

“ Enhancing Rehabilitation Outcomes for Prisoners through Adoption of Innovative Technologies ”

24th May Wednesday, 9:10am-10:00
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OBJECTIVES

- 1 Highlight promising technological innovations employed in prisoner rehabilitation.
- 2 Explore strategies for balancing technology usage with face-to-face interactions between prisoners and staff.
- 3 Examine potential human rights and ethical considerations associated with the implementation of technology within the prison system.

CO-ORGANISERS

- ▶ The Government of Japan
- ▶ Penal Reform International (PRI)
- ▶ Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI)



AGENDA

Keynote – Opening speech

H.E. Ambassador Hikihara Takeshi,
Permanent Representative of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna

Ms. Antonia Marie De Meo, Director,
United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) (Online)

Presentations

moderated by Leif Villadsen, Deputy Director of UNICRI

→ Virtual Reality (VR) in Rehabilitation

Ms. Pia Puolakka, the project manager for the Smart Prison project at the Finnish Criminal Sanctions Agency

→ Proof of Concept – virtual reality as a form of intervention (Online)

Mr. Loh Eng Hao, Assistant Director, Correctional Research Branch, Singapore Prison Service

→ The Development of Augmented Reality (AR) in Offender Learning to reduce reoffending

Mr. Richard Booth, ILT Coordinator and AR Project Lead, Shrewsbury Colleges Group

→ The Ethical Principles of Digital Readiness for Prisons

Dr. Victoria Knight, Associate Professor of Research, De Montfort University

Closing remarks

Ms. Olivia Rope, Executive Director,
Penal Reform International (PRI)

About United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)

The United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) was established in 1968 pursuant to Economic and Social Council Resolution 1086 B (XXXIX) of 1965, which urged an expansion of the United Nations activities in crime prevention and criminal justice. UNICRI's work focuses on Goal 16 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, that is centered on promoting peaceful, just and inclusive societies, free from crime and violence. Justice, crime prevention and the rule of law are the basis for fighting poverty and reducing inequalities while enhancing economic growth and stability and protecting the environment. UNICRI supports governments and the international community at large in tackling criminal threats to social peace, development, and political stability.

