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## UCT conference to bring together international experts on safety and violence

**“Promoting safety, Reducing violence, Raising awareness” First conference of the UCT Safety & Violence Initiative (SaVI): 8 & 9 September, 2011, Barnard Fuller Bldg, UCT Health Science Campus, Cape Town**

**Discussion themes: Evidence on violence prevention; norms of violence in South Africa; schools, youth & alcohol; violence against women; languages of violence; violence research; violence and communities**

Seven experts with international expertise in fields related to preventing violence and promoting safety will bring their experiences to bear on SA’s struggles in this important area, at the first conference of the University of Cape Town’s Safety & Violence Initiative (SaVI) beginning on 8 September, 2011, in the Barnard Fuller Building, of the UCT Health Science Campus.

“The rise of violence in the home, in schools and in community life is a top concern for everyone in South Africa,” said UCT Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price. “UCT is mobilising its resources as researchers and academics to help understand the underlying causes of violence in South Africa, develop strategies for reducing these causes and assist government agencies in bringing this problem under control.”

The university allocated a research grant of more than R750,000 from the Vice-Chancellor’s Strategic Fund to establish SaVI’s work, including the organizing of the conference titled “Promoting safety, Reducing violence, Raising awareness”. Guest speakers, who will be available for interviews from Tuesday, 6 September 2011, include:

- **Dr Anna Alvazzi del Frate:** Researcher Director at Small Arms Survey, a project of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland, and formerly with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in

Vienna, where she established and led a team dealing with research and statistics in crime and criminal justice. She helped develop a series of international surveys aimed at obtaining comparable information on experiences of crime and justice in more than 70 countries, including the International Crime Victimization Survey, the International Violence Against Women Survey, and the International Survey on Crimes against Businesses. Such surveys, have given her unique experience in the assessment of citizens' experiences and perceptions of crime and violence. Dr. Alvazzi del Frate holds a Doctorate in Criminology from the University of Bologna, Italy.

- **Dr Alexander Butchart:** Prevention of Violence Coordinator in the Department of Violence and Injury Prevention and Disability at the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland. His responsibilities include coordinating the Global Campaign for Violence Prevention, the development of policy for the prevention of interpersonal violence, preparation of guidelines for the prevention of specific types of interpersonal violence, and the coordination of research into various aspects of interpersonal violence and its prevention. Before joining WHO he worked mainly in southern and east Africa, where he was lead scientist in the South African Violence and Injury Surveillance Consortium, and in collaboration with the Uganda-based Injury Prevention Initiative for Africa participated in training violence and injury prevention workers from a number of African countries.
- **John Carnochan:** Detective Chief Superintendent with Strathclyde Police, a force of over 10,000 officers and staff covering central Scotland including the city of Glasgow, Scotland. He has been a police officer for over 36 years working mostly as a detective. He was an instructor at the Scottish Police College. He helped established the Violence Reduction Unit in January 2005, with the aim of developing a strategy that would bring about sustainable reductions in violence within Strathclyde. In April 2006 the VRU assumed a Scotland wide role and are now supported by the Scottish Government. Their fundamental tenet is that "violence is preventable - not inevitable". He acts as a technical adviser for WHO's Violence Prevention Alliance and is currently working with the University of St Andrews in assisting four low- and middle-income countries develop violence reduction strategies.
- **Prof Peter Donnelly:** The head of Public Health Medicine at the Bute Medical School, University of St Andrews, Scotland. He works with the WHO to assist countries in developing national violence reduction programmes. He works closely with the Scottish violence reduction unit in evaluating major violence reduction initiatives in Glasgow and elsewhere. Professor Donnelly also does much work with policymakers and politicians at local, national and international levels to effect and evaluate practical means of reducing health inequalities and maximising positive health, particularly amongst young people.
- **Dr Christopher Mikton:** Before joining WHO's Prevention of Violence Team, Dr Mikton worked as a clinical scientist for the UK Ministry of Justice and Department of Health's Dangerous and Severe Personality Disorder Programme. In the past, he has also worked for the International Committee of the Red Cross and the World Wide Fund for Nature International. Specific projects he is involved in include assessing national child maltreatment prevention readiness; developing national capacity, policy, and programmes for child maltreatment prevention in a number of southern African countries enhancing relations between the criminal justice/law enforcement

justice/law enforcement and health sectors to prevent violence more effectively; and developing a global research agenda for violence prevention.

- **Dr Elizabeth Ward:** Consultant in the Institute of Criminal Justice, University of the West Indies and Chair of Board of Directors of the Violence Prevention Alliance Jamaica, Dr Ward is a medical epidemiologist with years of public health experience health system. Her work focuses on alliance building, building Safe Violence Free communities, measuring the cost benefit of prevention, and research and policy development. Dr Ward is a member of several technical working groups both locally and internationally that focus on violence prevention activities.
- **Dr Martin Ekeke Monono:** Regional Advisor for Violence and Injury Prevention and Disability in the WHO Regional Office for Africa. He is an ear, nose and throat surgeon from Cameroon and has served as Provincial Delegate (Regional Director) of Health, Director of the Health Care Organisation and Health Technology, and Director of Family Health (mother and child) in the Ministry of Public Health.

Abstracts of the speakers' presentations are available on request, and the speakers will be available for interviews.

A timetable for the conference follows this release.

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## SaVI Conference Draft Programme (8 & 9 September 2011)

Thursday 8 September 2011	
09:00 – 09:10	<b>Welcome</b> Catherine Ward (Chair, Safety and Violence Initiative Steering Committee) Crain Soudien (Deputy Vice Chancellor, Transformation and Social Responsiveness, University of Cape Town)
09:10 - 10:20	<b>Global violence prevention: an overview</b> Alexander Butchart (World Health Organization)

	<p><b>Violence prevention: the evidence</b> Christopher Mikton (World Health Organization)</p>
10:20 - 10:30	<p><b>Welcome from the Vice Chancellor of the University of Cape Town</b> Dr Max Price Vice Chancellor, University of Cape Town</p>
10:30 – 10:45	<p><b>An intersectoral strategy for injury prevention in South Africa</b> Dr Shaidah Asmall National Department of Health, South Africa</p>
10:45 – 10:55	<p><b>A view from provincial government</b> Dr Gilbert Lawrence Department of Community Safety, Provincial Government of the Western Cape</p>
10:55-11:10	TEA
11:10-12:30	<p><b>Panel discussion: Violence across disciplines – a common problem, different gazes</b> Chair: Crain Soudien</p> <p><u>Participants:</u> Julie Berg (Centre of Criminology, University of Cape Town) Jim Cochrane (Department of Religious Studies, University of Cape Town) Sebastian van As (Department of Surgery, University of Cape Town) Lorna Martin (Forensic Medicine &amp; Toxicology, University of Cape Town) Peter Donnelly (Public Health Medicine, University of St Andrews, UK)</p>
12:30-13:30	LUNCH
13:30-15:15	<p><b><u>Session 1: Norms of violence and offending in South Africa</u></b> Chair: Anna Alvazzi del Frate (Small Arms Survey, Switzerland)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Challenging notions of criminal offending: The possibility of a new theoretical framework based on findings from a study on incarcerated women in South Africa</b> Lillian Artz (Gender, Health &amp; Justice Research Unit, University of Cape Town)</li> <li>2. <b>The construction of the South Africa tsotsi: challenging myths and a challenging reality</b> Ellen Hurst (Department of Construction Economics and Management, University of Cape Town)</li> <li>3. <b>The making of the South African criminal subject</b> Vanessa Barolsky (Human Sciences Research Council)</li> <li>4. <b>A response to a killing: A young man's thoughts</b> Derek Gripper (Schools Development Unit, University of Cape Town)</li> </ol>

	<p><b>5. Violence related norms and the ‘culture of violence’- their relevance to violence prevention in South Africa</b> David Bruce (Independent Researcher)</p> <p><b>6. Media representations of gratuitous violence in South Africa</b> Mailie Green (Department of Psychology, University of Witwatersrand)</p> <p><b>7. Sex, violence and harm in games: An analysis of the guidelines for classification of the Film and Publication Board of South Africa</b> Marion Walton, Nicola Pallit &amp; Muya Koloko (Centre for Film and Media Studies, University of Cape Town)</p> <p><b>8. Using the Constitutional mandate of oversight over the South African Police Service (SAPS) as catalyst in promoting safety, reducing violence, raising awareness</b> Gideon Morris (Department of Community Safety, Provincial Government of the Western Cape)</p> <p><b>9. Gunshots of children in Cape Town: Did the introduction of the New Firearm Bill in 2004 have any effect?</b> Nathan Campbell, John Colville, Dorothy Schulman, Pumla Mtambeka &amp; Sebastian Van As (Trauma Unit Red Cross Children’s Hospital Cape Town; Childsafe South Africa; and Department of Paediatric Surgery, University of Cape Town)</p> <p><b>10. Women’s journey of recovery</b> Sinegugu Duma (Division of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Cape Town)</p> <p><b>11. Suspected fatal child abuse: A case report</b> Sairita Maistry (Department of Forensic Pathology, University of Cape Town)</p> <p><b>12. Parenting programmes in South Africa: Investigating design and evaluation practices</b> Inge Wessels, Catherine Ward &amp; Andrew Dawes (Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town)</p>
<b>15:15-16:00</b>	<b>TEA AND POSTER WALK</b>
<b>16:00-17:40</b>	<p><b><u>Session 2: Schools, youth and alcohol</u></b> <b>Chair: Peter Donnelly</b> (Public Health Medicine, University of St Andrews, UK)</p> <p><b>1. From classrooms to cooperatives, from Rwanda to South Africa: experience-based, innovative approaches to promoting safety, reducing violence, and raising awareness</b></p>

Bill Holderness (Department of Education, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University)  
Celestin Hategekimana (Development Studies, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University)

2. **Promoting school safety in post-conflict countries**

Lezanne Leoschut (Centre for Justice and Crime Prevention)

3. **Violence prevention at schools- Challenges to a whole school approach to violence prevention**

Patrick Burton (Centre for Justice and Crime Prevention)

4. **Perceived prevalence, determinants and preventive strategies for violence-related behaviours among South Africa high school children-a survey among students in rural Vhembe District**

Henry Akinsola (Department of Public Health, University of Venda)

Nditsheni Jeanette Ramakuela (Department of Advanced Nursing Science, University of Venda)

5. **Curbing youthful violence in South Africa: An ecological perspective**

Velile Notshulwana (Department of Psychology, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University)

6. **The spatial characteristics of homes as private domains nurturing youth offending behaviour**

Thozama Lutya (Department of Social Work and Criminology, University of Pretoria)

7. **An investigation into the impact of hope on children and adolescents' perceptions of well-being within high violence communities in Cape Town**

Shazly Savahl, Serena Isaacs & Sabirah Adams (Department of Psychology, University of the Western Cape)

8. **Working towards alcohol free schools in South Africa**

Sue Goldstein & Aadielah Maker (Soul City Institute)

9. **Using advocacy to impact on alcohol-related violence: The Phuza Wize Example**

Savera Kalideen (Soul City Institute)

10. **Violence and alcohol: the injury profile at the Elsie's River Community Health Centre**

Richard Matzopolous (Medical Research Council & School of Public Health and

	<p>Family Medicine, University of Cape Town)          Indira Govender (Western Cape Department of Health &amp; School of Public Health and Family Medicine, University of Cape Town)          Prestige Makanga (African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town)          Joanne Corrigan (School of Public Health and Family Medicine, University of Cape Town)</p> <p><b>11. Developing a brief intervention for substance users attending trauma clinics in the Western Cape</b>          Katherine Sorsdahl &amp; Dan Stein (Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health, University of Cape Town)          Joanne Corrigan (Department of Health &amp; School of Public Health and Family Medicine, University of Cape Town)          Bronwyn Myers (Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health, University of Cape Town &amp; Alcohol &amp; Drug Abuse Research Unit, Medical Research Council)          Sonja Pasche (Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health, University of Cape Town)          Andrew Nicol (Department of Surgery, University of Cape Town)          Catherine Ward (Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town)          Richard Matzopoulos (Medical Research Council &amp; School of Public Health and Family Medicine, University of Cape Town)</p>
17:40 - until	WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY AND POSTER WALK
<b>Friday 9 September 2011</b>	
09:00 – 10:15	<p><b><u>Session 3: Violence against women, languages of violence, and violence research</u></b>  <b>Chair: John Carnochan</b> (Violence Reduction Unit, Strathclyde Police, Scotland)</p> <p>1. <b>Violence Against Women Presenting to a South African Trauma Centre: A Prospective Study</b>          Joanna Thirsk, Tiago Morgado, Britta Dedekind, Ferhana Gool, Andrew Nicol, Del Kahn (Department of Trauma Surgery, Groote Schuur Hospital, South Africa)          Dr. Carlos Lojo-Rial (Department of Emergency Medicine, King's College Hospital, United Kingdom)</p> <p>2. <b>“I had a hard life”: Exploring childhood adversity in the shaping of masculinities among men who killed an intimate partner in South Africa</b>          Shanaaz Mathews, Rachel Jewkes &amp; Naeemah Abrahams (Gender &amp; Health Research Unit, Medical Research Council)</p>

	<p>3. <b>Representations of violence against women</b> Floretta Boonzaier (Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town)</p> <p>4. <b>Rhetoric of dominance, power and control: constructions of hegemonic masculinity in a batterer intervention programme</b> Taryn van Niekerk &amp; Floretta Boonzaier (Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town)</p> <p>5. <b>The blending of the Coordinated Community Response Initiative (CCRI) with the Domestic Violence workplace initiative in the fight against domestic violence</b> Ibrahim Koodoruth (Department of Social Studies, University of Mauritius)</p> <p>6. <b>Taking care: Experiences of vicarious trauma during violence-related research</b> Anik Gevers (Gender &amp; Health Research Unit, Medical Research Council; Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health, University of Cape Town) Naeemah Abrahams &amp; Rachel Jewkes (Gender &amp; Health Research Unit, Medical Research Council)</p> <p>7. <b>The language of violence: An archetype for understanding and dealing with violent actions and behaviours</b> Leon Holtzhausen (Department of Social Development, University of Cape Town)</p>
10:15-10:45	TEA AND POSTER WALK
11:00-12:20	<p><b><u>Session 4: Violence and communities</u></b> <b>Chair: Elizabeth Ward</b> (Institute of Criminal Justice and Security, The University of the West Indies, Jamaica)</p> <p>1. <b>Mapping women’s perceptions of the factors that influence violence in a Cape Flats community</b> Sarah Crawford-Browne (Primary Health Care Directorate, University of Cape Town) Debra Kaminer (Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town)</p> <p>2. <b>A qualitative inquiry investigation the influence of community violence and adolescents’ sense of hope on perceptions of well-being in a high violence community in Cape Town</b> Shazly Savahl &amp; Serena Isaacs (Department of Psychology, University of the Western Cape)</p> <p>3. <b>A comprehensive community safety approach- lessons learnt in Orange Farm, Nompumelelo and Elsie’s River</b> Natalie Jaynes &amp; Sean Tait (Open Society Foundation for South Africa)</p>



	<p>4. <b>Comprehensive violence prevention model implemented in Cape Town</b> Michael Krause (Sustainable Urban Neighbourhood Development)</p> <p>5. <b>Mobilising spiritual capacities and religious assets to promote safety and peace: A Western Cape case study</b> Naiema Taliep, Sandy Lazarus &amp; Mohamed Seedat (Safety and Peace Promotion Research Unit, Medical Research Council/ University of South Africa) Jim Cochrane (Department of Religious Studies, University of Cape Town)</p> <p>6. <b>The matrix of safety promoting interventions implemented by VPUU and SUN Development</b> Chris Giles (Sustainable Urban Neighbourhood Development)</p> <p>7. <b>Understanding the social dynamics of collective violence in poor communities in South Africa &amp; its implications for violence prevention</b> Malose Langa (Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation &amp; Department of Psychology, University of Witwatersrand) Adele Kirsten (Independent consultant/ violence prevention practitioner) Nomfundo Mogapi (Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation)</p> <p>8. <b>Design principles for more effective security governance and urban safety in South Africa</b> Julie Berg &amp; Clifford Shearing (Centre of Criminology, University of Cape Town)</p> <p>9. <b>Community Mobilisation for Change</b> Aadielah Maker &amp; Siviwe Minyi (Soul City Institute)</p>
12:20-14:00	LUNCH AND POSTER WALK
14:00-14:45	<p><b><u>Session 5: Reflections from discussants</u></b> <b>Chair: John Carnochan</b></p> <p>The discussants will address these two questions, based on their own experience and what they have heard from delegates during the conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “If you worked in Africa, what would your <i>research</i> priorities be and why?”</li> <li>• “What would your <i>practice</i> priorities be, and why?”</li> </ul> <p>John Carnochan (Violence Reduction Unit , Strathclyde Police Force, Scotland) Alexander Butchart (Department of Violence and Injury Prevention and Disability, World Health Organisation) Christopher Mikton (Department of Violence and Injury Prevention and Disability, World Health Organisation) Anna Alvazzi del Frate (Small Arms Survey, Switzerland) Peter Donnelly (Public Health Medicine, University of St Andrews, UK) Elizabeth Ward (Institute of Criminal Justice and Security, The University of the West</p>

	Indies, Jamaica) Martin Ekeke Monono (WHO Regional Advisor for Violence and Injury Prevention, African Region)
<b>14:45-15:00</b>	<b>Conference closure</b> Catherine Ward (Safety and Violence Initiative, University of Cape Town)