Institutional responses to youth deviance and parenting: Exploring professional perceptions on the role of social class in the beginnings of offending pathways and desistance from crime

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ABSTRACT
Although criminologists nowadays understand desistance as not only a maturational process, but also as one that depends on both structural conditions and individual agency, there is still a dearth of research about the ways in which socio-economic circumstances interact with — and affect — the agentic aspect of desistance, especially in adolescents. There is also a lack of research on whether institutions make different decisions about behaviourally challenging young people of diverse backgrounds and with what consequences for their offending and desistance. Jasmina Arnez will consider these issues by presenting preliminary results from her doctoral research that explores how the perceptions and decisions of practitioners that work with troubling youths across a range of institutions might interplay with the identities — and the desistance processes — of the young people that they work with. She will introduce criminological theories that have become central to UK’s youth justice practice and outline the concept of social class that she uses in her study before presenting the study’s design and outcomes. She will conclude by suggesting alternative ways of understanding the connections between youth challenging behaviour, parenting and social class, and explain how they could impact young people’s desistance pathways.

BIO
Jasmina Arnez is a doctoral researcher at the Centre for Criminology, University of Oxford and an Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) scholar. Her research interests include the intersections between social class, youth crime and the family and desistance processes in young offenders. In her doctoral research, she is exploring the fairness of institutional responses to youth deviance, broadly defined, and parenting, focusing in particular on the possible indirect discrimination based on social class. It is supervised by Dr Rachel Condry.

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