



# Doctorate in Cultural and Global Criminology

An Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate



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**The Doctorate in Cultural and Global Criminology (DCGC) is a three-year interdisciplinary, collaborative programme which combines the expertise and strengths of four universities with established reputations in the field.**

## **Internationally prestigious programme**

Funded by the European Union as an Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate and recognised as delivering training of outstanding quality, the DCGC brings together the expertise of four leading universities:

- **The University of Kent, UK**
- **Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Hungary**
- **The University of Hamburg, Germany**
- **Utrecht University, Netherlands.**

Working in the newly emerging fields of cultural criminology, global criminology, the criminology of security, human rights and social exclusion, the programme supervises critical, leading-edge doctoral research and provides a broad training that combines international mobility, an integrated structure and individually tailored flexibility.

You conduct research in one of four thematic areas and are supervised by an international team based in your two chosen universities, spending at least one year in each. Depending on the project, research may also be conducted for a period in another country anywhere across the globe.

## **Associate partners**

The DCGC has established partnerships with associate members outside the university sector, drawn from fields directly relevant to its research themes. These associates are also involved in the programme and provide candidates with valuable research internship opportunities. Associates include a wide range of organisations involved in civil society action (mainly NGOs), policymaking, crime control and criminal justice.

## **Research excellence**

The DCGC is staffed with academics who have conducted high-quality, world-renowned research. All four partners in the consortium are nationally and internationally recognised centres of research excellence, providing a complementary and interdisciplinary combination of both social science and law-based dimensions of criminology.

Global, transnational and cultural themes run across all four centres: in crime, control and social exclusion (ELTE and Kent); in the drug trade and its cultures (Kent, Utrecht, Hamburg); in the links between the local and the global in youth crime, culture and control (Kent, Hamburg, Utrecht); in the trade-offs between security measures and human rights (Hamburg, ELTE); in environmental damage and the associated blurred boundaries between crime and



social harm (Utrecht); and in the relationship between migration, social and legal exclusion.

ELTE is a leading centre in the study of criminal justice and human rights issues associated with societies in transition. Kent and Utrecht are world leaders in cultural criminology. Kent, Utrecht and Hamburg have innovated in visual criminological research as well as new cultural methods. In each one of these fields, critical perspectives entail the relevance of research to policymakers, civil society actors and criminal justice agencies.



Canterbury, UK

## Research themes

As a doctoral researcher, you conduct critical research with identified impact in one of four main research themes:

### Crime, Media and Culture

Critical studies of crime and control at two levels, as experienced in local cultures, and as felt and understood in different forms of globalised media and communications; the interaction between these two levels; the relationships between crime and the mainstream cultural values, including those of consumerism and popular fiction; emotions such as fear and hatred; cultural approaches to the study of illicit drugs, young people's transgression; violence; terrorism; as well as corporate/white-collar, organised and 'green' crime.

### Criminal Justice Policy, Social Change and Exclusion

Critical studies of the effects of social change on such problems as criminality, social and legal exclusion, and responses in crime policy, criminal justice, human rights policy and crime control. This may include the problems of young people and the relationship between exclusion and transgression. The issue of 'transitional justice', where democratic regimes deal with the human rights violations of their predecessors, has a significance in many parts of the world.

### Globalisation, Transnational Crime and Control

Critical studies of the effects of globalisation on crime, social harm, criminal justice and crime control. Key areas include: the links between local cultures and global circuits in, for example, illegal drugs and human trafficking, and the networks

that sustain them; environmental harm, as well as the effects of these problems on national and international policy; the transnational dimensions of corporate, state, political and organised crime.

### Human Rights and International Security

Critical studies of the impacts of terrorism and migration on security policy; the effects of a changing security landscape on human rights and traditional criminal justice concepts, as well as on criminology as a discipline; the effects of the internationalisation of crime, and criminal and security policy on human rights; the implications for the study of European and international human rights conventions and their relationship to wider concepts of 'rights' in the economic, social and cultural spheres.

## Programme structure

The DCGC provides an innovative training programme which is fully integrated with the four research themes. In addition to undertaking high-quality, original doctoral research at two of the partner institutions, you will also take part in a number of DCGC training activities, including:

- a first semester at Kent to undertake the first stage of research and pursue core courses in advanced theoretical criminology and research methods
- a focus on advanced transferable skills oriented to both employment and critical citizenship
- a Summer School at Utrecht in specialist qualitative and legal research methods
- presentation of papers in at least two international conferences of the Common Study Programme in Critical Criminology (CSP)
- the opportunity of an internship at one of our associate partners, as well as research opportunities with our associate university institutions outside Europe.

## DCGC doctoral degree

On successful completion of the programme, you are awarded a DCGC joint or dual doctorate from the two partner institutions that supervised your research.



Hamburg, Germany

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## Mobility between partners

Fostering intellectual and cultural interchange, mobility between partner universities is integral to the aims and structure of the DCGC. Experience of mobility enhances the wider global, cultural and critical understandings of crime, harm and control at the heart of the research and training programme. Movement between partners is shaped by the research project, the research theme to which the candidate is allocated, and training needs.

After a first semester at Kent, your main mobility will be between the two partners involved in your research supervision where you spend at least 12 months based at each university. In addition, you will attend the Summer School in Utrecht and at least two international conferences of the Common Study Programme in Critical Criminology.

## Supervision

You will choose a supervision team made up of DCGC academic staff from two of the four consortium partners: Kent, ELTE, Hamburg and Utrecht. The main mobility in your doctoral training will be between these two centres. Supervision and the associated mobility path are proposed at application and negotiated after admission. Supervision involves regular face-to-face meetings as well as communication by email and videoconference/skype when appropriate.

### Erasmus Mundus: An Excellence Programme

Erasmus Mundus was established by the European Commission to enhance quality in higher education through scholarships and academic co-operation between Europe and the rest of the world.

## Thriving research environment

The DCGC partner universities provide a rich and diverse research environment, promoting the development and exchange of ideas. Each institution organises frequent research seminars, workshops, academic events and international conferences. These events facilitate regular contact with world-leading researchers, visiting scholars and peers from a wide range of disciplines to help develop global career and social networks.

## Enhanced career prospects

Every aspect of the DCGC training is oriented to enhance the employment prospects of successful doctoral graduates.

The programme allows you to develop a politically engaged, international understanding of crime, social harm and crime control. It will prepare you to work in a broad range of employment areas concerned with understanding, preventing and responding to crime in a way that takes account of global, cultural and political contexts.

Our doctoral trainees are recognised as early career researchers who develop the knowledge and skills necessary to work in both academic and non-academic research and policy environments, including universities, research institutes, policy bodies, civil society organisations and criminal justice agencies.

We expect successful DCGC graduates to publish research in academic publications (peer-reviewed journal article and monograph forms) and in other media aimed at policy audiences and the general public.

The mobility and cultural perspectives of the programme ensure that graduates also bring considerable added value to any organisation through their qualities, skills and competence as well as their innovative, interdisciplinary, cross-cultural perspectives.



Budapest, Hungary



Utrecht, Netherlands

# How to apply

## Entry requirements

Applicants will normally be expected to hold both a Bachelor's and Master's degree of a high standard. However, as the programme is committed to a life-long learning culture and a diversity of access, applicants who can demonstrate appropriate learning and experience of an equivalent level will be considered on the basis of a detailed portfolio.

Non-native speakers of English must demonstrate proficiency in English at level C1 (proficient user) as defined in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) through, for example, an IELTS certificate at 7.0 or a score of 100 (including a minimum of 22 in both writing and reading) in the internet-based TOEFL.

## Funding opportunities

Applicants are encouraged to apply for a fully funded Erasmus Mundus Fellowship. In addition to covering tuition fees, the Fellowship provides living costs of €33,600 (gross) per annum, specified travel costs (candidates from outside Europe €7,500; European candidates €3,000 in total over the three years).

Externally funded and self-funded applicants are also encouraged to apply.



## Tuition fees

### European candidates

€6,000 per annum

### Candidates from outside Europe

€10,500 per annum

Erasmus Mundus Fellowship holders are not required to pay tuition fees, which are included in the EU grant.

## Making an application

Applicants are encouraged to contact us in advance of the application deadline if they require further information about the research proposal requirements, supervisory arrangements and the mobility pathway. Full details of the application requirements are given on the website [www.dcg.cu](http://www.dcg.cu) but will include (in addition to curriculum vitae and references):

- a statement of purpose (500 words)
- a research proposal (1,500 words)
- proposed supervision between two partners.

Applications should be made via the DCGC website [www.dcg.cu](http://www.dcg.cu) where you will find further details of the procedures and selection criteria.

The closing date for applications is **16 January 2012**

## Further information

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