



Forthcoming International Conference

Addressing Filicide: Moving to Prevention

Monash Prato Centre, Tuscany, Italy
3–4 June 2015

Announcement and Call for Abstracts

Addressing Filicide: Moving to prevention second international conference

Following the success of the Inaugural Conference 'Addressing Filicide' in 2013, the Conference Committee are proud to announce details of the second conference, to be held again in the medieval centre of Prato (near Florence) in Italy, from Wednesday 3 June to Thursday 4 June 2015.

The conference will build from the first and seeks the participation of researchers, policy specialists and service providers from an even more diverse range of countries and backgrounds. Recognising that filicide is not a uniform phenomenon but rather one that encompasses and overlaps with a heterogeneity of circumstances, characteristics and motives causing fatal harm to children, the conference proposes becoming the springboard for developing more sophisticated evidence bases, theoretical tools and multi-disciplinary approaches to better understand these tragic events and better align research with preventive policies and programs.

The conference will provide delegates with more structured opportunities for discussion through break-out sessions and discussion groups so we can continue to strengthen existing research collaborations and build new ones to allow for more nuanced inter-country comparisons. That will lead to the development of local and global strategies of support, intervention and prevention.

Within these frameworks we seek papers that will tackle topics as follows:

- National studies and inter-country studies
- Multi-disciplinary studies
- Differing cultural and community approaches to filicide
- Prevention and intervention models
- Explanatory Theories and Frameworks for filicide
- Impact of social policies on filicide
- Role and Impact of health, child protection and social welfare services on filicide (including GPs, psychiatrists, paediatricians, social workers, psychologists)
- Mental Health Problems, Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, Gambling and other life stresses
- Supporting victims' families in the aftermath
- Education of professionals
- Inter-relationship between media, community attitudes and prevention
- Working with perpetrators in Corrections and Mental Health Services

Abstracts are now invited on these themes and other relevant topics.

Deadline for Abstracts
Monday 16 February 2015

Conference venue

The conference will be held at the beautiful Monash University Centre in Prato, in the 18th century Palazzo Vaj, just 20 minutes from Florence, in Tuscany, Italy.

Conference committee

Professor Thea Brown

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Information

For information about the conference, the abstract submission process and registration, please go to the conference website:

www.addressingfilicide2015.com

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Keynote speakers

Associate Professor Myrna Dawson

Canada Research Chair in Public Policy in Criminal Justice, Director of the Centre for the Study of Social and Legal Responses to Violence (www.violenceresearch.ca), and Associate Professor, Dept of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Guelph.

Dr. Dawson is co-author of *Violence Against Women in Canada: Research and Policy Perspectives* (Oxford University Press, 2011) and guest editor of the recent special issue 'Fatality and Death Reviews' in the international journal *Homicide Studies*. Dawson co-authored the 2004 background paper upon which Canada's first domestic violence death review committee was built and she currently sits as a member.

Among various ongoing projects, some of her research examines the distribution of filicide over time and geography in Canada as well as the prevention potential of recommendations for change that arise out of domestic homicide death reviews. She has published and lectured internationally across various disciplines and sectors.



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Dr. Adam Tomison

Director, Australian Institute of Criminology

Dr Tomison is internationally recognised as an expert in the field of child maltreatment and the development and operation of child protection and family support systems.

Previous positions have included being Director of the Northern Territory's statutory child protection services, and advising the NT 'Little Children are Sacred' Inquiry into the Protection of Aboriginal Children from Sexual Abuse.

He first became well known for developing and managing Australia's National Child Protection Clearinghouse and the Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault.

He is currently an Honorary Professor at the Australian Catholic University and sits on a number of Boards, including the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime, and the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.



Professor Rebecca Dobash

Emeritus Professor of Social Research
School of Law, University of Manchester, UK

Professor Russell Dobash

Emeritus Professor of Criminology and
Social Policy

Visiting Distinguished Professors in
the School of Justice and Social Inquiry
at Arizona State University, Tempe,
Arizona, USA.

The Dobashes have published internationally award winning books and more than 100 articles and book chapters in the areas of domestic violence, gender and crime, and murder. Their first book, "Violence Against Wives" (Free Press, 1979) established the field of historically and socially contextualized domestic violence studies. The authors of this groundbreaking work were awarded the World Congress of Victimology's International Award for Original Research and Significant Publications in 1980. Their book, "Women, Violence and Social Change" (Routledge, 1992) won the American Society of Criminology Award for Outstanding Comparative Criminology. In 1995, they received the American Society of Criminology's August Vollmer award for significant contributions to criminal justice research and policy. Their latest book, "When Men Murder Women", will be published by Oxford University Press, USA, in 2015.

They both received their bachelor's and master's degrees from Arizona State University and earned their doctorates in sociology at Washington State University in 1972 before taking up academic posts in the United Kingdom including the University of Stirling, Scotland (1972-91), the University of Wales (1991-95) and the University of Manchester (1995-2009) where they are now Emeritus Professors in Criminology in the School of Law. They have also had visiting positions or been invited scholars-in-residence at the Rockefeller Foundation Centre for Fellows in Bellagio, Italy; University of California, Berkeley; Johns Hopkins University; University of Haifa, Israel; and, the University of Melbourne and University of Sydney, Australia.

Russell and Rebecca Dobash are leading scholars internationally in the area of domestic violence and have defined this field of study since their first research on intimate partner violence in the 1970s. Their research has been supported through a number of prestigious awards in the USA from the Fulbright Foundation, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), and the Rockefeller Foundation, and in the UK from the Home Office, the Scottish Executive, the Carnegie Foundation, and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) which is equivalent to the US National Science Foundation. The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation of New York also sponsored their year-long international and multidisciplinary initiative on violence against women.