

Round Table

Theme:
Covid-19 and Criminology

Outline:

This roundtable will discuss how the Covid-19 pandemic that is currently sweeping the world and government responses to it are affecting criminal phenomena, criminal policy, and criminology, as well as how criminology will change after the pandemic ends. It can be anticipated that the pandemic will have far-reaching impacts on crime and punishment, including:

- Increases or decreases in crime;
- The enforcement of criminal laws and sentencing practices (e.g. diversion);
- Prison management and treatment of inmates;
- "Lockdowns" and the legitimacy of law enforcement;
- Changes in processes of policy-making (e.g. the role of experts)

The coordinator, Koichi Hamai, will first introduce these issues and give a brief presentation about the impact of the pandemic on crime and punishment in Japan. Participants will then be invited to join in a discussion with some of the keynote and plenary speakers. We hope you will join us.

Chair:

- David Brewster (Kanazawa College of Art)

Coordinator:

- Prof. Koichi Hamai (Ryukoku University)