

Criminological Colloquium

The KfN cordially invites you to the following guest lecture:

Virtual reality in crime research: An introduction and review

Prof. Dr. Dr. Jean-Louis van Gelder

(Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, Freiburg)

Time: Tuesday, 03rd December 2024, 18:00 to 19:30

Location: Online

Note: As the title and abstract already suggest, this is an English lecture.

Subject of the lecture:

In this talk, Jean-Louis van Gelder will give a brief, non-technical, introduction of virtual reality (VR) technology and discuss its potential for crime research. He will explain why this technology is uniquely suited to address problems that have traditionally plagued crime research. Specifically, he will explain that VR can provide an ecologically valid alternative for traditional research methods, or be used in combination with them, create research possibilities that are hard to realize otherwise, and allows for the study of phenomena that are difficult to study in the real world for ethical, budgetary, or practical reasons. He elaborates on what is currently possible, and also on what the coming decades could look like in terms of addressing novel research questions and filling gaps in the knowledge base. In the second part of the talk, he will provide examples of prior and current VR-based research conducted at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law that illustrates some of the possibilities of VR.

Suggested reading:

Van Gelder, J.-L. (2023). [Virtual Reality for Criminologists: A Road Map](#). *Crime and Justice*, 52(1), 1-49.

Participation requirements:

To take part, you must register using our [online form](#). You will receive the participation link directly after registration, so that this can also be done at very short notice. Participation is free of charge. A certificate of attendance will be issued on request and sent to you by e-mail in the days following the event.