

WORKSHOP 2 : POLICING – SCIENCE NEXUS

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To inspire and discuss street policing in a smart society a connection between science and (public and private) policing is crucial. That connection is constructed by interactions between academics and practitioners (from the public and private sector). Both professional groups are considered to live in a different world with their own challenges and cultural habits. These different contexts generate difficult dialogues. Communication between practitioners and academics is often characterized as the 'dialogue of the deaf'. In this workshop we prefer the idea that the dialogue might be one of 'listening' which is a point of departure that allows us to make progress in the future. In this workshop we want to explore barriers and enhancers for these dialogues. What did or did not work in the past? What are possible new ways to stimulate this relationship in a global and digital society? How can this relationship be inspiring for street policing? Is there an agenda for collaboration for the future possible?



This workshop is being set up as a roundtable in which 7 members from both professional groups will provide input for our discussion. What they all have in common is experience in stimulating the policing-science nexus and being an instigator in setting up dialogues between academics and practitioners. We asked them to reflect upon their main experiences. Input is going to be delivered by Chris Bombeke (ex-Securitas), Stanny De Vlieger (FGP Antwerpen), Arne Dormaels (VIAS), Janine Janssen (Dutch National Police & Avans University of Applied Sciences) and Rebecca Wallis (Queensland University).

- **Chris Bombeke** is a key player in the Innovation Center for Security where actors related to the public sector, private companies and knowledge centers (known as the triple-helix) meet in order to generate projects on the crossroads of innovation, technology and security.
- **Stanny De Vlieger** has taken up a co-coordinating role in stimulating the cooperation between academics and practitioners within the Centre for Policing and Security. He is currently chairing the working group that has to stimulate the set-up of research & development through triple-helix collaborations for the Belgian Federal Police.
- **Arne Dormaels** is currently Director of Safety & Security at VIAS Institute. He can rely on his experience as practitioner as well as on his years as an academic at Ghent University and working in a triple-helix setting in the Innovation Center for Security.
- As a pracademic **Janine Janssen** is part of both worlds. She works at the Dutch National Police Force and at different Universities. On a daily basis she further develops experience with the policing-science nexus that she will reflect upon.
- As a researcher **Rebecca Wallis** is engaged in stimulating and setting up participation of the field from the start of a research process to optimise the dialogue between both professional groups.

Please find below pictures and bios of these contributors.

BIOS AND PICTURES

	<p>Chris Bombeke is a Senior Security expert with more than 25 years of experience in security and safety. He has worked for Securitas in various positions and was a member of the board of Directors representing Securitas BELUX. He has experience in a lot of different Security and safety issues for example: Risk and Crisis Management, Compliance and legal affairs, Quality management and Internal Security. Specialized in the handling of Insider threats, Information/data security, security awareness, GDPR and ISO certifications. He is passionate about business development in Security and integrated security and has a wide network with several actors in public and private security.</p>
	<p>First Chief Commissioner of Police Stanny De Vlieger has been appointed as Director of the Belgian Federal Judicial Police in the province of Antwerp in June 2014. This police service, FJP Antwerp, is one of the decentralized directorates of the Belgian Federal Police. Its mission is to focus on transnational and organised crime that has a destabilising effect on society as well on offenses requiring specialised approaches of investigation.</p> <p>In his role as a judicial director, Stanny De Vlieger, works closely with other local, federal and transnational agencies, in Belgium and also worldwide, to coordinate an integrated approach of the Belgian government's efforts to combat organised crime.</p> <p>As a lecturer at the Belgian National Police Academy and previous member of External Advisory Boards in EU-funded projects, Director De Vlieger brings up some insights to the academic world and gives presentations at conferences for Belgian, Dutch and other European universities. Moreover, he has been asked to fulfil international missions to evaluate programs of security sector reform in Rwanda, Congo and Tunisia.</p>
	<p>Arne Dormaels is Director Safety and Security at Vias Institute. Vias institute is a knowledge centre that aims to reduce societal risks through sustainable behavioural change. We have been working for more than 30 years in the field of road safety. Since 2018, our expertise will be extended to the domains of mobility, security, safety and health care. Vias institute carries out research, gives advice, develops innovative technologies and gives trainings. Our stakeholders and customers are citizens, policy makers, public authorities and companies, both nationally and internationally.</p>
	<p>Marleen Easton is a Professor and chair of the research group 'Governing & Policing Security' (GaPS) at the Department of Public Governance & Management at Ghent University. She has more than twenty years of experience conducting mostly qualitative, empirical research on policing and security related topics that include processes of (de)militarisation, community policing, radicalization, police (re)organisations, police culture, citizen</p>

	<p>participation, innovations in policing and the policing-science nexus. She combined this with an active role as board member of the Belgian Centre for Policing and Security where interaction between researchers and practitioners is stimulated.</p> <p>Her current research focuses on the governance of security in relation to events and flows and on innovations in relation to technology and security. In 2017 she became adjunct professor at the Griffith Criminology Institute where she is currently participating in the Evolving Security Initiative and runs the ESI Ghent Hub (ESI@GNE) focusing on the governance of security in relation to flows. Since 2014 she is president of the Innovation Centre for Security (INNOS) in Belgium. In collaboration with private companies, the public sector and knowledge institutions, INNOS is generating innovative projects in relation to technology and security.</p>
	<p>Janine Janssen is a criminologist and anthropologist. She is head of research at the National Expertise Centre for Honour-Related Violence at the Dutch National Police Force, professor of Violence in Dependency Relationships at Avans University of Applied Sciences and professor of Anthropology of Law at the Open Universiteit.</p>
	<p>Rebecca Wallis is an Associate Lecturer at the TC Beirne School of Law at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia. She teaches criminal law and procedure and transnational crime/international criminal justice courses into the Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice (Hons) program. Rebecca's research interests fall broadly within the areas of criminal law and procedure, and criminal justice system structure and operation. In particular, she explores how criminal law theories and principles play out in policy and practice, and how these shape the operation of the criminal justice system in intended and unintended ways.</p> <p>Rebecca holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Queensland, and a Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice (Hons) from Griffith University. She is admitted to practice as a solicitor in the Supreme Court of Queensland and in the High Court of Australia. She is also a doctoral candidate within the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Griffith University. Her doctoral thesis explores maternal pathways through imprisonment.</p>