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International Approaches to Professional, Public and Policy Maker Engagement on Sexual Abuse

Panel Chair: Kieran McCartan, PhD

Panelists:

- Danielle Harris, PhD / Australia
- Kasia Uzieblo, PhD / Belgium
- Sandy Jung, PhD, RPsych / Canada
- Laura Kuhle, MS / Germany
- Nimrod Shanee, PhD / Israel
- Carla Xella, PhD / Italy
- Laura Menenti, PhD / Netherlands
- Margret Ann Laws, PgDipPsych / New Zealand
- Anette Birgersson, BS / Sweden
- Kieran McCartan, PhD / United Kingdom
- Andrew J. Harris, PhD / United States

This is the 2nd annual roundtable is an event organised by the ATSA international committee. The roundtable will address how we frame and discuss sexual abuse, its preparation, our responses to it and its prevention across a number of countries including the USA, Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Sweden, Netherlands, Belgium and Israel. With each speaker having 7 minutes to talk followed by 30 minutes for debate.

Each speaker will address:

1. The nature and type of discussions about sexual abuse that happen in each panelist's country involving the public.
2. To the best of their knowledge, the public understanding of sexual abuse, sexual offenders, and their management in the panelist's country.
3. The major sources of the public knowledge and understanding of sexual abuse and sexual offenders.
4. The role professionals and/or practitioners play in the discussions about sexual abuse in the panelist's country.
5. Examples of good or bad communication with the public in the panelist's country to highlight points.

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Dr Kieran McCartan is an Associate Professor in Criminology at the University of the West of England and an Adjunct Associate Professor in Criminology at QUT, Brisbane. He has a track record of public, academic and professional engagement on criminological issues, including the origins and causes of sex offending, and societal responses to sex offenders. He has experience of qualitative, quantitative and mixed method research from funders including Ministry of Justice, Cabinet Office, Public Health England, ESRC, The Leverhulme Trust, Bristol City Council & various UK police forces. Dr McCartan has a number of academic outputs, including, 75+ publications (incl., Journal Articles, Books, Book Chapters, External Research Reports & Professional/Practitioner publications); 85+ blogs & online publications; generated over 1/2 million pounds in external research funding; has given 120+ presentations at national and international conferences; as well as taken part in numerous media interviews and debates. Dr McCartan serves on the editorial boards of *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, is the lead blogger for the Sexual Abuse blog and the NOTA Prevention blog. He is a member of the ATSA Executive Board and has recently been co-opted to the NOTA executive board.

Danielle Arlanda Harris is the Deputy Director-Research of the Griffith Youth Forensic Service and a Lecturer in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Griffith University. She holds a doctorate in Criminology from Griffith University (2008), a Masters in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland (2004) and a Bachelor of Arts (hons) in Justice Studies from the Queensland University of Technology and the University of Westminster (2001). She has published more than 25 articles and book chapters and has given over 50 presentations at international conferences. Her research examines sexual aggression through a life course perspective, examining onset, specialization/versatility, desistance, and related public policy. Her first book—which draws on the narratives of 74 men convicted of sexual offenses and released from custody—was released in December.

Kasia Uzieblo, PhD is the coordinator of the Applied Forensic Psychology research unit at Thomas More University College and is a visiting professor in forensic psychology at Ghent University (Belgium). She is also the founder and coordinator of the 2-year postgraduate course Forensic Psychological Assessment and Counseling. Her main research interests are psychopathy, sexual and partner violence, and psychological assessment in forensic populations. She has published several national and international papers and has given numerous presentations on psychopathy, (sexual) violence, and stalking. Kasia Uzieblo is currently the president of the Dutch chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers.

Sandy Jung, PhD, RPsych is an Associate Professor of Psychology at MacEwan University. She conducts research on the prevention of sexual assault and intimate partner violence and is a practicing forensic psychologist. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers and on the Editorial Board for *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*.

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Laura Menenti, PhD is a researcher for the Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Violence against Children. The Rapporteur is a high-ranking public official, mandated by the Dutch government to independently monitor the effect of policies combating human trafficking and sexual violence against children and provide advice to improve these policies. Laura Menenti is her coordinator on sexual violence against children. Besides coordinating the Rapporteur's work on all policies combating sexual violence against children, she specifically conducts policy research on profiling perpetrators and related prevention, on treatment and supervision of convicted sex offenders, and last but not least on quantitative analysis of policy data on sexual violence against children. She has a background in Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience, and a PhD in the latter.

The presenter Laura F. Kuhle has a Master's degree in Psychology, and is a trained Sexual Therapist. She is currently a trainee in cognitive behavioural therapy, dialectical behavior therapy and a PhD-student. Extra occupationally, she studies Forensic Psychology (M.Sc.). Since 2011 she is working at the Institute of Sexology and Sexual Medicine of the Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany as a clinician, researcher and lecturer. As a deputy project coordinator and clinical psychologist, Laura F. Kuhle works mainly in the Prevention Project Dunkelfeld that provides preventive treatment for undetected pedophiles and hebephiles. Her research interests are the prevention of child sexual offending (risk assessment and prediction, treatment evaluation) and sexual sadism. As an expert in sexual medicine, she trains other clinicians, therapists and medical students in various settings (e.g. Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Steinbeiß Hochschule, Berliner Akademie für Psychotherapie, Berlin School of Sexual Health; Institut für Verhaltenstherapie; Berliner Fortbildungsakademie für Psychotherapie).

Dr. Nimrod Shane is a Clinical Psychologist (Ph.D.) (1998) (Bar-Ilan University). Dr. Shane holds a diploma in treatment and diagnosis of Sexual Offenders (Bar-Ilan University) (2007-2008) and is the Founder and Clinical Manager of 'New Beginning' Treatment and diagnosis center for offenders (All types of offences) in Tel-Aviv (from 2010). The center to date is also the biggest ambulatory treatment center for sexual offenders in Israel (from 2016). The center treats routinely around 100 sex offenders with group and individual therapies. Major consultant on sexual risk assessments for the public defense (from 2008). Leader of innovations in treatment and risk assessments in Israel; Introducing new risk assessments tools and new treatment techniques; i.e. Treatment of people who are in categorical denial, Good Lives based experiential training groups etc.

Dr. Carla Maria Xella - Psychotherapist trained in trauma therapy, EMDR consultant and facilitator. She directs the Rome office of CIPM (Centro Italiano per la Promozione della Mediazione), an association which promotes BP of Restorative Justice. In Rome CIPM runs a Service for the treatment of sex offenders in the community. She has been working with sex offenders for 15 years, both in correctional facilities and in the community. She was trained by Canadian and US experts and visited both prisons and community services in Montreal and Rocher Percé (Canada). She has published a book and several articles about sexual

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offenders treatment and risk assessment, both in Italian and in French and she has translated the manuals of a Canadian treatment program (PETRAAS), a model that she has adapted and applied in Rome's prison.

Detective Margaret-Anne Laws is a Psychologist at the Behavioural Science Unit, New Zealand Police. She has worked with sexual offenders in prison and community based settings since 1996, as well as investigated sex crimes since 2005. A certified STABLE/ACUTE trainer, she is experienced in risk assessment for sexual, violent and general recidivism. She is an experienced Court and Parole board report writer/expert witness. As part of her current role she is the consultant psychologist to the Child Sex Offender Registry team, advising on policy and risk management practices, as well as providing all risk assessment and management training for Police Case Managers.

Anette Birgersson started working in social services 1997 after graduating from university. The first year in in a community based setting, since 2002 in a private company providing both inpatient and outpatient treatment. She is a licensed Cognitive Behaviour psychotherapist and have been practicing as such since 2003 and got her license in 2015. In 1998 she started to work with children and adolescents with sexual harmful behaviour and have kept on doing that. She is trained in CBT (Stockholms university and Lunds university in Sweden), DBT, TF-CBT, PE, EMDR, ERGT and has developed a program for treating sexually abusive youths and children. She has also been a guest lecturer at universities in Sweden, as well as been a facilitator at workshops and training events. She does trainings and educate professionals and students about young sex offenders and sexualised behaviours in children and adolescents, she also trains within the program, ERASOR - Estimate of Risk of Adolescent Sexual Offense Recidivism, TF-CBT and DBT.

Anette is a member of the Board of Directors for the National Adolescent Perpetration Network, a member of the Board of Directors for the Swedish TF-CBT Association, and a member of the ATSA International and Juvenile Practice committees.

Andrew J. Harris, PhD, is Associate Professor in the School of Criminology and Justice Studies at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. An expert in public policy, he teaches and conducts applied policy research on a variety of policy topics, including institutional and community corrections, substance abuse, sexual offending, crime and mental illness, and social policy. He has served as Principal Investigator for several major studies funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, including a current nationwide project focused on implementation of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). Dr. Harris has served as a consultant to state policy boards, public behavioral health agencies, community-based service providers, and state and municipal correctional systems, and currently serves as Associate Editor of the ATSA journal [*Sexual Abuse*](#).