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### IJJO DAY BY DAY



12/12/2014

INTERNATIONAL

*Latin American delegation conducts a study visit to Europe and participates in the EUROsociAL II programme's session during the 6th IJJO International Conference.*

OIJJ

From 1 to 5 December 2014, the IJJO organised a study visit in London, Brussels and The Hague, including a meeting for the raising of issues in juvenile justice in Latin America. Participants included representatives from Latin American institutions and governments competent in the field of juvenile justice. In Brussels, they had the opportunity to participate in the 6th IJJO International Conference through the Workshop 'Reforming and Strengthening Public Policies on Juvenile Justice in Latin America - EUROsociAL II'. The study visit and meeting took place as part of the technical support service developed by the IJJO together with Latin American governments in the field of juvenile justice, under the EUROsociAL II Programme, financed by the European Union. [+]



22/12/2014

EUROPE

*4th Meeting of the European Council for Juvenile Justice*

OIJJ

The 4th Meeting of the European Council for Juvenile Justice, organized by the International Juvenile Justice Observatory, took place in Brussels on December 4th and 5th, under the title 'Towards the Effectiveness of Juvenile Justice Policies in Europe: Lessons Learned and future challenges.' The meeting, funded by the Justice Programme of the European Union, saw the participation of representatives from the 28 EU member States who belong to the different sections of the Council: academic, public administration and civil society. During the meeting, the European Model on Restorative Justice for Juveniles, currently being developed by a selected group of ECJJ experts and researchers, was presented and discussed by its members. The 4th ECJJ Meeting was funded by the Justice Programme of the European Union. [+]



07/01/2015

EUROPEAN UNION

*The IJJO is taking part in project REVIJ, which seeks to compare measures of reparation to the victim in different European law systems*

OIJJ

The 3rd of November launched the beginning of the European Project REVIJ, 'Reparation to the victim in the European Juvenile Justice Systems: Comparative analysis and transfer of best practices'. The International Juvenile Justice Observatory is one of the partners of this project, led by the Fundación Diagrama (Spain), which also has the participation of European organisations like the Association Diagrama (France), the Diagrama Foundation (United Kingdom), the Istituto Don Calabria (Italy) and the Universidade Católica Portuguesa do Porto (Portugal). [+]

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### JUVENILE JUSTICE IN THE WORLD



19/12/2014

INTERNATIONAL

*Against attacks on children in armed conflict*

OIJJ

The Taliban attack of 16th December on the military college of Peshawar in Pakistan has caused the deaths of at least 148 people, 132 of them children. It has sent shockwaves not only through the country, but also through the entire international community. During the attack, nine insurgents dressed in army uniform entered the school, throwing grenades and shooting students and teachers before army officials succeeded in neutralising them. [+]



26/12/2014

NORTH AMERICA

*Study shows US jurisdictions often fail to keep juvenile records confidential*

OIJJ

The confidential nature of juvenile records, as well as their eventual sealing (closed to the public) or expungement (destruction) is of great importance for a child that has been in contact with the juvenile justice system. Any form of public access to these records could impede his future success in society, creating barriers for employment, education, housing and other opportunities. According to a recent scorecard study that measures juvenile record protection in the US, published on November 13th by the Juvenile Law Center with the title 'Failed Policies, Forfeited Futures: A Nationwide Scorecard on Juvenile Records', most states are failing to protect this highly sensitive information. [+]



07/01/2015

INTERNATIONAL

*The UNODC releases a legal tool to reduce violence against children in contact with the justice system*

OIJJ

In November, the UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) presented a new normative instrument, the United Nations Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, approved by the UN General Assembly's Third Committee. This new tool provides a set of guidelines to prevent and eliminate violence against children who come into contact with justice systems in any capacity: as victims, witnesses, or alleged or sentenced offenders. [+]

### LEGISLATIVE FILE

BOLIVIA



The aim of the legislative file is to provide IJJO Users with access to national legislation on minors in an ordered and organised way, including all laws in force, partial reforms and other laws regarding the protection of the rights of the child. [\[+\]](#)

## IJJO INTERVIEWS



*Jean Schmitz, International expert on restorative justice*

In this interview, Jean Schmitz describes the activities and the projects undertaken by the Latin American Institute for Restorative Practices – ILAPR, Instituto Latino Americano de Prácticas Restaurativas - and explains the importance of spreading innovative methods of restorative justice, particularly in Latin America. This institution, based in Lima and whose main goal is to promote and foster learning, personal growth and social responsibility while promoting human and citizen relationships, betting on a better quality of life, as well as on an emotional well-being and a respect for citizens' rights, uses a methodology based on restorative practices. In these lines, Jean Schmitz will, among other issues, talk about the lessons on restorative practices taught at the ILAPR and describe the positive outcomes of using restorative justice practices, especially in a school environment, in order to reduce or prevent violence and crime by making people feeling they are part of a community in which they can share their feelings and ideas. [\[+\]](#)

## RESEARCH AND THESIS

### INTERNATIONAL

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According to our main activities and objectives, the International Juvenile Justice Observatory wants to give the opportunity to researchers and PHD Students to have access to our international communication platform.

SEND THESIS / RESEARCH

To publish on our web site your thesis, research papers regarding juvenile justice and the situation of minors in conflict with the law, please press the following link. [\[+\]](#)

## COLLABORATION FORUM

### Juvenile Justice Priorities in the Asia-Pacific Region

Issues such as the situation of children in conflict with the law, child victims and witnesses of crime have become an increasing concern for most countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Significant reform initiatives are currently underway in many ...

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## JOB & INTERNSHIP DATABASE

The Job and Internship Database contains information on the latest job and internship offers sent by organisations working in juvenile justice; our purpose is to facilitate the gathering of people and organizations that are involved in the juvenile justice field.

The Job and Internship Database offers a virtual space to organizations involved in juvenile justice, where they can publish their job and internship offers. If your organization wishes to publish a job offer, please click on the following link and complete the document.

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SEND JOB OFFERS

## PRESS ROOM

Panamá pretende crear programa penitenciario de menores para rehabilitación  
Panama

Prosecuting preteens as adults defies logic  
United States

Réforme de la justice des mineurs: «Les enfants ne sont pas des adultes en miniatures»  
France

Lifetime registration for juvenile sex offenders ruled unconstitutional  
United States

Se oficializó la creación de un Juzgado de Familia y Menores en Federal  
Argentina

La réforme de la justice des mineurs en question  
France

## LINKS

Youth Violence and Crime Prevention Programs  
North America

## DOCUMENTATION CENTER

Delinquency Cases Waived to Criminal Court, 2011  
United States

Delinquency Cases in Juvenile Court, 2011  
United States

Impact Evaluation of USAID's Community-Based Crime and Violence Prevention Approach in Central America: Regional Report for El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Panama  
Central America and Caribbean

## EDITORIAL NEWS

Hablemos De Violencia. Problemas Sociales Que Atraviesan Las Escuelas  
Publications

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### JANUARY 2015

**13** Sexual Abuse in Juvenile Correctional Environments  
United States

**26** World Congress on Juvenile Justice: Towards Restorative Justice?  
Switzerland

**27** INJEP. 3es rencontres de l'Observatoire de la jeunesse et des politiques de jeunesse  
France

**30** Improving Outcomes for Looked After Children Conference  
United Kingdom

## ORGANIZATIONS

Students Against Violence Everywhere  
United States

Fundación Carlos Slim  
Mexico