

The crime prevention response and global policy-making

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Cesare Beccaria (1738 - 1794)



**„It is better
to prevent crime
rather than to punish it“**

The Beccaria Program

- **Responsible:** Crime Prevention Council of Lower Saxony (CPC)
- **Program content:** (more) Quality in crime prevention
- **single projects e.g. (since 2002):**
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Some crime prevention-key problems of the first decade of the 21. Century

1. existing tools, standards and guidelines are not sufficiently used
2. multidisciplinary cooperation is still underdeveloped (in practice and science)
3. the global prevention knowledge is not in action
4. new types of crime and risks are perceived too late
5. knowledge exchange, discourses and benchmarking are not sufficiently widespread

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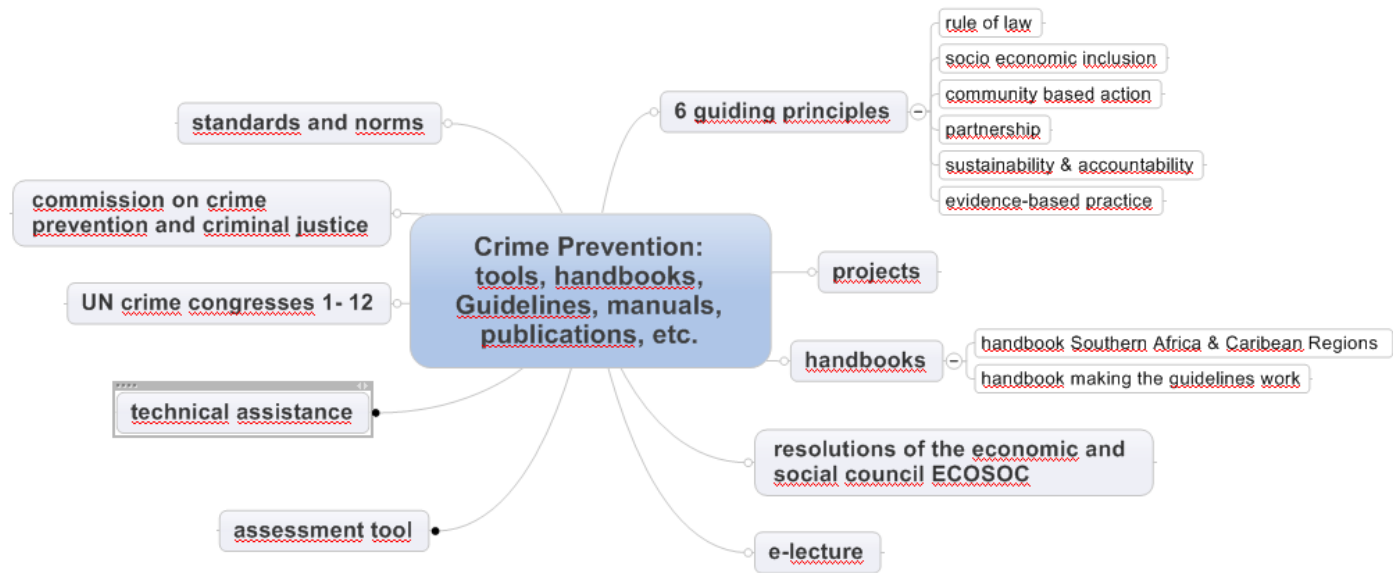
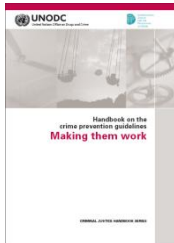
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„To the man who only has a hammer,
everything he encounters
begins to look like a nail“

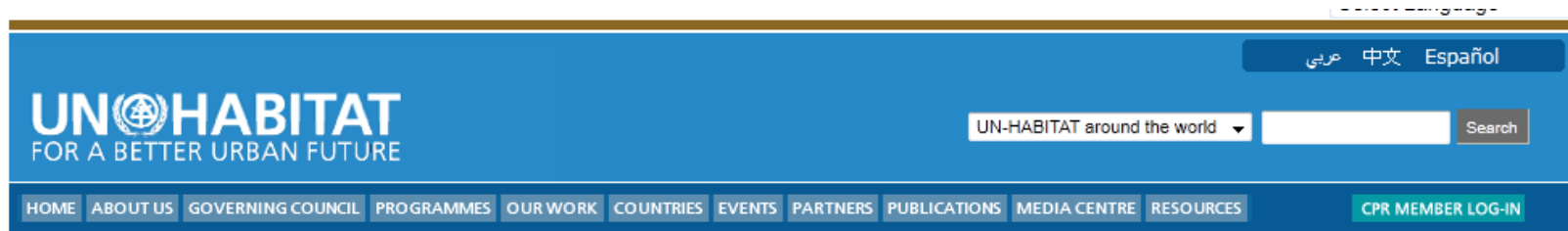
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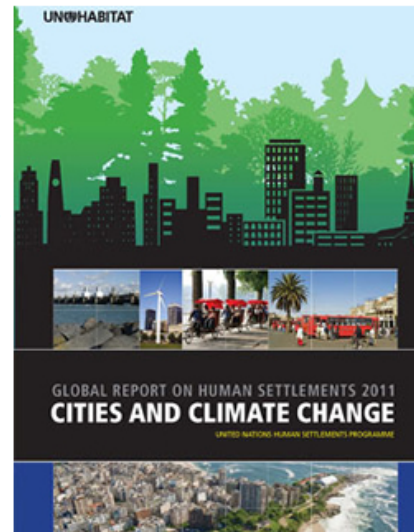
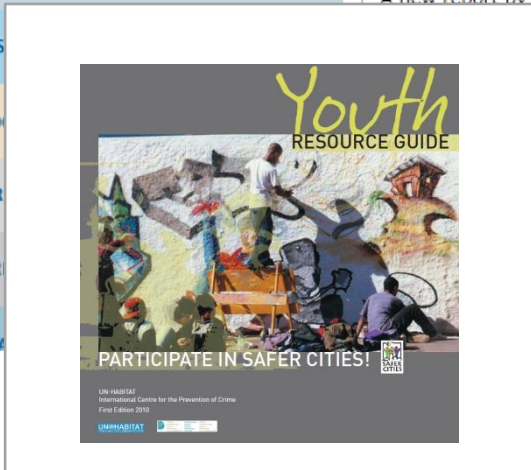
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Cities biggest polluters, says new UN-HABITAT report

A new report by UN-HABITAT says that cities are the biggest cause of pollution of our planet. This is according to UN-HABITAT's new report on Human Settlements: Cities and Climate Change. The report says that rapid urbanisation and more people are living in cities, and that they are therefore contributing to the impacts of climate change. More...



23rd Governing Council

The 23rd Session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) will be held from 11 to 15 April 2011 at the UN-HABITAT headquarters in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya, under the theme of *Sustainable Urban Development through Expanding Equitable Access to Land, Housing, Basic Services*

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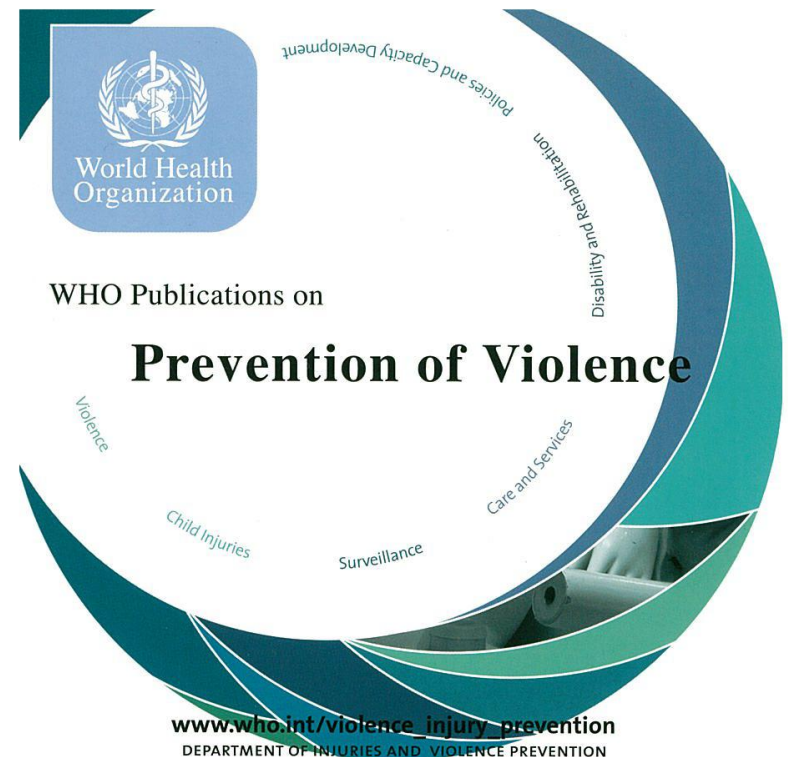
Global Campaign for Violence Prevention

 The Global Campaign for Violence Prevention serves as the main platform for implementing the recommendations of the *World report on violence and health*. The campaign objectives are to raise awareness about the problem of violence, highlight the crucial role that public health can play in addressing its causes and consequences and encourage preventive action at every level of society.

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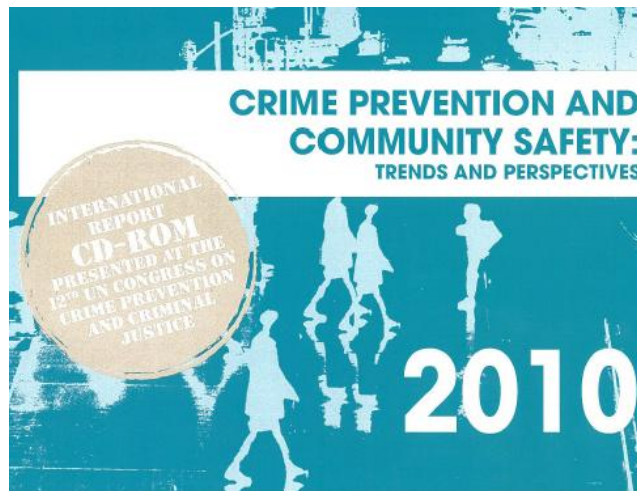
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International Indigenous Community Safety Seminar

The presentations of the speakers during the Seminar are now available.

Date : 27-03-2011

Type : Seminars and International Meetings

Author(s) : ICPC



Handbook on the crime prevention guidelines – Making them work

The Handbook was prepared for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) by Margaret Shaw, Director of Analysis and Exchange at ICPC.

Date : 04-11-2010

Type : Tools and Guides

Author(s) : Margaret Shaw, ICPC



The Proceedings of the Third International Conference on Crime Observatories

The presentations of the speakers during the Conference are now available.

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The Efus is a network of some 300 members -cities, other local elected governments and associated institutions and partners-, who share a common commitment to work at a European level on crime prevention and urban security policies. Its members come from 17 countries. The Efus' mission is to foster multilateral exchanges throughout Europe, but also with other continents, about locally-developed practices and experiences. Through this website, conferences, training sessions, publications and European-financed development projects, the Efus has built a unique body of know-how, competences, and field reports on a wide array of themes linked to crime prevention and urban security. The Forum is an association whose status is that of a non-governmental organisation. If you wish to join the network, [go here](#)

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Multidisciplinary cooperation is still underdeveloped (in practice and science)

- a. crime prevention is not sufficiently embedded in a multidisciplinary prevention network
- b. crime prevention research is not sufficiently embedded in a multidisciplinary (new) “prevention science”
- c. We know it, but Franz von Liszt (1905):
“a good social policy is the best criminal policy”

Why more equal societies almost always do better



Source: *Richard Wilkinson / Kate Pickett:*

The Spirit Level: Why More Equal Societies Almost Always Do Better, London 2009

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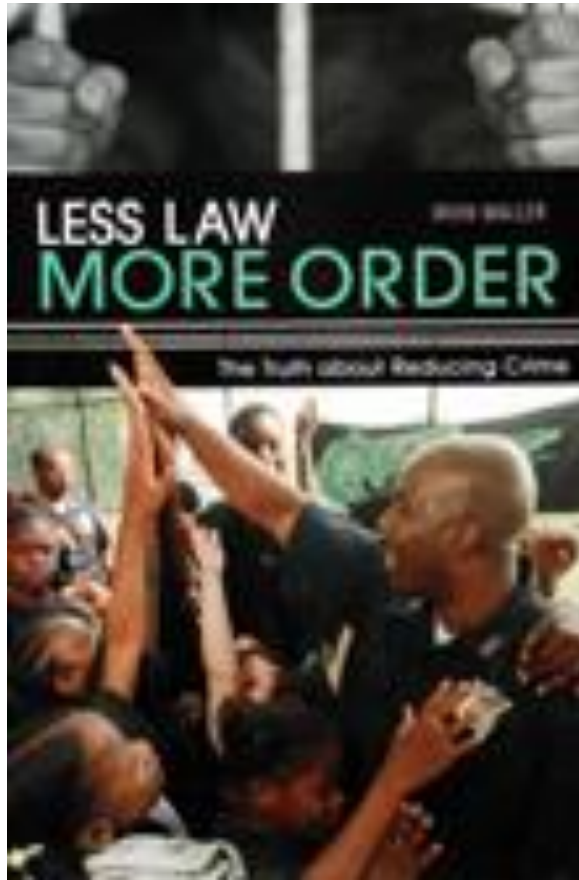
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The global prevention knowledge is not in action

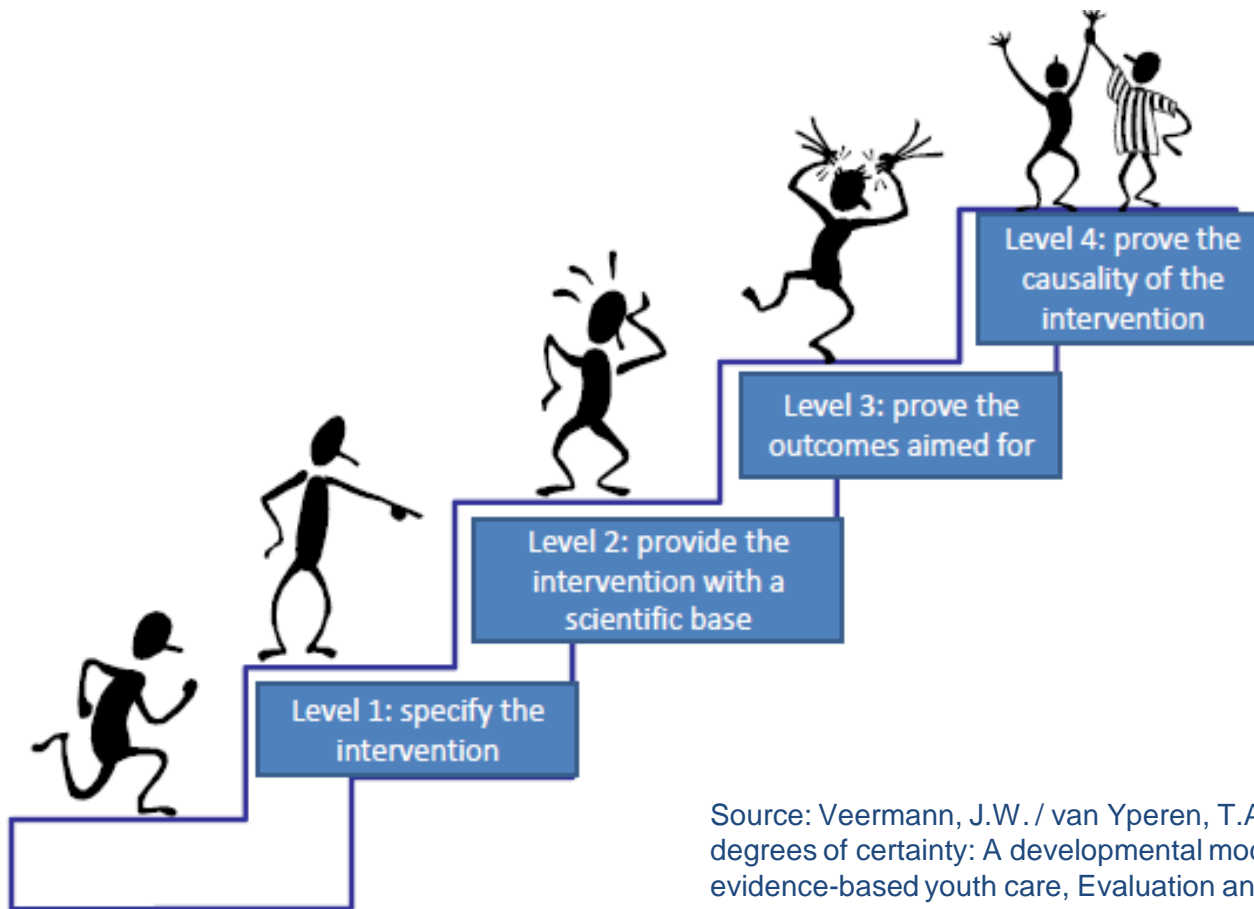
- a. We are still not successfully moving knowledge into action
- b. A kind of "Morbus punitivum" is a common disease
- c. it's an exhausting way to change from "more of the same" and "the fight against crime" to crime prevention as an individual and societal attitude

Professor Irvin Waller



www.irvinwaller.org

A developmental model for the establishment of evidence-based youth care



Source: Veermann, J.W. / van Yperen, T.A. (2007): Degrees of freedom and degrees of certainty: A developmental model for the establishment of evidence-based youth care, *Evaluation and Program Planning* 30: 212 – 221

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New types of crime and risks are perceived to late

- a. Crime prevention has focused too little on the Millennium Development Goals of the UN.
- b. In the Anthropocene, we must develop a new general preventive attitude.
- c. Crime prevention must make a contribution to a kind of "Societal Continuity Management".

The UN-Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)



- (1) Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- (2) Achieve universal primary education
- (3) Promote gender equality and empower women
- (4) Reduce child mortality rates
- (5) Improve maternal health
- (6) Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
- (7) Ensure environmental sustainability
- (8) Develop a global partnership for development

„Anthropocene“

From Wikipedia: the free encyclopedia (2011-04-10)

The **Anthropocene** is a recent and informal geologic [chronological](#) term that serves to mark the evidence and extent of human activities that have had a significant global impact on the [Earth's ecosystems](#). The term was coined in 2000 by the [Nobel Prize-winning atmospheric chemist Paul Crutzen](#), who regards the influence of human behavior on the Earth's atmosphere in recent centuries as so significant as to constitute a new [geological era](#) for its [lithosphere](#).^[*citation needed*] In 2008 a proposal was presented to the Stratigraphy Commission of the [Geological Society of London](#) to make the Anthropocene a formal unit of geological time.^[1] A large majority of that Stratigraphy Commission decided the proposal had merit and should therefore be examined further. Steps are being taken by independent working groups of scientists from various geological societies to determine if the Anthropocene will be formally accepted into the [Geological Time Scale](#).^[2]

Many scientists are now using the term and the [Geological Society of America](#) will host its 2011 annual meeting entitled *Archean to Anthropocene: The past is the key to the future*.^[1] [The Anthropocene has no precise start date, but based on atmospheric evidence may be considered to start with the Industrial Revolution \(late 18th century\)](#).^{[1][3]} Other scientists link it to earlier events, such as the rise of [agriculture](#). Local evidence and questions world-wide, relative to growing human influence on land use, [ecosystems](#), [biodiversity](#) and species [extinctions](#), may have begun as early as 14,000 to 15,000 years before present, based on lithospheric evidence; this has led other scientists to suggest that "the onset of the Anthropocene should be extended back many thousand years";^[4] this would be closely synchronous with the current term, [Holocene](#).

Societal Continuity Management

The focus of crime-prevention activities continues to be on the areas of mass, violent and youth crime; however, other areas such as economic crime are increasing in significance.

We must not lose sight of the fact that our current global problems require a new and fundamental focus on prevention. We therefore need new goals, priorities and strategies in prevention and crime prevention.

In the economic world, we know a lot about Business Continuity Management, but we are still not good enough in Societal Continuity Management.

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Knowledge exchange, discourses and benchmarking are not sufficiently widespread

- a. Concepts at local, regional, national and global levels are poorly networked
- b. if we only knew what we know about crime prevention
- c. Concepts, project reports and evaluations must be more on the Internet published and discussed
- d. Besides the very important structures of supranational institutions like the UN and key research institutions as well as NGOs, there is almost no additional wiki orientation

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The **BECCARIA-PORTAL** aims at the transfer of knowledge in criminology and crime prevention. The exchange, the dialogue and the networking in the field of crime prevention are promoted through a professional knowledge and information management system.

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administrators, academics, practitioners and people interested in crime prevention.

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At a glance: Experts, professionals and people interested in crime prevention find information and the possibility to interact.

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**"If you want to build a ship,
don't drum up people to collect wood
and don't assign them tasks and work,
but rather teach them
to long for the endless immensity of the sea."**

Antoine de Saint-Exupery (1900 – 1944)