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## **Top criminologist to speak at UCT on ‘Restorative Justice: Republican Vision and Justice as a Better Future’**

**Vice Chancellor’s Open Lecture: 18h00, Thursday, 26 July 2012, Kramer LT1,  
Cross Campus Road, Middle Campus**

John Braithwaite, Australian Research Council Federation Fellow at the Australian National University, will speak at the University of Cape Town on “Restorative Justice: Republican Vision and Justice as a Better Future”, on Thursday, 26 July 2012, at 18h00 in Lecture Theatre 1, Kramer Law Building.

Professor Braithwaite’s powerful and striking theories and vision have positioned him as a world-leading social scientist. By aiming at social justice, participative democracy, sustainable development, and world peace, he has characteristically put his scientific engagement at the service of an ethical vision of humanity and society.

Professor Braithwaite is considered one of the most renowned contemporary criminologists worldwide, partly due to his decisive role in the development of the right of redress. He has been active in social movement politics for 40 years in Australia and internationally, and in the past has worked on a variety of areas of business regulation and on the crime problem.

As a criminologist, he is particularly interested in the role of restorative justice, responsive regulation, shame management and reintegration in crime prevention. His book *Crime, Shame and Reintegration* (1989) demonstrated that current criminal justice practice tends to stigmatise offenders, making the crime problem worse. He argues that restorative justice enables both offenders and citizens, by way of mediation, to repair the social harm caused by crime.

In 2001 he established Regulatory Institutions Network (RegNet), a worldwide network of institutions, practitioners, and academics researching the key domain of regulation with an eye toward human rights, justice, and sustainable environmental policy. He has also embarked on a 20-year comparative project called [Peacebuilding Compared, an](#) ambitious study which seeks to compare peacebuilding efforts in 48 conflicts throughout the world.

His recent books can be downloaded for free and include *Networked Governance of Freedom and Tyranny: Peace in Timor-Leste* (2012 with Hilary Charlesworth and Aderito Soares).

Professor Braithwaite is the recipient of a number of international awards and prizes for his work, including an honorary doctorate at the University of Leuven in Belgium, Europe's leading university in the field of restorative justice (2008); the Stockholm Prize in Criminology (2006); and the Prix Emile Durkheim, International Society of Criminology, for Lifetime Contributions to Criminology (2005).

### **The Centre of Criminology at UCT**

The Centre of Criminology at UCT is a research unit within the Faculty of Law. Its research explores shifts within the governance of security, with a particular focus on changes in the sources of insecurity and developments in responses to them. The centre's work is organised around two principal foci: developments in policing, particularly within Africa, and the emergence of new environmental risks and responses to them.

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