

**Community
Corrections: An
Interactive
Discussion on Key
Features Around the
World**

- World Congress on Probation and Parole: No One Left Behind: Building Community September 27-October 1, 2022
- Session Leaders: Ioan Durnescu , Faye S. Taxman, James M. Byrne & Ben Mackey (ed). *The Routledge Handbook of Global Community Corrections*

What do we mean by community corrections?

Community corrections refers to the community-based systems that are used at the pre-trial, sentencing, and re-entry stage of the criminal justice process.

Community corrections covers both probation (pre-trial and post-trial) and parole (or post-release supervision, as it is known in Europe).

In today's session, we will examine the myriad of systems developed under the broad heading of community corrections to manage community corrections populations at the:

- pre-adjudication,
- adjudication, and
- post-release stages.

*The Routledge
Handbook of
Global Community
Corrections*

Developed in
conjunction with the
Global Community
Corrections Initiative
(<https://globcci.org/>)

The Aims of the Global Community Corrections Initiative

- **Creation of first World Community Corrections Brief**
- **Global Evidence-based Corrections and Sentencing Network Development**
- **Knowledge Exchange Seminars and Systematic, Evidence-based Policy Reviews**
- **High Quality Corrections and Sentencing Research Agenda**
- **Website: <https://globcci.org/>**

Aims of the book- project



to assess the status of
community corrections
systems in each global
region



to highlight inter-regional
and intra-regional variations
in the design,
implementation and impact
of community corrections
policies and practices.

Approach



In dialog with Global Community Corrections Initiative - www.globcci.org



Based on a template built up on the previous work of the editors



Combined descriptive with analytic approach



Involve the authors in the editorial and analytic analysis – webinars, interviews, etc.



Involve academics and practitioners or policy makers in designing the analytic chapters

Questions for the participants in the workshop

- What is the most salient feature of community corrections in your view?
- What principles are officers routinely trained on in your jurisdiction or everywhere?
- What are the processes for dealing with various types of non-compliance in your jurisdiction or everywhere?
- What reforms are being discussed in the field of community corrections?

Our plan: the template

- Following the approach used in the briefs describing Probation in Europe – (e.g. brief history, legal framework, organization, staff etc.)
- Introduced a list of analytical markers:
 - Length of the supervision
 - Intensity and conditions
 - Formal treatment
 - Consequences of breach
 - Supervision outcomes

Example of analytics

Intensity and conditions

- are there minimum conditions for probation?
- what is the average no. of conditions imposed on individual under supervisions?
- can they be mixed with fines or short custody?
- how is the frequency of the meetings regulated?
- what is the average no. of probation appointments per month or year in the last three years?
- are there fees involved for the individual under supervision; if so, what is the average amount of conditions?

- Combination of criteria:
- Include at least three jurisdictions from each continent
- Countries with the **highest prison** and probation population
- Include a wide variety of models – e.g. Europe to include both commonwealth and continental law
- Include traditional but also new systems
- Have accessible contacts

Selection of jurisdictions

List of jurisdictions

Europe:

1. England and Wales
2. France
3. Spain
4. Netherlands
5. Romania

North America:

1. US
2. Canada
3. Mexico

Far East:

1. China
2. Japan
3. South Korea

South America:

1. Columbia
2. Chile
3. Northern Triangle

Middle East and Asia:

1. Turkey
2. Israel
3. India
4. Pakistan

Africa:

1. Kenya
2. South Africa

Oceania:

1. Australia
2. New Zealand

Editorial plan

- First submission – mid September 2022
- First review – mid October 2022
- Second submission – end of November 2022
- Analytic chapters – January 2023
- Final submission of the book – February 2023

List of analytic chapters

- The role of community corrections – mass supervision
- Programming
- Technology in community corrections
- Forced labor and community service
- Dealing with non-compliance
- Funding community corrections

What have done so far

- Collected and reviewed the first four chapters:
 - South Africa
 - Spain
 - China
 - Israel
 - Canada

Preliminary observations

- Lack of transparency with data
- Lack of culture to collect and use meaningful data on community corrections
- Variation in how supervision is practiced including role of officer-client initiative
- Out-group comparisons prove to be inspirational – new approaches, new strategies etc.
- COVID is still here – many authors could not submit yet due to COVID related issues



Questions?

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