‘Criminology and Peace-Building in Areas of Frozen Conflict: The Case of Cyprus’

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Seminar Room B3, Institute of Criminology, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge, CB3 9DA
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The Bi-Communal Technical Committee on Crime and Criminal Matters (TCCCM) in Cyprus comprises Greek- and Turkish-Cypriots and was established in 2008 to work on trust-building measures in order to facilitate the climate in the settlement talks between the President of the Republic of Cyprus and the leader of the Turkish-Cypriot community. TCCCM has organised a number of bi-communal seminars in the buffer zone on a broad range of contemporary criminological issues and since 2009 it operates, with the support of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, a bi-communal ‘Joint Contact Room’ (JCR) staffed full-time by two Greek- and two Turkish-Cypriots. The JCR deals with relevant cases as they arise daily because of the existence of the ‘Green Line’ that divides the island since the Turkish invasion in 1974. The JCR is located in the buffer zone in Nicosia between the two opposing armies and it has dealt with hundreds of cases. The work of the JCR is cited in reports on Cyprus by the United Nations. The seminar shall focus mainly on the work of the JCR, the only one of its kind worldwide, and the ‘bridges’ it has managed to build across the dividing line, forging a challenging new role for criminology and criminologists. Prof. Kapardis is the Greek-Cypriot leader of TCCCM.

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