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Welcome to the First Edition of The Bulletin!

Group Co-Leaders: A/Prof Patrick F Walsh, A/Prof Phil Birch

Phil and I are excited to launch this latest initiative for our Home Affairs, Policing & Security Science (HAPSS) research group – the inaugural newsletter *The Bulletin*. As you may be aware in recent months, we have been busy establishing a new strategic path for HAPSS and its members who are involved in home affairs, policing and security sciences research. We have launched a new website (<https://bjbs.csu.edu.au/research/areas/home-affairs-policing-and-security-science#horizontalTab4>), outlining our key research priorities and themes, and in our recent (July) meeting we laid out our strategy in order to maintain and build on the strengths of the group. HAPSS has the aim of advancing public and community safety across Australia and globally through multi-disciplinary, collaborative, industry relevant research in ways that promote impactful research and support its members whether they are early, mid or late career researchers. There will be forthcoming announcements with regards to the role HAPSS has with Honours, Professional Doctorate and PhD students researching in this area, as well as our Research Associates Initiative – so watch this space.

The Bulletin, which will be published twice a year, is just one-way HAPSS will promote impactful research and support researchers at all stages of their career, along with building our research culture. In this inaugural edition we have a fascinating *in focus* piece by Dr Preece and Dr Neher on illicit tobacco markets. HAPSS members have also been involved in international webinars this year on topics such as security implications of the emerging 5G network and in the *meet and greet* section we have two great member profiles from Professor Mark Nolan and Dr Amber McKinley on their impactful research agendas. *The Bulletin* also highlights some recent publications from HAPSS members. Congratulations to HAPSS members A/Professor Hank Prunckun/Dr Troy Whitford and A/Professor Phil Birch for their new books on terrorism and prison & community corrections respectively. A full list of recent publications by HAPSS members are listed on the website (see links in this newsletter).

We expect this newsletter, *The Bulletin*, to grow over time. If you have any suggestions for how we may improve the newsletter or indeed have content for our next edition, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Phil.

Patrick & Phil

HAPSS Group Co-Leaders

News & Events



In Focus

Estimation of the Illicit Tobacco Market in Australia

By Dr Robert Preece & Dr Alain Neher*

Illicit tobacco has become a truly global problem from which Australia has not been immune. One challenge is estimating the extent of illicit tobacco products in the market, with a number of organisations attempting such studies in Australia in recent years and through use of differing methodologies have arrived at materially different estimates.

This study '*the extent of the illicit cigarette market in Australia: using publicly available data in a 'top-down' approach to estimation*' recently published in the World Customs Journal (for further reading please see: <https://www.customscentre.com/research-and-publications/cces-research-and-publications>), found a significant range in the estimates made of the size of the Australian illicit tobacco market. Around 2016/17 for example, estimates range from 3.8% to 15% which makes policy development and other responses more difficult as there is such a wide divergence in the size of the problem.

What this study has tried to do is look at a new approach, being that of a 'top down' methodology that looks to identify total tobacco consumption then deduct lawful duty paid volumes released into the market. The assumption then is that where total tax paid clearances are less than total consumption then the balance is non-tax paid (ie illicit).

This study found that Australia does not have reliable official consumption data, rather tobacco consumption as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics is based upon Australian Taxation Office (ATO) tax payment data. This consumption equals tax paid clearances! Instead, the study purchased Australian tobacco market data from an independent market research firm that utilises a 'supply chain analysis' approach to identify total tobacco consumption, then with the support of Treasury, was able to deduct tax paid clearances. Using this approach, the study believes the illicit tobacco market in Australia is just over 6% and much closer to the official government estimates, than those estimates funded by industry.

**Dr Alain Neher and Dr Robert Preece have a conference paper accepted – titled "Measuring illicit tobacco using a macro-social marketing lens: The Australian case" – to be presented at the 2021 International Social Marketing Conference.*

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In Focus

All Five Eyes on 5G Webinar 9th June 2020

**CONFERENCE OF DEFENCE ASSOCIATIONS INSTITUTE
EXPERT SERIES WEBINAR
ALL FIVE EYES ON 5G**

JUNE 8TH 2020: 15:00 EDT, 20:00 BST,
JUNE 9TH 2020: 05:00 AEST, 07:00 NZST *

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*GIVEN THE TIME ZONE CHALLENGES, ALL REGISTERED GUESTS WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW THE EVENT AT A LATER TIME (WHICH WILL MEAN FORGOING THE LIVE Q&A).

In 9th June 2020, HAPSS Co-Chair Assoc Prof Patrick F Walsh was invited to present in an expert series webinar run by the Canadian Defence Alliance (CDA) in collaboration with the Center for a New American Security (CNAS). The webinar's focus was on the security risks related to new 5G technology and its implications for 'Five Eyes' countries (Australia, UK, US, Canada and New Zealand), particularly the role of China's telecommunication company—Huawei. The webinar was moderated by Richard Fadden, OC, former director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and National Security Advisor to Prime Ministers Harper and Trudeau. The webinar was attended by over 900 participants from 26 nations. Assoc Prof Walsh focused on security risks to Australia related to 5G and recent policy decisions by the Australian government.

Grants & Projects

In 2020, HAPSS Research Group receives grants and projects. The following list is just a select few:

- Huang, C., Huang, X., Zhou, J. National Natural Science Foundation of China. \$133,000.
- Roberts, R., Dwivedi, A., Jenkins, S., Bambray, L., Frost, M., Neher, A., Sutton, C., and O'Meara, P. Charles Sturt University COVID-19 Research Grant (2020). \$30,000.
- Miller, S., Walsh, P., (CI), Bradbury R., and Henschke, A. 2018-2021: Australian Research Council Discovery Grant, Intelligence and National Security: Ethics, Efficacy and Accountability. \$277,551.
- Birch, P., Ireland, J.L., Ireland, C.A., Lewis M. and De Silva, R. QR GCRF funding program, UK. \$24,030
- Post Crisis Disaster Management: Identifying Mental Health Difficulties and Risk/Protective Factors for Recovery in the Sri Lanka Military. *Chief Investigators:* Professor Jane Ireland, Dr Carol Ireland, Dr Michael Lewis, Ms Reneesha De Silva (UCLan) and A/Professor Philip Birch (Charles Sturt University, Aus.).
- Self-harm and death by suicide in the Australian Defence Force 1963-2020. Submission to COL N. Surtees, Provost Marshal ADF. *Chief Investigators:* Dr Amber McKinley and Emma Wintle (Charles Sturt University, Aus.).
- Disaster Fraud in Oceania: An Exploratory Study. *Chief Investigators:* Dr Jamie Ferrill (Charles Sturt University, Aus.).

For a full list of current grants & projects please refer to: <https://bjbs.csu.edu.au/research/areas/home-affairs-policing-and-security-science#horizontalTab4>.

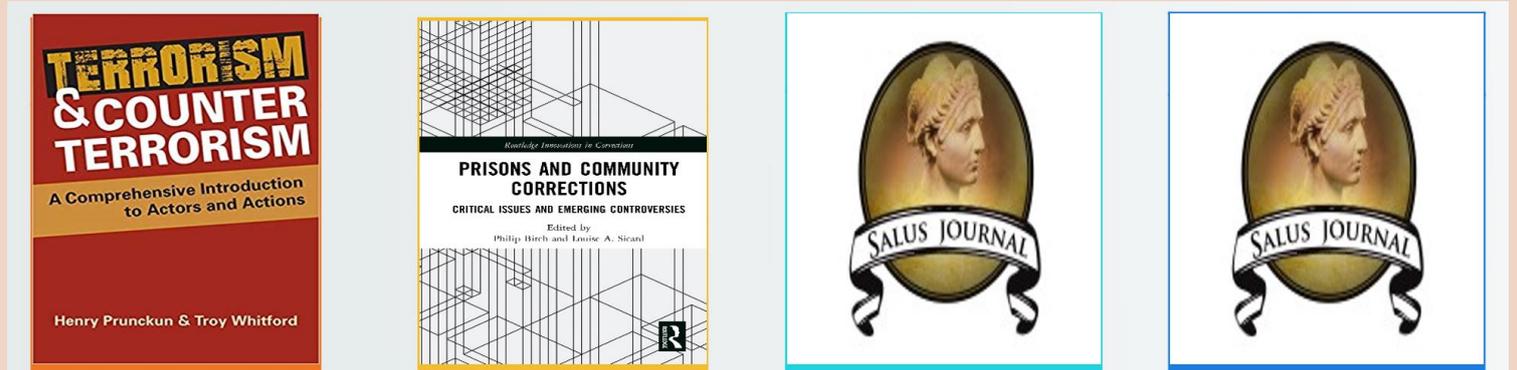
HAPSS Research in Focus

HAPSS Research Group involved in diverse disciplines and knowledge areas. The following list is just a select few:

<p>Keynote Presentations Kashubsky, M. (2020) INCU's role in international customs education, new trends and WCO PICARD Strategy 2030, 10 February 2020, Russian Customs Academy, Moscow, Russia.</p> 	<p>Government and Related Submissions Widdowson, D. (2020) Submission to the Parliament of Australia Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Inquiry into Australia activating greater trade and investment with Pacific island countries, 11 February 2020</p> 	<p>Media Gaffey, J. contribution to McLaughlin, J. (2020, March 9). Journalist Monique Patterson publishes book on Stephanie Scott's death, 'United in Grief'. <i>The Daily Advertiser</i>.</p> 
<p>Research Reports McKinley, A., and Wintle, E., (2020). Unintended Consequences: Changes to reporting, complaints, investigations and prosecution of sexual offences in the Australian Defence Force. Submitted to COL N. Surtees, Provost Marshal ADF. Canberra: CSU.</p> 	<p>Peer Reviewed Conference Papers Rahman, M. A., Al-Saggaf, Y., and Zia, T. (2020). A Data Mining Framework to Predict Cyber Attack for Cyber Security. In The 15th IEEE Conference on Industrial Electronics and Applications (ICIEA2020) IEEE Xplore.</p> 	

For a full list of current research focus please see: <https://bjbs.csu.edu.au/research/areas/home-affairs-policing-and-security-science#horizontalTab4>.

Publications:



Please refer to: https://www.riener.com/title/Terrorism_and_Counterterrorism_A_Comprehensive_Introduction_to_Actors_and_Actions

Please refer to: <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/e/9781003010562>

Current and past issues are available now. The editors (Associate Professor Philip Birch and Dr Emma Colvin) are accepting papers for 2021 issues. Please refer to: <https://salusjournal.com/>

Special issue journal, September 2020: "Psychological perspectives for addressing mental health within the criminal justice system" with guest editors: Dr Paola Castillo and Associate Professor Andrew McGrath, School of Psychology at Charles Sturt University.

Meet & Greet

With Professor Mark Nolan

Professor Mark Nolan is an interdisciplinary legal scholar with qualifications in law, honours, and doctoral training in social psychology. Prior to becoming Director of the Centre for Law and Justice at Charles Sturt University in April 2020, Mark worked at the ANU College of Law, the Australian National University (ANU), Canberra since 2002.

What are your latest research projects?

Currently working on an analysis of decided cases about post-sentence detention and monitoring of those prisoners due to be released from prison but suspected of being at risk of their first or repeated terrorist offences. I presented about this in a research seminar held online for the Charles Sturt University, the Centre for Law and Justice in May 2020.

Also, part of a cross-campus project on social cohesion at ANU, I am helping to research the impact of various laws (including national security, intelligence, and policing laws) on social cohesion and community resilience.

Otherwise, also working on a number of projects less related to home affairs, policing and security science related include experimental work on compassion in sentencing and jury decision-making.



Qualifications:

- School of Psychology, ANU, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Social Psychology, 1998 – 2003.
- ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, Master of Asia Pacific Studies Thai language and Thai studies, 2009 – 2013.
- ANU College of Law, ANU, Bachelor of Laws (LLB), 1990 – 1997.
- School of Psychology, ANU, Bachelor of Science (BSc (Hons)) Psychology First Class Honours, 1990 – 1995.

How and where you integrate your research into your teaching?

Previous teaching at ANU has included using experimental and other legal psychological and policy work in subjects such as Law and Psychology taught to law students and guest lecturing into forensic psychology courses and subjects in ANU and Charles Sturt University. I have also taught sessions about counter-terrorism law into Charles Sturt University terrorism workshops and subjects courses taught to public servants working in the area of national security in a range of government agencies. I have co-authored a monograph on law and psychology that is used in a number of law and psychology and criminology courses. As well as teaching federal criminal law and Australian military discipline law to ADF legal officers, I have also enjoyed teaching legal literacy courses to detainees in prison. I also co-authored a literature review on memory of complainants of historical institutional child sexual abuse for the Royal Commission and that material has assisted the teaching of law and psychology students.

What are the gaps or growth areas in your research area?

I would like to see much more work on young offenders, especially work on young people suspected of and charged with terrorism offences or who have counter-terrorism powers used against them. More work on federal criminal law is also important. The use of structured professional judgment and other forms of risk assessment in legal cases is still evolving as are particular tools used to predict the risk of extremism and recidivism in terrorism offending. Legal psychologists should probably also think about how psychology assists in understanding sub-disciplines of civil law beyond the typical study of criminal law, family law, child welfare and care and protection law, as well jury dynamics. With some expertise in Asian studies (particularly in Japan and Thailand) I like to see researchers combine law, psychology and Asian student research experts to understand law and policy in criminal justice or other areas of legal regulation and home affairs.

Meet & Greet

With Dr Amber C McKinley

Dr Amber C McKinley is a Clinical and Forensic Victimologist and a senior lecturer at Charles Sturt University's Australian Graduate School of Policing and Security (AGSPS), based in Barton, ACT. She lectures in Theoretical, Applied and Forensic Victimology (JST345). Her other roles include (Specialist Reserve) Squadron Leader in the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and she works with the Joint Military Police Unit (JMPU) where she research and writes reports on sexual offences and sudden death for the Provost Marshal-ADF.

What are your latest research projects?

There is a short collaborative project between Charles Sturt University, DT Institute, DT Global, Ropes and Gray (US) and Global Alms (Thailand) where the aim of this study is to analyse the policies and operational plans of relevant Australian Public Sector (APS) Agencies- Namely Australian Federal Police, Department of Home Affairs, Attorney General's Department, as they relate to the issue of transnational crime (TNC) within the Mekong region. This review examined the stated Australian Government policy on TNC and each agency's TNC policies or operational plans, their alignment with Australian Government policy, and the extent to which these APS agencies provide a coordinated and aligned response to the Australian Policies.

The second project is being completed as part of my specialist reserve role (SQNLDR RAAF) and is using the principles of thanatology to create a reductive model for current serving ADF members and veterans to avoid death by suicide.

The final project, which I am just starting now, is an exercise in comparison and contrast between the 'Five Eyes' nations, New South Wales and Victorian Police of how they face the challenges of sexual offences with a nexus to their agency and how they balance a trauma informed, victim-centric approach to investigation and their agency's mission and brand.

How and where you integrate your research into your teaching?

The subject that I teach JST345, Theoretical, Applied and Forensic Victimology is very applied. We use case study's Coronial reports and other similar materials to test theory against reality. I learn a lot from my student's and often integrate their experiences into the course material, Forums and discussions. I also lecture for the Australian Federal Police, Australian Defence Force, Defence Force School of Policing and other guest lecturer roles.

What are the gaps or growth areas in your research area?

There are significant gaps in victimology, although academics and practitioners worldwide are working to change that. Three separate theories that are being tested and analysed are deviant place theory, victim precipitation and lifestyle theory. I believe that these theories when considered separately in the modern world could change some of the ways we do our business, but more importantly, when combined with routine activity theory encompass 'conditional vulnerability' (McKinley & Wintle, 2020).



Qualifications:

- Currently studying Graduate Certificate in Bereavement Counselling and Intervention.
- Faculty of Social Science, Bond University, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) on Homicide Solvability and Victimology, 2008-2015.
- School of Political and Social Inquiry, Monash University, Masters of Criminal Justice, 2004-2005.
- University of Western Sydney, Bachelor of Arts-Liberal Studies, 1990-1993.

Scholarships



For each scholarship, please refer to:

- <https://my.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowship-application>
- https://www.researchprofessional.com/funding/opportunity/2682399?utm_medium=email&utm_source=rpMailing&utm_campaign=personalFundingAlerts_2020-07-24
- https://www.researchprofessional.com/funding/opportunity/2682403?utm_medium=email&utm_source=rpMailing&utm_campaign=personalFundingAlerts_2020-07-24
- <https://research.csu.edu.au/study-with-us/scholarships>

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- https://academic.oup.com/bjsw/search-results?f_Authors=Martin+Elliott
- https://www.bjs.gov/?utm_content=june2020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
- <https://academic.oup.com/ajcl/article/67/4/701/5748359>
- <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rcac20/current>

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ETHICS NEWS

The Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) resources for researchers

The HREC website (<https://research.csu.edu.au/integrity-ethics-compliance/human>) includes considerable information for staff and students developing or undertaking a research project involving the collection of data from humans and/or the use of human data.

Ethic Cafés

The HREC holds a one-hour Ethic Café each month for staff and students who are undertaking research projects which require human research ethics approval.

Registration through the Research Office's professional Development Calendar: <https://research.csu.edu.au/research-support/professional-development/calendar>

Remaining dates and times for 2020:

1. 14 September 2020, 10-11am
2. 26 October 2020, 10-11am
3. 30 November 2020, 10-11am

HREC Meeting

The remaining HREC meetings are below. The HREC will not meet again until the first Monday in February 2021.

Panel 1		Panel 2	
Agenda Close	Meeting Date	Agenda Close Date	Meeting Date
Monday, 7 September	Monday, 21 September	Monday, 28 September	Monday, 12 October
Tuesday, 6 October	Monday, 19 October	Monday, 26 October	Monday, 9 November
Monday, 2 November	Monday, 16 November	Monday, 23 November	Monday, 7 December