategies for Change*, she works as a member of the Czech national group (in the position of so-called Core Members) and as a coordinator of the project. She is also a professional guarantor of the *Building Bridges* program run by the organisation Prison Fellowship (Mezinárodní vězeňské společenství). She is a member of the Czech Society of Criminology and European Forum for Restorative Justice and regularly publishes and lectures in the Czech Republic and abroad.

Workshop 3 - Victim impact training for offenders



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Have I hurt because I was hurt? How to break a circle of violence and perceive the consequences of my actions from different perspective? The You Matter Too program is a group-based socio-educational program with therapeutic elements created in 2016 in cooperation with the Prison Service of the Czech Republic. The program has opened a new topic – victims and the impact of crime on their lives – to prisoners who serve the term in custodial sentence, and tried to provide them with a new perspective on victim's life. How did the victims perceive the crime, how hard it is for them to live with such an experience? In this workshop you will get to know a story of both victim and offender and for a few minutes you will feel like real participants of the program. You will think about victim's needs, how to redress harm caused by the crime. In the end, you may realize more than ever that every consequence has its own cause and without healing deep-seated wounds any change is hardly possible.

Mgr. Ludmila Marková



Ludmila Marková graduated from the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague. She has been working with the Probation and Mediation Service since 2002. She is experienced both in probation work and victim's counselling. She participated in creation of the You Matter Too program (project Fragile Chance II). She has currently lectured the program in Plzeň Prison and serves as a Parole Board Commissioner.

Bc. Zdeněk Bořil

Zdeněk Bořil graduated from the Faculty of Theology, University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, majoring in social work. He completed a five-year psychotherapeutic training at the Prague College of Psychosocial Studies. For the past 11 years he has been working as an educator and therapist at the Special Unit for prisoners suffering from mental disorders and behavioral disorders in Liberec Prison. He is in charge of the one-year psychotherapeutic program for violent offenders. He has served as a coordinator of the Fragile Chance II project and lectured the You Matter Too program.

15:00-16:15 Workshops 4 - 6 (parallel start)

Workshop 4 - *Basic principles of restorative justice and their application in practice*

First the workshop will explore some of the basic principles of restorative justice and their application in a basic restorative approach. Then the participants will be asked to take part in some exercises that highlight some of these principles. The exercises in this workshop are used in the Norwegian Mediation Services training of new mediators.

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Workshop 5 - *Multidisciplinary cooperation as an instrument of effective victim support*



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In this workshop we will introduce the victim support system in the Czech Republic and evaluate the level of interdisciplinary cooperation in this area. Then we will present an experience of the Probation and Mediation Service with the organization of the "Multidisciplinary Victim Teams" as a suitable tool for improving victim care support. We will discuss: financing abroad; financing and sustainability; service accessibility; legal and psychosocial help and its coverage; examples of interdisciplinary cooperation; further recommendations.

PhDr. Tomáš Kellner



Tomáš Kellner has been working with the Probation and Mediation Service since 2014 as a victim care coordinator. As of 2016 he has coordinated activities of 14 counselling victim care offices. He has represented the Probation and Mediation Service abroad (e.g. European Network for Victims' Rights, Council of Europe - Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings). He has participated in education of social workers on crime victims and coordinated an interdisciplinary cooperation. He graduated from the Faculty of Social Sciences, Masaryk University in Brno, majoring in Security studies.

Workshop 6 - *Family conferences with young offenders - Czech experience*

Our joint meeting is (can be) an opportunity to discuss the implementation of a specific restorative justice principle in children and youth. We offer to share the Czech experience and authentic knowledge. By using an experimental form which can help familiarize with the topic and inspire we are able to compare our knowledge with the practice applied in the Czech Republic in terms of

professional activities of the Probation and Mediation Service. By simulating simple mock case we try to achieve a specific application of one of the restorative justice approaches.

Mgr. Martina Krajičková



Martina Krajičková graduated from the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Education, Palacky University in Olomouc. She has been working with the Probation and Mediation Service since 2001. She has been a methodology specialist for alternative conflict resolution in the North Moravian Judicial region since 2016. For more than 25 years she has strived for the implementation of mediation and other restorative programs. In the past 6 years she has carried out more than 40 family group conferences. She has led courses in mediation, family group conferences, various programs for adults, juveniles and children from disadvantaged backgrounds. She worked as a victim care officer. She has attended various seminars and conferences, both in the Czech Republic and abroad.

16:45-17:30 Special Projects (parallel start)

Project 1 - *There is never enough good news: The effectiveness of RJ from the perspective of criminological research*

Criminological Research in restorative justice has faced various tasks. One of them is to verify a real effectiveness of individual programs or measures. There are more aspects that can be used to do so and various disputes about their suitability or inadequacy have spread among specialists. The most frequently encountered approach is to meet the needs of direct participants in restorative programs, in particular specializing in subsequent offender relapse. We will present the results of a research conducted in our country which provides us with the broader context of the attitudes or opinions held by the Czech public in the area of crime control.

PhDr. Jan Tomášek, Ph.D



Jan Tomášek is a researcher at the Institute of Criminology and Social Prevention. He specializes in probation, restorative justice, offenders' reintegration and desistance. He is an external lecturer at the Department of Criminology, Police Academy of the Czech Republic and at the Ambis College where he lectures on criminology and crime prevention. He has published both in domestic and foreign professional journals. He is one of the core members of the *Restorative Justice: Strategies for Change* project.

Project 2 - *Restorative Justice on campus (AAU experience)*

This workshop will focus on Restorative Justice policies and process at universities. The discussion will cover AAU's new Restorative Justice policy, as an example, and explore the benefits of using restorative justice at universities, as well as evaluating myths and concerns about restorative justice in this context. Participants will engage in a mock university restorative justice conference.

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Ana Hernandez Blackstad, M.Ed.



Ana Hernandez Blackstad is Dean of Students at Anglo-American University, where she oversees student services and heads up the University's Disciplinary Commission. Her most recent position before joining AAU was Head of School for American Academy in Prague, the first American-style high school in the Czech Republic. Prior to moving to Prague, Ana served as Dean of Student Success at Bellevue College and Director of Student Advising and Support Services at Cascadia College, both in Washington State, USA, where she was responsible for student conduct administration. Ana is a graduate

of the Donald D. Gehring Academy for Student Conduct Administration and earned a master's degree in Student Development Administration from Seattle University.

Project 3 - Yellow Ribbon Run project

This workshop will introduce history, current objectives and results of the Yellow Ribbon project in the Czech Republic. The idea behind the project comes from Singapore where every year more than nine thousand people - ex-offenders, their families, friends, representatives of NGO's, municipalities, Ministry of Justice and another state and private organisations - join a 5k or 10k run to express their support and help to ex-offenders. Despite strict rules and rigorous discipline in the Singapore prisons the offenders have been prepared for their future release from the very first moment of their imprisonment. Employment, educational and reintegration programs applied in prisons are closely connected to the releasement and aftercare scheme. The idea behind „run for the second chance“ event was imported by Gabriela Slovákova and inspired the Prison Service, Probation and Mediation Service and a non-profit organisation RUBIKON Centrum to start it in the Czech Republic. Why we want the society that gives people with criminal records and their families second chance for better life? Come and learn more about the Yellow Ribbon project!

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Plk. PhDr. Gabriela Slovákova, Ph.D.



Gabriela Slovákova graduated from Masaryk University in Brno and Jan Amos Komensky University in Prague. Her background is in psychology and education. Effective from January 2019, she has been appointed the Governor of Kuřim Prison. Before that she worked as the Governor of Světlá nad Sázavou Female Prison and Head of the External Relations Unit at the General Directorate of the Prison Service. She joined International Corrections and Prisons Association in 2006 and between 2010 and 2018 held a position of the Executive Board Member. She initiated the Yellow

Ribbon project in the Czech Republic.

Mgr. Dagmar Doubravová

Dagmar Doubravová graduated from the Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague, majoring in social work. Between 1996 and 2000 she worked as a probation officer, later as a methodology specialist at the Regional Court in Prague. She participated in the preparation of the Act on Probation and Mediation Service and is a co-author of its education system. She co-founded a non-profit organisation RUBIKON Centrum in 1994. She participated in the introduction of the Roma mentoring project into Czech justice. The project was awarded the Crystal Scales of Justice Prize in 2009. She has been an expert guarantor of the cognitive-behavioral program for young clients in the Czech Republic which has been implemented by RUBIKON Centrum since 2004 following the example of the Swiss Probation Service in the Canton of Zurich. She is a member of the Probation and Mediation Council - an advisory body to the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic.

17:45 Closing Speech

Andrea Matoušková, Marek Tkáč

18:00-18:20 Concert of the Prison Band „Wsedě (*Behind Bars*)“

The WSEDĚ band was formed in autumn 2010. The main idea behind its foundation was to combine correctional and educational work with offenders and have preventive effect to the community. The band therefore performs within so called Crime Prevention Program. This program has been running at schools and aims at high school students. The students learn more about prison, prison's life, have a unique opportunity to listen to a real-life story of the offenders. In the meantime, the prison band plays a couple of songs. The WSEDĚ band has currently played revival songs of famous Czech bands and a few songs composed by them. The band composed the theme song called „Žlutá stužka“ of the Yellow Ribbon project. They have performed in the Colours of Ostrava festival, Drásovský Summer Festival, the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic and of course during the official opening events of the Yellow Ribbon project. The band has currently played with a new drummer – famous Czech actor and musician Petr Čtvrtníček.

18:20-18:35 Book Launch: *Restorative approaches to solving crime* by Petra Masopust Šachová

The publication presents the main schemes of thoughts of the restorative justice concept and focuses on the legal aspects of the issue. In addition to a summary of international developments, the introduction of main restorative justice principles, goals and objectives as well as definitions of restorative justice, it focuses on the involvement of restorative approaches in Czech criminal legislation, theory and practice. At the same time, the publication lay its own legislative proposal on how to integrate these approaches more closely into the Czech criminal law. Special attention is paid to the use of restorative justice in the prison system. The publication is intended for everyone interested in the topic, both from the professional and general public.

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