



Contemporary Societies in Motion
Pioneering qualitative research methods
in the study of deviance and social control

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Press Release

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The two-day international conference entitled '**Contemporary societies in motion: pioneering qualitative research methods in the study of deviance and social control**' has successfully reached its end.

Panels were structured around unique and intriguing discussion topics which included the following: *Doing research on the (inter)net; Between borders and barriers - narrations and discourses; changing paradigms of qualitative research methods; Studying emotions, seductions and harms in crime and punishment; Narrations of the controllers and the controlled; Participatory research approaches; Visual and kinesics.*

The conference also included four panels on the following topics: *Misinformation and fake news; The pandemic Covid-19 - legal, medical, health and sociological outcomes; Qualitative methodologies in criminology; Ethnographic border regime research;* as well as a three-hour workshop entitled *Digital methods in the research about deviance: between qualitative and bog data analysis.*

The keynote speakers **Paul Rock, Rita Faria, and Michael Mills** focused on different methodological aspects of contemporary research approaches, whereas the plenary speakers **Nicolas Demertzis and Joanna Tsiganou** focused on the dynamics of penal law and its transformation through interdisciplinarity and transdisciplinarity.

This unique and innovative effort to promote qualitative research approaches in the field of criminology in Greece was supported by 84 speakers from 39 universities and institutions all across Europe and more specifically: *the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece; the Center for the Study of Crime, Greece; the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece; the Democritus University of Thrace, Greece; the University of Porto, Portugal; the Greek Forensic Society, Greece; the Metropolitan College, Greece; the National Centre for Social Research, Greece; the Open University of Catalonia, Spain; the Panteion University, Greece; the Harokopeio University, Greece; The Hellenic Open University, Greece; the University of the Aegean, Greece; the University of East London, UK; the University*

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It has been a true honour to host this magnificent event. We sincerely thank you for your participation and support and we do hope that this has been the first step towards a bright future where qualitative research in the field of criminology is promoted.

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- **The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NCUA) Department of Communication and Media Studies**
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