

# Violence Trends Project

## Research Team

### Professor Andromachi Tseloni (PI)



Andromachi Tseloni is Professor of Quantitative Criminology with expertise in victimisation theory, applied social statistics and econometrics. Andromachi's research, published in academic journals, edited books, chapters and reports, revolves around five broad themes: criminal victimisation inequalities; the crime drop; crime perceptions; social capital and cross-national comparisons. She is currently Treasurer of the British Society of Criminology and a Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership Board member. She leads the Quantitative and Spatial Criminology Research Group at Nottingham Trent University working on research projects informing crime prevention and community policing.

Her research on criminal victimisation inequalities and falling crime rates has influenced the way victimisation is conceptualised, measured and analysed and informs successful crime reduction – prevention policies. Her recent book on individual and contextual protective and risk factors of single and repeat criminal victimisation, *Using modelling to predict and prevent victimisation* (Springer, 2014) co-authored with Professor Ken Pease (UCL), reflects the practical application of her work on individual and contextual factors influencing crime inequalities.

Her collaborative research on the crime drop has offered fresh insights for crime prevention and methodology for evaluating the impact of security on crime. Her earlier book *The International Crime Drop: New Directions in Research* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012) which she co-edited with Professor Jan van Dijk (Tilburg University) and Professor Graham Farrell (University of Leeds) outlines this perspective on the crime drop.

Her work has been funded by the European Commission, Research Councils and the Home Office. She has recently led the Violence Trends Project (2015-2016); and the Burglary and Security Project (2013-2015), both funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, Secondary Data Analysis Initiative Phases 1 and 2. She is contributing to a Knowledge Transfer Partnership with the Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership and the Nottingham Police and Crime Commissioner on Shop-theft (2014-2017); and the East Midlands Police Academic Collaboration (EMPAC) Projects on Local and Community Policing (2015-2017).



## Professor Graham Farrell



Graham Farrell is Professor of International and Comparative Crime Science in the School of Law at the University of Leeds. He was a professor at Simon Fraser University in Canada and before that at Loughborough University. In the United States he was associate professor at the University of Cincinnati, Deputy Research Director at the Police Foundation in Washington D.C, and visiting assistant professor at Rutgers University. He completed his PhD in 1993 at the University of Manchester and was a Research Associate at the University of Oxford then an International Expert at the United Nations in Vienna. In 2007/8 he conducted fieldwork in Afghanistan to evaluate progress in United Nations projects to improve the criminal justice system. He has directed research projects funded by sources including the US Department of Justice, the Canadian Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management, the Economic and Social Research Council, the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, and the European Community, and has worked with police forces in Canada, the UK and the US, as well as with Interpol and the World Customs Organization. His research covers many areas of security and crime science, policing, and crime prevention, but particularly the area of repeat victimization and crime concentration. For much of the last decade he has worked on the security hypothesis as an explanation for why crime has declined in most of the developed world. He has published or edited 15 books and monographs, and over 100 other research studies.

## Professor Nick Tilley, OBE



Professor Nick Tilley is a member of UCL's Jill Dando Institute. He is also an Adjunct Professor in the Griffith Criminology Institute, Brisbane. His long-term research interests concern policing, crime prevention or programme evaluation methodology. Current projects relate to the international crime drop, what works in crime reduction and the prevention of youth related sexual abuse and violence. He was awarded an OBE for services to policing and crime reduction in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2005 and elected a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences (FACSS) in 2009.

## Dr Soenita Ganpat



Soenita Ganpat is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow on the Violence Trends project & Lecturer in Sociology at Nottingham Trent University. She is part of the Quantitative and Spatial Criminology Research Group at Nottingham Trent University.

Soenita completed her PhD research at Leiden University (The Netherlands) where she examined violence, with a focus on

homicide, at the Institute for Criminal Law & Criminology. The investigations of her PhD research focused on the role of personal characteristics and immediate situational factors on lethal vs. non-lethal outcomes of violent events. This study, which also included stranger and acquaintance violence, is particularly relevant as it is not one-sided and orientated on the offender, but instead it also considers the role of the victim and third parties in serious violent events. Her PhD work has been published as a book, titled *'Dead or Alive? The Role of Personal Characteristics and Immediate Situational Factors in the Outcome of Serious violence'*.

She also played an active role in maintaining and further expanding the Dutch Homicide Monitor to provide the most reliable overview of homicide in the Netherlands. She furthermore contributed to an international homicide research project, financed by the European Union, aimed at building the first joint database on homicide in Europe, the European Homicide Monitor.

Her work has been published in numerous academic journals and she has written several book chapters on violence and homicide.

Ganpat's research focuses in particular on homicide, violence, interaction between offender-victim-third parties, personal characteristics of offenders and victims, immediate situational factors (e.g., alcohol use, weapon use, presence of third parties, and time and location) and quantitative research methods.



## Dr Laura Garius



Laura is a Lecturer in Criminology at Nottingham Trent University (NTU) and her research interests include trends in both violent and property crime. Her doctorate examined the decline in night-time economy violence (physical assault) during the international crime drop phenomenon - and went on to model the risk of both assault victimisation, and severity of assault, in this night-time economy context.

Laura is currently conducting research around local and national shop theft trends. This work is conducted as part of a Knowledge Transfer Partnership between NTU and the Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership (NCDP), and involves estimating the true scale of shop theft by different retail sectors, examining contextual and individual-level risk factors, and engaging with prolific shop theft offenders and retailers in order to determine offender modus operandi and the perceived efficacy of security measures - in an effort to prevent shop theft both locally and nationally.

## Dr Becky Thompson



Becky is a Senior Lecturer in Criminology at Nottingham Trent University (NTU). Her research focuses upon acquisitive crime, namely burglary, theft and robbery. More recently, as part of a regional collaboration of police and academics, she has been carrying out research relating to anti-social behaviour.

Becky has a strong interest in police-academic collaboration; working with a variety of external partners in an attempt to bridge the gap between academic research, policy and practice. To this end, she is an active member of the East Midlands Policing Academic Collaboration (EMPAC) and plays a key role in the EMPAC Local and Community Policing network at NTU (for more details, follow the network on Twitter: @EMPAClocal).

Prior to joining NTU, Becky worked for Leicestershire Constabulary as well as holding a number of research positions. These research posts involved carrying out policing-related research alongside public and voluntary sector partners. Her work with Professor Andromachi Tseloni (PI), Professor Graham Farrell, Professor Nick Tilley and Dr Louise Grove has informed both local and national policy relating to burglary security.

