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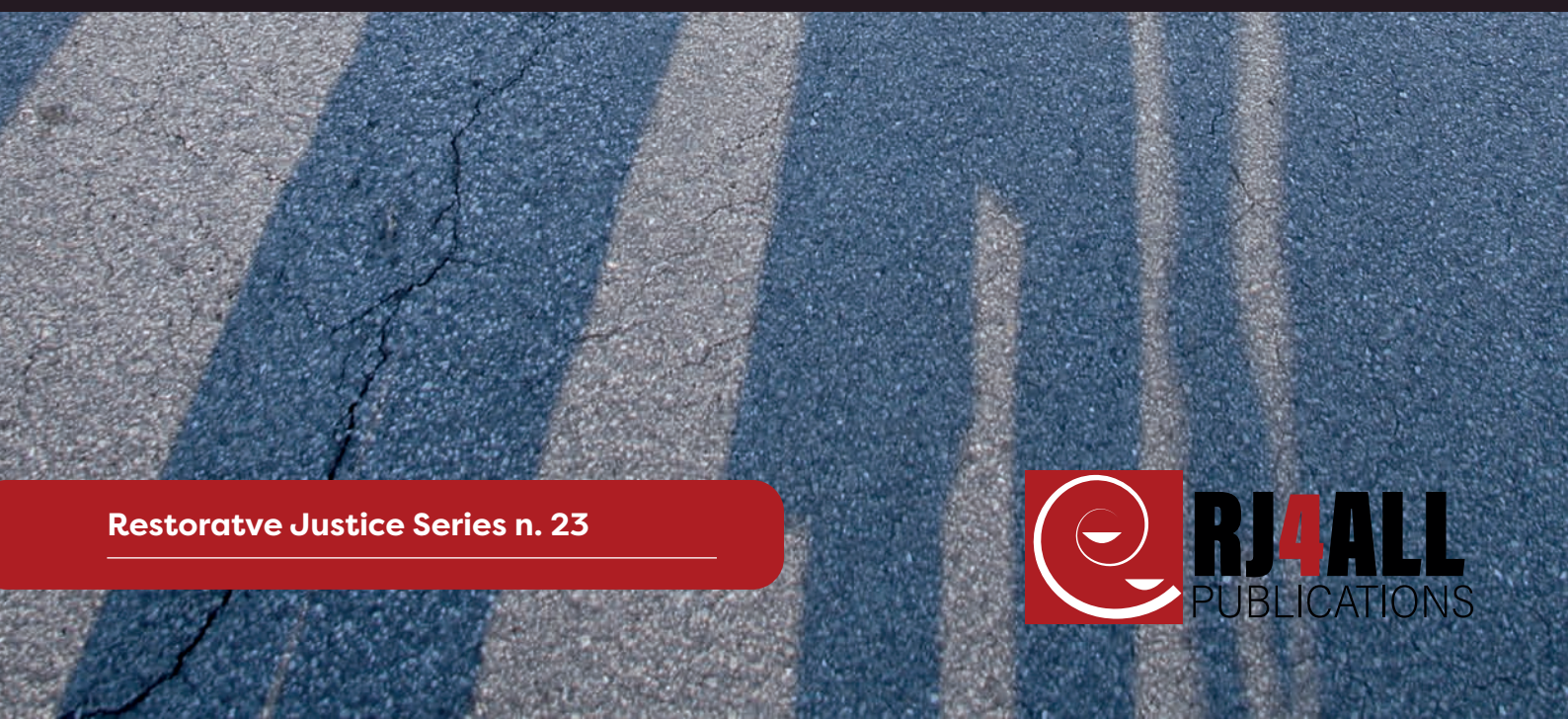

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FOREWORD

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Riots: How do we make sense of them? How do we respond to them? Our answer to the first question sets the stage for the second. Different questions, we set the stage for different outcomes.

Criminal justice asks: What law has been broken? Who is responsible? What do they deserve?

The *police* lead the investigation; through *prosecution* the guilt or innocence of those responsible is determined by the state; the judge then decides the appropriate *punishment*. These are the 3Ps, or pillars, of our state based justice system. In the aftermath of riots, and other crimes, this is our expected response from the justice system, and this is what our politicians promise: retributive justice. Other forms of justice ask different questions.

Restorative justice asks: Who has been hurt? What are their needs? Whose obligations are these?

The focus shifts from the law, and those who enforce it, to the people and the community affected by the harm. Restorative justice is community born and community lead. Crime is viewed as a violation of people, relationships and communities. Those violations create obligations. The central focus shifts from punishing the bad apple, to addressing victim needs, and inviting responsibility for repairing the harm done to victims and communities.

Restorative justice invites us to step up to a justice platform that fosters *respect*, *responsibility* and *resolution* to *repair* the harm done – the 4Rs of community based justice.

State and community based justice can work hand in hand, within the standards established by the convention of human rights and the rule of law.

This is particularly poignant in the aftermath of riots, given that along with direct harm caused to individuals and businesses, there is a significant level of community harm; in that, the community has been fractured; young people have attacked the social order and harmony of neighbourhoods; the social, emotional, physical and financial cost has been of significant magnitude.

The criminal justice system, alone, can only address the issue of guilt or innocence, and hold the individual accountable to the state.

Community based restorative justice invites us to take a step deeper into our communities, inviting us to actively participate in what makes us proud to be members of a safe and fully accountable community.

It is a great honour for the Centre for Restorative Justice, at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada, to be partnering with Theo Gavrielides to better understand and respond to street group violence, as characterized through riots.

Both Vancouver and England experienced the devastating impact of riots in the summer of 2011. Other cities and countries have also felt the heavy impact of riots, while police and the justice system brace themselves for more. The time is ripe to be asking different questions, building new partnerships, and exploring innovative solutions.

This book represents a first step in that direction and opens the door for further partnership and collaboration.

We are forever grateful to the Centre for Dialogue at Simon Fraser University, who opened the first door to this international partnership. Through the generous funding of Bruce and Lis Welch, Dr. Gavrielides was invited to deliver the 2012 Welch Community Dialogue, which engages the community at large with the academic community to explore innovative approaches to local community issues through cross-sectoral dialogue. Riots, in both Vancouver and England, was the common community concern. This book uses findings from this visit and Gavrielides' research with communities in Vancouver, England and elsewhere.

Vancouver's riot has many parallels to the British experience, including a desire to provide victims with a better sense of reparation and closure, as well as an interest in reducing the risk of re-offense. Spontaneous responses to the riot demonstrated a desire from community members to participate with officials in the process of ensuring accountability, bridge building, and restoring the social fabric of the affected areas.

While in Vancouver, Dr. Gavrielides met with the media, justice officials, community based groups and the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association. In doing so, Vancouver turned an important page in building understanding of what it means to foster a safer and more fully accountable city.

It takes courage and compassion to turn a new page towards a safer and more inclusive society. Riots cause serious harm to social order and harmony. They are both a threat and an opportunity. They challenge us to ask deeper and different questions about who we are and who we want to be, as individuals and communities. In doing so, riots challenge our understanding of our common humanity and what it takes to live and work in a community that fosters justice for all.

PREFACE

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It is a pleasure to introduce Gavrielides' study on street group violence and restorative justice. I was not surprised by the research topic, as I am aware of his challenging scientific character and his tendency to 'push the barriers' of restorative justice. Nevertheless, I was pleasantly surprised by the framework of his analysis, the adopted methodology, the international dimension of the work, and his synthesis of transformative/ innovative justice. These issues were well placed within the reality of our complex, modern societies.

Until recently, street group violence was perceived in terms of protests, demonstrations and new social movements. Political sciences, sociology and social psychology were the mainstream fields of social sciences, which have traditionally dealt with these phenomena. From A. Tourain theory on new social movements (as collective reactions in new forms of repression, which represent the crisis of traditional paradigms), to criminological approaches on violence and vandalism, there are many definitions moved from general theoretical approaches to more specific and concrete in social contexts. Furthermore, street group violence, as a field of research, was rather 'an autonomous issue', not often studied in an interdisciplinary manner.

Street group violence is often perceived as illegal or intended violence exercised by police, or as an extreme form of demonstration by members of the public (often the oppressed). Theory and research done in the field of law and criminology, concentrated in putting the standards and criteria of legal/illegal force of violence by police. Constructing the rule of law, there are certain preconceptions of exercising force and violence by police, as the principle of proportionality. Of course, the whole framework of police force must be consistent with human rights. The issue of police violence is also rather 'an autonomous issue', in terms of law and criminology. Criminology has a long history in studying these matters.

On the other hand, despite its long practice and history in different cultures, contexts and societies, restorative justice in the context of criminology gained identity, theoretical foundations, research findings and policy practices only recently. As a criminological paradigm, restorative justice is largely restricted to juveniles, and in minor cases of deviance and criminality.

What is now attempted by this publication is not only an innovative approach in restorative justice, but also a step forward in social sciences. The research deals with those autonomous issues of street group violence and restorative justice, not in parallel, but in an extremely constructive way. Gavrielides moves with a very scientific discretion in all corners of restorative justice and criminology, putting the issue of street group violence in the heart of restorative justice theory, research and practice. Gavrielides designs the framework of his analysis with clarity, putting his arguments in the context of real case studies from around the world. With scientific validity, he describes the restorative Justice framework, in a broad way and then

adapts it for street group violence. At the same time, he considers the political barriers interfering with restorative justice and serious violence. Community bonds, victims and offenders as collective subjects and actors, social healing and restoration of harm are explored. The research looks at restorative justice not merely as a practice, but as a paradigm for dealing with crime and the violation of human relationships.

As the interest in restorative justice continues to grow, evidence based policy is the only way forward and this study offers a good illustration of how this can be achieved. Moreover, restorative justice practices must be examined within an interdisciplinary framework linking the well-established discourses of criminology, law, sociology and political sciences.

Gavrielides, being systematic and strict with his research material/cases, focuses only on qualitative research. This is done successfully as generalisations of findings are avoided. At the same time, the research opens up the scientific dialogue as to the boarders and challenges of restorative justice and street group violence.

Policymaking and practice are the key areas of contribution of this timely publication, as it brings up the broad spectrum of interventions and restorative practices, formal and/or informal. The question of the appropriateness of restorative justice is still open, and has to remain open.

The strength of restorative justice lies within communities. Its further development must be informed by these communities in a genuine manner. This research helps us, academics, to develop new lines of thoughts and methods of research and scientific dialogue.

This research proposes a pilot for dealing with street group violence via restorative justice. The proposed framework is one relevant internationally, including my own country, Greece, where riots have become a common phenomenon due to the financial crisis we are facing. We are all in desperate need for innovative approaches to crime, and this research takes a bold step in exploring new ways of dealing with street group violence.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

The criminal justice system is continuously challenged with new forms of violence. The world economic crisis and the socio-economic consequences of the COVID19 world pandemic are also making governments uneasy about the rising costs of prosecution, investigation and imprisonment. The increasing phenomenon of street group violence (e.g., riots) provided the impetus for this book.

Various promises have been made about the potential of restorative justice in relieving the overstretched criminal justice agencies. These promises have been confronted with strong opposition and claims that restorative justice can do more harm than good. Any researcher should be able to take a step back and look at all hypotheses available. The focus of this book is the potential of restorative justice with group violence that occurs on the streets, and is unilateral, time-bound and non-governmental. The example of riots was used.

The very concept of *group* violence takes away *individual* responsibility. One practitioner told me, "I have been involved in most of the serious UK riots from the late 60s … the one striking factor I have noticed is that there is a moment when the crowd, often individually violent and threatening, changes to a riotous mob with an almost concerted joint action and a loss of individual choice or control".

We know that restorative justice can render positive results when applied within the context of *interpersonal crime* independently of the seriousness of the offence and the age of the harm-doer. What we do not know is whether the restorative justice paradigm and practices have any potential with *group* offenders who engage in harm doing under circumstances that take away *individual* responsibility.

How is restorative justice possible with these cases, if its ethos and success rely on individual responsibility taking? If the core restorative justice values of empowerment, dialogue, responsibility-taking, compassion, voluntariness, honesty, fairness and dignity are to be respected, then how can these be

communicated to and applied with large groups of offenders and victims? How can equity and fairness for the individual be extended to the community? How can groups of rioters come together and collectively enter into a restorative process and outcome? Are there any examples of such restorative practices? Are there any benefits to be gained for group victims and the community, and how can rioters' honesty and commitment be monitored and supported?

These are some of the questions that we set off to answer. In carrying out this research, I was confronted with an impressive rhetoric about the benefits of restorative justice with riots. The truth is that actual cases with riots were hard to find. This does not mean that restorative justice may not have the potential to address forms of street group violence. In fact, this book suggests that the limited number of street group violence cases that have been tested with restorative practices has been promising. Our analysis of the street group violence phenomenon suggests that its nature presents restorative justice with a unique opportunity to show its potential. One of the key reasons that led us to this conclusion relates to the significant number of rioters who wake up the next day feeling ashamed of what they did. This feeling is rather prominent amongst group offenders due to the dynamics and reasons that encourage mob mentality that leads to harm. As one rioter put it: "I was watching myself doing things I would never do … The next morning was the worst day of my life. I will never forget the shame I felt … I still don't know why I joined the crowed".

With the danger of repeating myself and alienating my readers, I will emphasise once again what I have proved in previous publications. As a community born ethos and practice, restorative justice must be developed from the bottom up. Top down structures and well-intended attempts to mainstream it without the community, will fail. Ignore this warning and even more money will be wasted while running the risk of re-victimising affected communities and traumatising offenders.

This book also identifies an additional role for communities. This relates to user-led, evidence-based policy that allows the development of criminal justice practices that are grounded in the realities of those they aim to serve. This book is not about one country. In fact, four different countries were used as case studies for conclusions and findings that should be of interest to anyone working in the criminal justice and justice field.

This books also calls on all those working in the restorative justice movement to keep an open mind for the development of new practices. The strength of restorative justice lies in its malleability and innovation. This book argues that new phenomena of violence, such as riots, demand new methods of restoration. The model that we propose is not one that restorative justice purists would easily swallow. I call it "Waves of healing" and it focuses on the development of the right infrastructure for restorative practitioners rather than the investment into a single project, method or organisation.

I want to thank all the research participants for their time and trust. Without their honest testimonies, the arguments developed in this report would be a repetition of extant theories and promises. I am particularly thankful to Ben Lyon with whom I have had the pleasure of working with for over 15 years. As a leading restorative justice practitioner, Ben has opened my eyes to the realities of the real world. I am also grateful to Professor Brenda Morrison and the Centre for Dialogue at Simon Fraser University for inviting me to Vancouver and opening up their hearts and homes. I am also thankful to my friend and colleague Evelyn Zellerer whose work with restorative circles and indeed her feedback on this book helped me improve my view of the world and how I deal with my own inter-personal conflicts.

INTRODUCTION

It should not be surprising as to why restorative justice (RJ) has become a popular concept for reformers and researchers craving for more holistic and indeed economical approaches to what we call *inter-personal crime*. The practices that come under the banner of RJ are all characterised with a strong element of parties' empowerment in dealing and indeed leading on the restoration of harm and wrongdoing – to the extent possible (Braithwaite, 2002a). For instance, recent research into domestic violence cases that were referred to an RJ intervention post-conviction showed that although the relationship between the two individuals was not always restored, the mere fact that women felt empowered helped to create in them a sense of justice and "the ability to move on" (Pelikan, 2012).

It is not the intention of this book to discuss the dangers, advantages, safeguards and caveats surrounding RJ's application with *inter-personal* incidents of harm. Our focus is RJ with *group violence*. However, we were not interested in incidents of group violence such as genocide and war. There is a rich literature on the contribution, advantages and disadvantages of RJ-based interventions to this type of group violence including the examples of the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions that were established post the genocides and conflicts in Rwanda (see Kohen *et al*, 2011), Siera Leone (see Park, 2010), former Yugoslavia (see Clark, 2008), Cambodia (e.g. Dicklitch and Malik, 2010), sub-Saharan Africa (Roper and Barria, 2009), Bosnia and Herzegovina and South Africa (e.g. Valiñas and Vanspauwen, 2009).

The focus of this book is RJ's potential, and indeed viability, with *street violence* that involves *groups* of victims and offenders. Our research asked how can RJ's underlying principles be applied in the context of street group violence (e.g. riots) where more than one victim and offender are involved? Does the phenomenon of street group violence present a good opportunity for applying RJ? Why? Why not? If RJ's core values of empowerment, dialogue, voluntariness, honesty, fairness and dignity are to be respected (McCold, 1999; Braithwaite, 2002a; Morrison, 2003; Gavrielides, 2012a), then how can these be communicated to and applied with large groups of offenders and victims? How can equity and fairness for the individual be extended to the community? How can groups of riot offenders come together and collectively enter into a restorative process and dialogue with their group victims? Are there any examples of such restorative practices? Are there any benefits to be gained for group victims and the community, and how can group riot offenders' honesty and commitment be monitored and supported?

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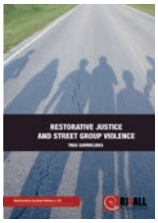

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The socio-economic impacts of the global COVID19 pandemic, the Black Lives Matter movement and persistent inequalities have taken communities to the streets. The implications of street group violence for governments across the world spark a new debate on the appropriateness of restorative approaches in relieving the overstretched and costly criminal justice system. Despite the impressive literature on restorative justice, the potential and indeed viability of its paradigm with street group violence, such as riots, remain largely unexplored.
The book uses the case study method to investigate four examples in India, Greece, Canada and England, where restorative justice is considered within the context of street group violence. Key issues are identified and recommendations are posited, as new policies, practices and research are being proposed in this grey area of restorative justice.

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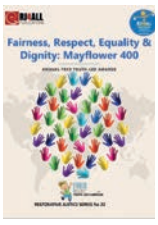

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This e-book presents the work of children and young people who used the values of restorative justice to create and deliver a youth-led social action project that enhanced community cohesion. The project was called Sailing the Mayflower to Equality and Justice in alusion to the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage, which left Rotherhithe and took Pilgrims to America, seeking religious freedom. The e-book brings the results of young people's work to life with the aim of inspiring other people in the community to do the same, and become community leaders in their localities independently of where they are from. The e-book is a live testimony of the value that youth-led social action can bring to community cohesion and it articulates how art, dialogue and restorative justice can be used to empower migrant communities and motivate young people to become inspirational leaders

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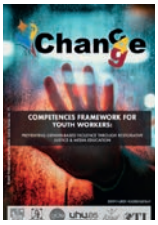

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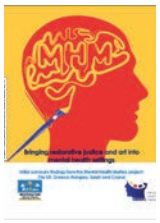

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This e-book brings together the work of six organisations working on the Mental Health Matters project, which is supported by the Erasmus+ Programme, under KA204 Strategic Partnerships for adult education". It is coordinated by the Restorative Justice for All International Institute (United Kingdom), and is delivered in partnership with "Koinonikes Sineteristikes Drastriotites Efpathon Omadon EDRA" (Greece), "Social Center forInnovation" (Cyprus), "Fundacion Intras (Spain), the Athens School of Fine Arts (Greece)and Lelekben Otthon (Hungary). The project aims to challenge current practices in mental health settings by bringing together restorative justice with art. The two concepts can help rebalance power amongst patients and providers while providing healing and therapeutic results. MHMaims to create the first methodological approach for bringing together the practices of restorative justice and art while creating innovative tools and training material for key stakeholders such as artist, mental health professionals and restorative justice practitioners. This ebook presents the first findings of the project.

RJ SERIES nº 19

Edited by Gavrielides, T. et al, 2020
Restoring Respect in Migrants: Summary findings from the Restorative Respect Project: The UK, Greece, Italy, Spain and Cyprus, London: RJ4All Publications, ISBN *978-1-911634-26-3 RRP £0.99*

This e-book reports on the first findings from the Restoring Respect Project (RRP). Founded upon the values of restorative justice, such as power-sharing and involvement in the decision-making, the RRP project gives voice to migrants by creating, piloting and disseminating an interactive platform and a mobile phone application tailored to the needs and realities of migrant and refugee communities across Europe.

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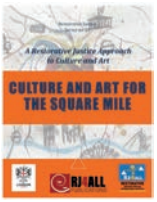

Desiree, N. (2020)
A Restorative Justice Approach to Culture and Art: The culture and Art for the Square Mile Project, London: RJ4All Publications, ISBN *978-1-911634-31-7 RRP £1.00*

This e-book presents the work of children and young people who used the values of restorative justice to create and deliver a youth-led social action project that celebrated the Cultural heritage of the Square Mile.

RJ SERIES nº 17

Gavrielides, T. et al, (2020)
Teoria e prática da Justiça Restaurativa: abordando a discrepância (2ª Edição), ISBN *978-1-911634-25-6 RRP £9.99*

Esta é a tradução para a língua portuguesa da 2a edição de 'Teoria e Prática da Justiça Restaurativa: abordando a discrepância', um livro inovador que examina a lacuna prejudicial entre a teoria da Justiça Restaurativa e sua aplicação, nos EUA, na Europa e em vários países ocidentais (internacionalmente). Os dados foram produzidos a partir de quatro investigações internacionais com mais de 300 profissionais da Justiça Restaurativa, usando uma combinação de metodologias qualitativas, incluindo questionários, entrevistas e grupos focais. A 2a edição fornece atualizações críticas acerca de pesquisas, políticas públicas e práticas de Justiça Restaurativa.

RJ SERIES nº 16

Desiree, N and Marta, S., (2020)
Sailing the Mayflower to Equality and Justice: A restorative justice story, London: RJ4All Publications, ISBN *978-1-911634-29-4 RRP £1.00*
This e-book presents the work of children and young people who used the values of restorative justice to create and deliver a youth-led social action project that enhanced community cohesion. The project was called Sailing the Mayflower to Equality and Justice in alusion to the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage, which left Rotherhithe and took Pilgrims to America, seeking religious freedom. The e-book brings the results of young people's work to life with the aim of inspiring other people in the community to do the same, and become community leaders in their localities independently of where they are from.

RJ SERIES nº 15

Edited by Gavrielides, T. et al (2020)
Bringing restorative justice and art into mental health settings Views from the UK, Greece, Hungary, Spain and Cyprus in national languages, London: RJ4All Publications,
ISBN *978-1-911634-28-7 RRP £0.99*

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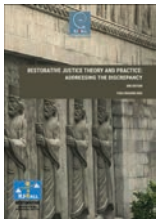
RJ SERIES nº 14

Edited by Gavrielides, T. et al (2020)
Restoring Respect in Migrants: National Chapters from the Restorative Respect Project: The UK, Greece, Italy, Spain and Cyprus, London: RJ4All Publications,
ISBN 978-1-911634-27-0 RRP £0.99

This ebook brings together the work of five organisations working on the Restoring Respect Project (RRP). The project is supported by the Erasmus+ Programme, under KA202 Strategic Partnerships for vocational education and training". It is coordinated by the Restorative Justice for All Internatonal Institute (United Kingdom) in partnership with "Koinonikes Sineteristikes Drastriotites Efpathon Omadon EDRA" (Greece), "Social Center for Innovation" (Cyprus), "ICSE & CO" (Italy) and "Fundacion Altius Francisco de Vittoria' (Spain). The ultimate objective of RRP is to address the employment gap between established and migrant communities, while restoring the respect in migrant populations who are often viewed and treated as unqualified and unable to contribute to their host country. RRP uses the underlying values of restorative justice including power sharing, equality, dignity and respect in relation to both its internal management and the production of its results.

RJ SERIES nº 13



Gavrielides, T (2019)
Restorative Justice Theory and Practice: Addressing the Discrepancy, 2nd Edition, London: RJ4All Publications, ISBN 978-1-911634-17-1 *RRP £9.99*

This is the 2nd edition of the Restorative Justice Theory & Practice: Addressing the Discrepancy, a ground-breaking book that examines the harmful gap between the restorative justice theory and its application in the U.S., Europe, and internationally. Data were obtained from four international surveys with over 300 restorative justice practitioners, using a combination of qualitative methodologies, including questionnaires, interviews and focus groups. The 2nd edition provides critical updates for restorative justice research, policy and practice.

RJ SERIES nº 12

Desiree, N. and edited by Gavrielides, T. et al, (2020)
Using art and the values of restorative justice to create community cohesion:
The 3Rs project
ISBN *978-1-911634-24-9, RRP £1.00*

This e-book presents the work of children and young people who used the values of restorative justice to create and deliver youth-led social action projects that enhanced community cohesion. The two projects were Watersports Youth Matters funded by the Mayor of London and Restore Respect in Rotherhithe funded by the Neighbourhoods Fundand Southwark Council.

RJ SERIES n° 11

Gavrielides, T. and Noriega, D. (2019)
Youth-led restorative justice in action: using art, sport and the values of restorative justice to enhance community cohesion, London: RJ4All Publications, ISBN 978-1-911634-16-4 *RRP £1.00*

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RJ SERIES n° 10

Gavrielides, T and Tsagas, M (2019)
Collapsing the Criminal Labels of Domestic Violence: A Social & Restorative Justice Approach, London: RJ4All Publications, ISBN 978-1-911634-15-7 *RRP £9.99*

Domestic violence is a pervasive problem that has plagued most societies throughout history; affecting women, men, boys and girls alike, in a myriad of different ways. Typically, how the issue is conceptualised, addressed, resolved hinges greatly on cultural norms, formal and informal practices of conflict resolution and legal frameworks. This ebook addresses the sensitive and controversial topic of using restorative justice in cases of domestic violence. Through an evidence-based manner, it purports to bring forward new insights and reflections acquired through recent fieldwork with victims, offenders and restorative justice practitioners. Most importantly, it makes these firm assertions while recognising the need for caution and without disregarding potential opposing arguments.

RJ SERIES n° 9

Laura, D. et al (2019)
Community cohesion through children-led restorative justice art, London: RJ4All Publications, ISBN 978-1-911634-14-0 *RRP £1.00*

This unique e-book presents the results of the children-led project Culture and Art for Unity (CA4U that was carried out by RJ4All in partnership with Bizzie Bodies from September 2018 until April 2019 giving to 22 children access to art workshops every Friday after school. The project had two objectives in mind. First, to create a fun and educational space for local children who could not afford to attend art classes outside of school, increasing in this way not only their skills, but also their awareness around issues of equality. They were mixed with children of different backgrounds, races, socio economic status and abilities. The second objective was to use their work to get local people to talk. Indeed, one of the key principles of restorative justice is dialogue. Something as innocent and as creative as our children's art became the best prompt for getting parents, teachers, policy makers and local organisations to talk.

RJ SERIES n° 8

Gavrielides, T. (2019)
Safeguarding and Empowering Victims: Training manual on restorative justice in the Victims' Directive. London: RJ4All Publication, ISBN 978-1-911634-09-6 *RRP £9.99*

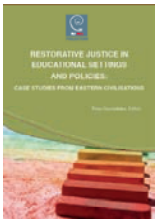
This e-book is part of the RJ4All Restorative Justice Series. It also forms part of the RJ4All›s accredited e-course «Safeguarding and Empowering Victims» This training manual aims to provide assistance to crime victims and practitioners focusing on safeguards and best practice when implementing restorative justice.
This training handbook has been designed with the following target groups in mind independently of their location. The manual uses the Victims' Directive (Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA) as its legal and theoretical framework for achieving its objectives.
The manual includes information on the rights of the victim, a definition of restorative justice, case studies illustrating safeguarding issues and a victim assessment guide.

RJ SERIES n° 7

Desiree, N and edited by Gavrielides, T. et al (2018)
The story of restorative justice art through children's eyes, London: RJ4All Publications, ISBN 978-1-911634-08-9 *RRP £1.00*

At RJ4All, we strive for a more cohesive society by distributing power through educational activities, awareness raising and user-led projects. This e-book is the result of our latest "Restorative Art through children's eyes project" leading to a unique exhibition, led by our children. The project falls within our wider partnership programme with local art club, Bizzie Bodies, titled "Culture and Art for Unity" and is supported by Southwark Council as part of Black History Month. The project is founded upon the belief that culture and art can bring people together and encourage community cohesion. We use restorative justice values such as equality, involvement in decision making, inclusion and empowerment, to support our children to lead on the art creation, and through their work increase cultural awareness.

RJ SERIES nº 6



Wong, S.G.D and Gavrielides, T. (2019)
Restorative Justice in Educational Settings and Policies: Case studies from Eastern Civilisations, London: RJ4All Publications, ISBN 978-1-911634-07-2. RRP £9.99

Edited by two leading restorative justice scholars from the West and East, this unique book bridges a gap in the literature by bringing together new evidence on the application of restorative practices in educational settings. The book has two aims. First, it builds a bridge between the restorative justice world in the East with that of the West. The volume demonstrates how similar the theoretical and practical experiences are in the two sides of the world. It presents us with evidence of what works in policy, research and practice and allows us to make comparisons for the future. Secondly, the book challenges restorative justice which is often seen through the narrow lenses of the criminal justice system.

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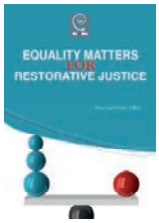

Edited by Gavrielides, T. (2018)
Equality Matters for Restorative Justice London: RJ4All Publications. ISBN 978-1-911634-03-4. RRP £9.99

Restorative justice was brought back into the modern world of policy, research and practice in response to a growing disappointment from our criminal justice systems especially in relation to how it treats vulnerable groups such as those experiencing discrimination due to their race, gender, age etc. Therefore, it is surprising why equality hasn't featured more prominently in the restorative justice discourse. This is what the Editor calls the 'paradox of restorative justice', and the battle field where the future of restorative justice will be fought.This edited collection of papers written by leading equality and restorative justice scholars aims to bring to the restorative justice debate a new dimension that is yet to be explored in its own right. This refers to issues surrounding equality and restorative justice both at the normative and empirical levels. Through an evidence-based approach, case studies from around the world are presented to develop a narrative and a practical tool for considering equality matters when applying or thinking about restorative justice. Particular emphasis was given on gender and domestic violence, Indigenous peoples, gender equality and prisoners.

RJ SERIES nº 4

Edited by Gavrielides, T. (2018)
Human Rights and Restorative Justice, London: RJ4All Publications. ISBN 978-1-911634-00-3. RRP £9.99

This edited collection of papers written by leading international experts in the fields of restorative justice and human rights aims to address this gap. The tools to achieve this and the role of human rights and restorative justice for personal and community conflicts were researched and tested. Through an evidence-based approach, a narrative and a framework are developed for moving the debate forward on joint human rights – restorative justice approach to conflicts.

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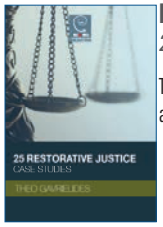

Edited by Gavrielides, T. (2017)
25 Restorative Justice case studies, RJ4All Publications: London. ISBN: 978-1-911634-01-0. RRP £4.99

This edited collection brings together 25 real case studies (plus 2 bonus case studies) written by leading practitioners from around the world such as the UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and across Europe. The case studies cover issues such as domestic violence, murder, hate crimes, theft and youth violence.

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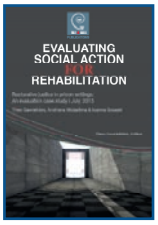

Gavrielides, T., Ntziadima, A. and Gouseti, I (2015)
Evaluating Social Action for Rehabilitation: Restorative Justice in Prison Settings, London: RJ4All Publications. ISBN: 978-1-911634-02-7. RRP £4.99

This e-book presents findings of an evaluation of restorative justice in prison settings. The findings are based on an independent evaluation that was carried out by qualified researchers using a mixture of quantitative and qualitative research. The quantitative research was carried out over a specified timeframe and with financial support from the Cabinet Office. The research was conducted between 1 November 2013 – 1 July 2015 (20 months). During the research period, the Silence the Violence programme was delivered to 162 participants in total. Milestones was delivered to 61 offenders, who were released from HMP & YOI Isis, HMP Winchester and HMP Forest Bank. An additional 45 offenders were mentored by partner organisations under contract to Khulisa. However, useable data was only secured for 40 Milestones participants giving us a total final research sample of 194 participants.

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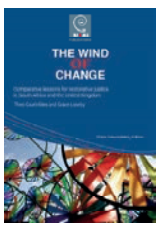

Gavrielides, T. and Loseby G. (2014)
The Wind of Change: Comparative Lessons for Restorative Justice in South Africa and the United Kingdom, London: RJ4All Publications, ISBN 978-1-911634-04-1 RRP £4.99

The death of Nelson Mandela in December 2013 closed an active year for restorative justice. His life was a symbol of restoration and promise and continues to stir interest and discussion in the search for an alternative to incarceration and towards peaceful conflict resolution. This book looks at restorative justice in context of two countries, the United Kingdom and South Africa, as they independently try to navigate between past, present and future justice systems. There is reference to the cultural, political and socio-economic landscapes of each nation. Our understanding of justice is symbolic of these landscapes and a mapping exercise is undertaken, with a discussion of enablers and barriers for the restorative justice movement internationally. The book also discusses the ownership of restorative justice and the role of non-governmental bodies such as Khulisa.

The socio-economic impacts of the global COVID19 pandemic, the Black Lives Matter movement and persistent inequalities have taken communities to the streets. The implications of street group violence for governments across the world spark a new debate on the appropriateness of restorative approaches in relieving the overstretched and costly criminal justice system. Despite the impressive literature on restorative justice, the potential and indeed viability of its paradigm with street group violence, such as riots, remain largely unexplored.

The book uses the case study method to investigate four examples in India, Greece, Canada and England, where restorative justice is considered within the context of street group violence. Key issues are identified and recommendations are posited, as new policies, practices and research are being proposed in this grey area of restorative justice.

"The strength of restorative justice lies within communities, not formal structures. This book helps us, academics, to develop new lines of methods of research and scientific dialogue". **(Prof. Vasso Artinopoulou, Panteion University)**

"The potential of restorative justice with street group violence, such as riots, remain largely unexplored. This is a timely book that takes an important step for research, policy and practice" **(Prof. Gerry Johnstone, Hull University)**

"The research for this book has already laid the foundations for restorative justice pilots with Vancouver rioters. I hope that communities beyond our boarders will use this book to pursue restoration of harm caused by street group violence" **(Prof. Brenda Morrison, Simon Fraser University)**

"Is my son any different from many of the young people down there that night? Probably not. Should they be held accountable and make reparations for their actions? Absolutely! This is where I believe the idea of restorative justice comes in. This is not a solution that should be viewed as weak on crime, but rather one that is strong on community. I for one would also be happy to see these kids working with the police – not against them" **(young rioter's mother).**

"This may likely not be the last stupid thing I will do in my life, but I truly hope that it will be the worst thing. If other kids feel like I do, I believe that there will never be a repeat of the events that happened last summer. I look forward to somehow righting the wrong done to him and the city of Vancouver that night" **(young rioter).**

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