

Workshop : Police education on its way to Bologna? (part II)

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Abstract:

Terpstra, Fyve & Sellet (2019) argue that the abstract police are less dependent on 'personal knowledge', as this is increasingly being replaced by 'system knowledge'. They plead for more debate and reflection on the consequences of this so-called 'abstract Police' for future police work. In this workshop on police education we'd like to reflect on the role of police education in the humanization of the police work (as a counter-movement for the abstraction of police work)? Hereby we argue that we need a police education tailored to society (problems) and the communit(y)ies (relations). In this, knowledge of society and human capital becomes prior to system knowledge.

In several European countries the police education system registered into the bachelor and master structure of the EU. This shift towards the European higher education system was illustrated as a more societal approach of their national police education system. In this workshop, we will examine how this transformation towards a more community oriented or societal police education system took place in a number of European countries. Hereby we focus on two central topics:

- (1) To what extent does the national police education system of the EU countries cooperate with the regular higher education system of this country? Is there cooperation between university(y)ies (colleges) and the police schools or institutions? What are best practices of cooperation between the police education and the higher education system? What works and what doesn't?
- (2) How are the necessary police competences (police profiles) defined in various countries of the EU? Is there room for a European quality evaluation framework and/or European quality assurance institution, e.g. within CEPOL?

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