



**Sentencing & Penal Decision-Making
European Working Group**

**The Role of Technology in Sentencing &
Penal Decision-Making**

European Seminar

Thursday 16 – Friday 17 May 2024

**Venue: The Boardroom, The City Law School, London.
EC1V 0HB**

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**With thanks to the generous support of
City University, London**

Thanks to the generous sponsorship by the University of City University, and the work of our host, Gemma Birkett, there will be no charge for attendance, lunch and refreshment breaks during Thursday and Friday.

The evening dinner on Thursday is being offered free, or almost of charge, to seminar participants – it is possible that participants may need to make a very small contribution (e.g. to pay for own drinks). There will also be dinner on the Friday evening – likely costs to be confirmed shortly.

Roundtable Seminar on Technology in Sentencing & Penal Decision-Making

Interaction and Discussion Around the Table will be a Key Feature of our Seminar.

Our seminar will be a roundtable format in which there will be a good amount of time for discussion among members of the group around the table. Not everyone is giving a 'paper', but I know all of us has a valuable contribution to make. In other words, all of us are active participants.

Speakers are reminded to keep their initial contributions reasonably brief, (no more than 20 - 25 minutes at the very most), so that questions can then be addressed and discussed in greater depth than is typically possible at large conferences.

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List of Participants

Cyrus Tata (Chair)

(Strathclyde, Scotland)

Gemma Birkett

(City, England)

Rasmus Wandall

(Lund, Sweden)

Julian Roberts

(Oxford, & Sentencing Academy, England)

Nicole Bögelein

(Cologne, Germany)

Louise V. Johansen

(Copenhagen, Denmark)

Nicky Padfield

(Cambridge, England)

Stewart Field

(Cardiff, Wales)

Jakub Drápal

(Charles, Czech Republic)

Jay Gormley

(Glasgow, Scotland)

Mojca Plesničar

(Ljubljana, Slovenia)

Javier Velásquez

(Universidad de la Frontera, Chile)

Jenni Ward

(Middlesex, England)

Sarah McManus

(Sentencing Academy, England)

Grazia Mannozi

(Insubria, Italy)

Anthea Hucklesby

(Birmingham, England)

Alice Angelini

(Insubria, Italy)

Martine Evans

(Reims, France)

Fabbio Coppola

(Salerno, Italy)

Harry Annison

(Southampton, England)

Olivia Benitez

(Girona, Spain).

Thursday 16th May 2024

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13.00-14.15 Buffet Lunch

Come and join us for the buffet lunch. Chat and meet others!

Session 1: 14.15-15.30

Welcome & Roundtable Introductions: 14.15-14.50

Cyrus Tata, University of Strathclyde, Scotland, and all seminar participants.

14.50-15.30

Rasmus Wandall, (University of Lund & Attorney-at-law (L), Sweden) and Christian M. Dahl (South Denmark University, Denmark) : *Predictive Sentencing and Procedural Empowerment*

Discussant: **Louise V Johansen** (Copenhagen University, Denmark)

Refreshments break: 15.30-16.00

Session 2: 16.00-17.20

Nicole Bögelein (University of Cologne, Germany) : *If Tech is the Answer – What was the Question? Critical reflections on interpretation in the court-room and a possible improvement of the criminal justice system by taking out the human factor*

Jakub Drápal (Charles University), Hannes Westermann, Jaromír Šavelka, Czech Republic): *Generalizing Case Facts from Verdicts Using Large Language Models: New horizons for sentencing research?*

Dinner: 19.30 Restaurant details to follow

Thanks to sponsorship from City University, dinner will be offered to our guests free or almost free of charge. Please do join us!

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Friday 17th May 2024

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915am Tea, Coffee and Pastries

Session 3: 9:30-10.45

Mojca Plesničar (Ljubljana University, Slovenia), Sigrid van Wingerden (Leiden University, Netherlands), Ales Zavrsnik (Ljubljana, Slovenia): *The Right to a Human Sentencer*

Nicky Padfield (Cambridge University, England): *Sentencing & Technology*

Discussants: **Louise V Johansen (Copenhagen University, Denmark)** and **Stewart Field (Cardiff University, Wales)**

Refreshments break: 10.45-11.15

Session 4: 11.15-12.45

Gemma Birkett (City University, England): *Towards a Feminist Analysis of Digital Penalty: Gender, Technology and Carceral Territory*

Cyrus Tata (Strathclyde University, Scotland): *The Rise of the Robots and the Demise of Human Criminal Justice Professional Discretion?*

Lunch: 13.00-14.00

Lunch will be provided close to the seminar room

Session 5: 14.00-15:30

Jay Gormley (University of Glasgow, Scotland): *Sentencing Guidelines as a Technology*

Javier Velasquez (Universidad de la Frontera, Chile) : *Lost in translation? Virtual Hearings and Street level bureaucracy*

Refreshments Break: 15.30-16.00

Session 6: 16.00-17.00: Reflections & Concluding Remarks

Stewart Field (Cardiff University, Wales) : *Justice and Technology: some normative and comparative reflections*

Dinner: 19:15 Wilmington Public House & Dinning

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Evening Dinners

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- Thursday 16 May, 19.15 Dinner: Santore on Exmouth Market.
santorerestaurant.com/
- Friday 17 May, 19.15 : The Wilmington Public House & Dinning
www.wilmingtonclerkenwell.com/

	Thursday Evening at Santore ?	Friday Evening at Wilmington?
Cyrus Tata (Strathclyde, Scotland)	yes	no
Gemma Birkett (City, England)	yes	yes
Rasmus Wandall (Lund, Sweden)	yes	yes
Julian Roberts (Sentencing Academy, England)	yes	no
Nicole Bögelein (Cologne, Germany)	yes	no
Louise V. Johansen (Copenhagen, Denmark)	yes	no
Nicky Padfield (Cambridge, England)	yes	no
Stewart Field (Cardiff, Wales)	yes	yes
Jakub Drápal (Charles, Czech Republic)	yes	?
Jay Gormley (Glasgow, Scotland)	yes	yes

	Thursday Evening at Santore?	Friday Evening at Wilmington?
Mojca Plesničar (Ljubljana, Slovenia)	yes	yes
Javier Velásquez (Universidad de la Frontera, Chile)	yes	?
Jenni Ward (Middlesex, England)	yes?	yes?
Sarah McManus (Sentencing Academy, England)	yes	no
Grazia Mannozi (Insubria, Italy)	no	no
Anthea Hucklesby (Birmingham, England)	?	?
Alice Angelini (Insubria, Italy)	no	no
Martine Evans (Reims, France)	no	no
Fabbio Coppola (Salerno, Italy)	no	no
Harry Annison (Southampton, England)	no	?