



NARRATIVE VICTIMOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY: OVERLAP, DISTINCTIONS, AND COMPLEXITIES

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Call for papers

We are pleased to invite you to the 4th conference of Narrative Criminology which will take place from 2 – 4 July 2023 in Antwerp, Belgium, hosted by the Leuven Institute of Criminology, KU Leuven and NSCR, Amsterdam.

Narrative Victimology and Criminology: Overlap, Distinctions and Complexities

Humans are storytelling animals, victims and offenders of crime no different than anyone else. Narrative criminology aims to explain crime and other types of harm as a function of stories that people, as individuals and as groups, tell about the world and themselves in the world. Narrative victimology seeks to do the same regarding people's experiences of being harmed and wronged by others. The research domains might seem to differ in focus: narrative criminology often examines the causal role of stories, the role stories play in harm. Narrative victimology might be more prone to consider the storied consequences of harm, for instance the impact of victimization on life stories. However, there is much overlap as well: victim and offender are hardly mutually exclusive categories, and themes of victimization often resound in offender narratives. There are many similarities between the stories of victimization following severe crime, and those of being incarcerated as a consequence. Such overlaps serve the complexities of doing work in narrative criminology and victimology. To name just a few: how to do justice fully to the lived reality of victims and offenders? How to empathize with subjects' sense of victimization when they have been convicted of abhorrent acts? How to put into words experiences that subjects cannot adequately describe?

We look forward to three days of discussion of these and many other issues in the plenary sessions, the masterclasses, and the parallel sessions. We hope to inspire and gather researchers – criminologists and others – interested in the role of stories and language for crime, harm, and victimization. We hope to stimulate novel theoretical perspectives and original empirical analyses. Multidisciplinary cooperation is important; we seek to involve colleagues from criminology, sociology,

anthropology, psychology, linguistics, political science, philosophy, history, and law in a meaningful exchange across national and disciplinary boundaries.

Submission guidelines

We cordially invite you to submit an abstract for one of the parallel sessions. We encourage various forms of presentations, including but not limited to lecture style presentations, discussions, round tables, Pecha Kucha, etc. **Please indicate in your abstract the form in which you wish to present.**

- **Individual:** a submission for an individual presentation (max. 20 min) must include a title, an abstract of max. 250 words, as well as author name and affiliation. We give preference to submissions that intend to present research that is close to being completed or where significant work has already been done. Individual papers will be arranged into panels by the conference organizers.
- **Pre-arranged panels:** submissions for pre-arranged panels must include a panel title, as well as titles, abstracts, author information (name and affiliation) for each individual paper within a panel. Pre-arranged panels are intended for individual presentations that are similar in theme or content.
Please note that parallel sessions last 1h30m, so please consider the number of presenters per pre-arranged panel.

Submission deadline

The submission deadline is **Friday April 21st, 2023, before 17:00**. Abstracts can be sent to: NCC2023@kuleuven.be.

Review and acceptance

All submissions will be peer-reviewed. Submissions will be reviewed within two weeks of the submission deadline. You will be notified of the acceptance or rejection of your abstract no later than May 5th, 2023.

Registration

Please note that all participants of accepted submissions (individual papers as well as pre-arranged panels) need to register for the conference by June 1st, 2023. Registration can be done using the following link: <https://www.kuleuven.be/register/en/narrative-criminology-conference-2023/step1>.

Registration fees

The registration fees are as follows:

	Early bird (registrations until midnight CET May 15th)	Late bird (registrations from May 16th)
(PhD) students	€140	€160
Other scholars and professionals	€180	€210

The registration fees include: Admission to all the conference sessions, the receptions on July 2nd and July 4th, as well as the coffee breaks and lunches on all days.

Cancellation policy

In case of cancellation of the registration, the following rules apply:

- Any cancellations received before June 16th, 2023, will be fully refunded minus 10% administrative costs.
- No reimbursement will be given for cancellations received after June 16th, 2023.

Final information

Please note that the conference will take place in-person. We cannot offer online participation. Furthermore, presenting authors should be able to attend the whole meeting since we cannot honor requests for a specific day or time.

More information about the conference can be found here: <https://www.law.kuleuven.be/linc/english/ncc/>. The website will be continuously updated with information about the plenary speakers and masterclass instructors as well as any practical information that we need to share with you.