

Criminology emerged in the 19th Century as a Europe-wide technology of enquiry into crime and its control. Despite this, European criminologists have only very recently begun to confront the mass atrocities committed on continental soil and in the name of the imperial/ideological ambitions of member states. This workshop aims to contribute to the development of a European criminology of mass violence and genocide. Bringing together leading European scholars of crime and punishment whose work touches on mass violence, together with experienced practitioners of forensic archaeology and humanitarian emergency response, the workshop has four principle aims: (i) to contextualise the area by analysing trends in the prevalence and nature of European mass violence and corpse disposal; (ii) to understand the socio-legal status and forensic value of cadavers, together with their potential criminological value; (iii) to describe theory and methods that can make sense of the treatment and distribution of dead bodies by perpetrators; and (iv) to understand the links between the legal/professional handling of corpses in peacetime and the illegal handling of them in times of conflict. In so doing, we hope to lay some of the foundations for theoretical, methodological and practical engagement with the subject matter, better understand how societies do and do not come to terms with a legacy of mass violence, and assist in the important project of re-ascribing value to radically devalued lives.

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# Towards a criminology of mass violence and the corpse

## A European Perspective

Workshop organized by **JON SHUTE** (The University of Manchester School of Law)

in association with the ERC Programme  
**Corpses of Mass Violence & Genocide**  
and Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

Moot Court Room (3.10/.12), Williamson Building

# 6th and 7th November 2014



## THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014

12.30-1.30 Buffet lunch

1.30-1.45 Welcome to the workshop

**Jon Shute** (The University of Manchester School of Law, UK)

1.45-3.15 **SESSION 1 Context and scope**

**Chair & discussant: Elisabeth Anstett** (CNRS, France)

**Jon Shute** (The University of Manchester School of Law, UK)

*Criminology, mass violence and the corpse: making the case*

**Pieter Spierenburg** (Erasmus University, Netherlands)

*Toward a global history of homicide and organised murder*

3.15-3.30 Coffee

3.30-5.00 **SESSION 2 Pattern & meaning in the handling of the corpse 1: Serious 'peacetime' violence**

**Chair & discussant: Caroline Fournet** (University of Groningen, Netherlands)

**David Canter** (University of Huddersfield, UK)

*Revisiting the violated body*

**Russell & Rebecca Dobash** (The University of Manchester, UK)

*Uses of the body in intimate partner and sexual murder*

5.00-5.30 Refreshments

5.30-6.30 **SESSION 3 Managing trauma in professional 'corpsework'**

**Chair & discussant: Jon Shute** (The University of Manchester School of Law, UK)

**Paul Withers** (Lancashire Constabulary, UK)

*Managing the trauma of homicide investigation*

**Tony Redmond** (The University of Manchester, UK)

*Working with the corpse in humanitarian and conflict response*

## FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014

9.30-11.00 **SESSION 4 Confronting the corpse**

**Chair & discussant: Jean-Marc Dreyfus** (The University of Manchester, UK)

**Wayne Morrison** (Queen Mary University London, UK)

*Morality at life's boundary: Face-to-Face with the Mussulman*

**Claire Moon** (London School of Economics, UK)

*Forensic Humanitarianism and the Politics of the Grave*

11.00-11.15 Coffee

11.15-12.45 **SESSION 5 Socio-legal and forensic perspectives on the corpse**

**Chair & discussant: Elisabeth Anstett** (CNRS, France)

**Caroline Fournet** (University of Groningen, Netherlands)

*The legal status of mass graves: sites of burial, crime scenes and evidentiary goldmines*

**Ian Hanson** (ICMP, Bosnia & Herzegovina)

*Integrated data analysis and the search for the missing*

12.45-1.45 Lunch

1.45- 3.15 **SESSION 6 Pattern & meaning in the handling of the corpse 2: Mass violence**

**Chair & discussant: Jon Shute** (The University of Manchester School of Law, UK)

**Mario Aurelio Guimaraes** (University of Sao Paulo, Brazil) & **Eliana Pinheiro** (Representative of the Independent Group of Families of the Dead & Disappeared of the Brazilian Military Dictatorship)

*Corpse Disposal in the Context of the Military Dictatorship in Brazil: A View for European Eyes*

**Patricia Furphy** (Liverpool John Moores University, UK)

*A Multivariate Analysis of Killing and Disposal Behaviours Exhibited During War Crimes: A Contribution to International Criminal Court Proceedings*

3.15-4.00 **General discussion, publication plans, closing remarks and close.**