

The 38th Baltic Criminology Seminar: Global Challenges, Local Responses

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Venue: Conference Hall, Tartu University Library (Tartu Ülikooli raamatukogu), W. Struve 1, 50091 Tartu

Thursday, 11 June 2026

Time	Presenter	Title
09:00–10:00	Welcome coffee and registration	
10:00–10:20	Opening of the 38th Baltic Criminology Seminar Welcome addresses	
SESSION 1 Criminological Theory and Societal Perspectives		
10:20–10:45	Algis Cepas Vilnius University, Lithuania	Choosing Truth: Voluntary Belief, Conspiracy Narratives, and the Conditions for Investment Fraud
10:45–11:10	Aldona Kipāne Rīga Stradiņš University, Latvia	Culture as a Criminogenic and Anti-Criminogenic Factor in Multicultural Societies: The Case of Latvia
11:10–11:35	Olga Siegmunt University of Vechta, Germany	Attitudes toward Punishment: Some Theoretical Results
11:35–12:00	Ilona Kronberga Training Centre for Civic Society, Latvia	The Role of War Criminology in a Changing World
12:00–13:00	Lunch break	
SESSION 2 Juvenile Justice, Child Protection and Youth Crime		
13:00–13:25	Natalia Khmelevska Khmelnyskyi University of Management and Law, Ukraine	Wartime Challenges for Juvenile Justice and Child Protection in Ukraine
13:25–13:50	Anna Markovska, Alexy Seryuk IPPPRI, Anglia Ruskin University, UK/ Kharkiv National University of Internal Affairs, Ukraine	Children Online in Wartime Ukraine: Risks of Sexual Abuse and Digital Harm
13:50–14:15	Karoliina Suonpää University of Helsinki, Finland	Do Perceived Sanctions Deter Youth Crime? Evidence from Two Vignette Experiments
14:15–14:40	Oksana Belova-Dalton, Mari-Liis Mägi University of Tartu, Estonia	Radicalisation to violent extremism: Recent developments in Estonia
14:40–15:05	Judit Strömpl University of Tartu, Institute of Social Studies	The Rights and Well-being of Children of Incarcerated Parents
15:05–15:25	Coffee break	
SESSION 3 Gender, Victimisation and Crime		
15:25–15:50	Akvilė Tamulytė Law Institute of the Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences	Gendered Patterns of Intimate Partner Homicide in Lithuania
15:50–16:15	Rimantė Gaičevskytė-Savickė Vilnius University, Lithuania	Rethinking Incarceration: The Role of Mother and Child Homes in Women's Prisons
16:15–16:40	Giulia Lausi Vilnius University, Lithuania	Cognitive Roots of Gender-Based Discrimination: A Comparison between Italy and Lithuania

16:40–17:05	Diana Dajnowicz-Piesiecka University of Białystok, Poland	Criminal Justice Response to Animal Abuse in Poland: Is the Legal Framework Adequate?
17:05	End of Day 1 academic programme	
18:00	Evening reception University of Tartu Botanical Garden · Lai 38, Tartu	

Friday, 12 June 2026

Time	Presenter	Title
09:00–09:30	Morning coffee	
SESSION 4 Prisons, Punishment and Penal Practice		
09:30–09:55	Rūta Vaičiūnienė Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences	The Inmate Code Meets the Risk Assessment: Glocal Prison Governance in Lithuania
09:55–10:20	Anvars Zavackis State Probation Service of Latvia	Who Reoffends? Risk-Based Classification and Recidivism among Probation Clients in Latvia
10:20–10:45	Maria Kopeć University of Warsaw, Poland	Concerning Trends in (Not) Granting Conditional Early Release in Poland
10:45–11:05	Coffee break	
SESSION 4 Prisons, Punishment and Penal Practice (continued)		
11:05–11:30	Justyna Konikowska-Kuczyńska University of Białystok, Poland	Structure of Self-Destructive Behaviours among Prisoners in Polish Correctional Facilities (2011–2025)
11:30–11:55	Kaarel Kraus Estonian Academy of Security Sciences	New Morning: Testing Evidence-Based Change in a Prison Environment
11:55–12:20	Kristjan Kaldur, Kirill Jurkov, Anna-Lisa Aavik, Kätlin Kangur, Helelyn Tammsaar, Kaisa Uik, Anna Markina Institute of Baltic Studies / University of Tartu	Co-creation and Legal Design in Prisons — Is It Possible?!
12:20–12:40	Coffee break	
SESSION 5 Criminal Law and Justice Systems		
12:40–13:05	Aleksandra Stachelska University of Białystok, Poland	When Cannabis Micro-Growers Become “Serious Criminals”: A Court-File Analysis of Drug Production Cases in Poland
13:05–13:30	Katarzyna Syroka-Marczewska University of Warsaw, Poland	Justice in the Digital Era: A Polish Perspective on Global Challenges
13:30–14:00	Aleksandras Dobryninas Vilnius University, Lithuania	What Lessons Can We Draw Today from “Lithuania’s Journey to Abolition”?
14:00–14:30	Anneli Soo University of Tartu, Estonia	Ensuring the Quality of Mental Health Expert Assessments in Criminal Proceedings: The Estonian Example
14:30–14:35	Closing session Conclusions and farewell	
14:35	Farewell buffet lunch	