



Nordic Research Council for Criminology

Nordic Research Council for Criminology (NSfK) Interim Council Meeting

Date: 8 May 2023

Times: 18:20-19:30

Venue: Room B4 Scandic Aulanko, Finland

Present: *From the Council: Heidi Mork Lomell, Mikko Aaltonen, Anna-Karin Ivert, Arnt Even Hustad, Helene Huhta, Minna Piispa, Erik Grevholt, Tove Pettersson, Linda Kjær Minke, Hanna Rún Sverrisdóttir, Rannveig Þórisdóttir, Kolbrun Benediktsdóttir*

From the journals: Sebastien Tutenges (editor, Nordic Journal of Criminology), Anette Storgaard (editor, Nordisk Tidsskrift for Kriminalvidenskab)

From the Secretariat: Maud Hol and Per Jørgen Ystehede

Not present: *Ragnhild Hennem, Anne-Julie Boesen Pedersen, Annick Prieur*

Minute taker: *Per Jørgen Ystehede*

Welcome and introduction with Quorum and agenda

The Chair presented the agenda. Agenda approved.

Nordic Journal of Criminology & Nordisk Tidsskrift for Kriminalvidenskab

Presentations of the journals by the editors based on the annual reports (Appendix 1 & 2).

Nordic Journal of Criminology/ editor Sébastien Tutenges: The main change this year is that the journal has left Taylor and Francis and joined Scandinavian University Press. The editor finds this to be an improvement, for instance in regards to improved language editing and service. Nordic Journal of Criminology plans a special issue coming up this Fall with

guest editor Isabel Schoultz on the exploitation of migrant workers in the Nordic. The ambition is to get even more submissions, where one selling point is the thorough, quick review process the journal offers.

Nordisk Tidsskrift for Kriminalvidenskab/Anette Storgaard: There has been two board meetings of the new board after NSfK became further involved in the running of the journal. The editor is, together with the NSfK secretariat, in the process of finalizing the practical administrative matters involved in the move. The editor admitted to that there was a challenge to find good manuscripts. In part as an answer to this, Nordisk Tidsskrift now also offer the possibility to publish essays which are not peer reviewed. There is also a challenge to get Finnish researchers to publish in the journal. Finnish Council member Mikko Aaltonen suggested there is a potential for getting hold of Finnish PhD articles as well as to reach out to legal researchers conducting research on matters of criminal law.

Call for Research grants 2024

The call for research grant 2024 will be announced October 11th and the deadline will be December 11th 2023.

The Council discussed whether or not to increase the amount for the grants in the next call. Given Norwegian currency is at the moment quite low, this may dissuade applicants from the other Nordic countries.

The Chair and the Secretary was given the task of considering this, and the final version of the Call will be finally approved by the Council mid-September.

NSfK Research Seminar 2024

The NSfK Research Seminar 2024 will be held in Skåne, Sweden. The Swedish Council members has suggested the topic of the seminar to be: Causes of youth crime and policy implications.

The Council was in favor of this idea and there was suggested one should already plan for reaching out to a keynote speaker that could summarize developments in Nordic countries.

Another suggestion for a keynote speaker was Markus Kaakinen who then would present the findings from the NSfK funded project "Street Gang Involvement Among Nordic Youth: A comparative study on prevalence and risk factors in Nordic Countries".

The Secretariat will initiate the tender competition for a suitable venue.

The Swedish council members suggested May 6th-8th, but May 9th is Ascension Day, and therefore problematic for amongst others the Icelandic council members.

An alternative could be either May 13th-15th or May 22nd-24th. The secretariat suggests May 13th-15th.

NSfK – Future organisation

The Chair and Council Member Minna Piispa provided a short update on dialogues with HEUNI regarding the potential move of the administrative functions to HEUNI. The dialogue is still in its early phases and memo's concerning the role of the chair as well as specifics regarding the daily running of NSfK is under review.

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Suggestion for contact seminar/working group by council member Pedersen will be circulated and discussed via electronic mail.