

Globalised Crime – Globalised Prosecution

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Description:

On June 15 2015, the annual ALES conference took place at the ceremonial hall of the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior, dealing with questions regarding transnational police and judicial cooperation in prosecution. In the course of the conference entitled “Globalised Crime – Globalised Prosecution?”, this topic was examined from different angles: On the one hand, the existing framework for police and judicial cooperation was fleshed out. On the other hand, future instruments regarding prosecution within the European Union were discussed as well.

The first presentation given by Mag. *Regine Wieselthaler-Buchmann*, head of the department II/BK/2 – International Police Cooperation at the Federal Criminal Police Office (Bundeskriminalamt), outlined the development of international police cooperation. In the second lecture,

Honorary Professor Dr. *Fritz Zeder*, head of the department IV 2 – Criminal Supplementary Law and Multilateral Cooperation in Criminal Affairs at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice, presented the actual state of discussion and elaborated on open questions regarding the European Public Prosecutor’s Office. Subsequently, Professor Dr. *Sabine Gless* from the University of Basel covered the Directive 2014/41/EU regarding the European Investigation Order in criminal matters and the challenges coming along with this legal act. The fourth and last lecture was delivered by University Professor Dr. *Verena Murschetz*, University of Innsbruck, and examined the fundamental rights dimension and associated challenges in the context of transnational cooperation.

In the concluding panel discussion entitled “Practical problems of cross-border prosecution”, the audience was invited to join the discussion. The discussants were Mag. *Christoph Bauer*, judge at the Regional Criminal Court in Vienna, Dr. *Michael Schietz*, public prosecutor concerned with international affairs at the public prosecutor’s office in Vienna, Dr. *Alexia Stuefer*, advocate and partner in the law firm Soyer Kier Stuefer, and Colonel *Gerald Tatzgern*, BA, MA, head of the Central Office for Combating Organised Immigration Crime, Human Trafficking and Cross-border Trafficking for the Purpose of Prostitution at the Federal Criminal Police Office. University Professor Dr. *Susanne Reindl-Krauskopf* moderated the talk, and the panel debated aspects and difficulties in the day-to-day practice of transnational cooperation.

Closing Date:

June 15, 2015

Partner:

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Publication of research results:

A first short report on the course of the conference can be found following the link: <http://ales.univie.ac.at/veranstaltungen/> (unfortunately available in German only).



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The presentations and all contributions to the discussion are going to be documented in conference proceedings and subsequently published in the book series “Kriminalwissenschaften in Theorie und Praxis”, edited by Grafl/Klob/Reindl-Krauskopf/Winter (forthcoming).