



Starting from the end: a framework to assess the harms of crime

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A drinks reception in the basement foyer will follow this seminar for attendees

In this seminar Dr. Paoli will argue that it is time to “start at the end” and further expand criminology’s scope, by making the empirical, systematic assessment of the consequences of crime, a new branch of criminology. She will present a new methodology, the harm assessment framework (Greenfield and Paoli, 2013) that enables such an assessment, and will briefly discuss the results of its first applications. To conclude she will argue that giving the consequences and, more specifically, the harms of crime a place, of prominence in criminology would benefit both the discipline and crime-control policy. Firstly, it would allow criminology to better address the criticisms raised “from the left and the right” (Laub, 2004: 8). Secondly, it could provide crucial evidence for establishing policy priorities and criminalization, making crime control policy more “cost effective” and accountable.

Dr. Letizia Paoli (PhD, EUI, 1997) has been a full professor of criminology, since 2006, at the University of Leuven Faculty of Law, Belgium. From 1998-2006, she was a senior research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law in Freiburg, Germany. She has been a visiting scholar or professor at the Universities of Giessen, Paris I (Sorbonne), Rotterdam and Tübingen and served as consultant for two UN agencies. She is currently the Vice-President of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy and a member of the Scientific Committee of the European Monitoring Centre on Drugs and Drug Addiction. Since the early 1990s she has published extensively on the Italian mafia and a variety of other “organized” crimes, (semi-)illegal markets and related control policies in several European countries as well as with a comparative and global perspective. More recently, she has developed, with Victoria Greenfield, a new tool to systematically assess the harms of crimes and, with different sets of collaborators, has applied the framework to several criminal activities in Belgium and the Netherlands.

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