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Education

- 2012 PhD in Criminology. *University of Cambridge, UK*
Supervisor: Prof. Manuel Eisner
Dissertation: State Legitimacy and Violence: Assessing the Causes and Correlates of Homicide Across Countries
- 2009 MPhil in Criminological Research. *University of Cambridge, UK*
- 2008 BSc in Justice Studies. *University of Idaho, USA*

Academic Positions

- 2021-pres. Associate Professor of Sociology. Department of Sociology. *Utrecht University*
- 2017-2021 Assistant Professor of Sociology. Department of Sociology. *Utrecht University*
- 2017 Assistant Professor of Criminology and Violence Prevention. School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. *Griffith University, Australia*
- 2015-2016 Assistant Professor of Sociology. Department of Sociology. *Utrecht University*
- 2012-2015 Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow. Nuffield College & Department of Sociology. *University of Oxford, UK*

Visiting Positions and Affiliations

- Research Fellow, Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement, *Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, NL*
- Visiting Researcher, Preventive Medicine Department, *University of São Paulo, Brazil*
- Associate, Africa Institute for Crime, Policy, & Governance Research, *Accra, Ghana*
- Affiliated Researcher, Security for Open Societies Research Hub, *Utrecht University*
- Visiting Research Fellow, Griffith Criminology Institute, *Griffith University, Australia*
- Collaboration Partner, Zurich Project on Social Development from Childhood to Adulthood, *University of Zurich, Switzerland*
- Associate Member, Violence Research Centre, *University of Cambridge, UK*

Areas of Specialization

Violence • Legitimacy • Extremism and Radicalization • International/Comparative Research • Life-course Research • Neighbourhood effects • Urban crime prevention

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- forth. **Nivette, A.**, Nägel, C., & Stan, A. “The use of experimental vignettes in studying procedural justice: A systematic review.” *Journal of Experimental Criminology*.
- 2022 Nägel, C. & **Nivette, A.** “The impact of unexpected events during survey design on trust in the police: A systematic review.” *Journal of Experimental Criminology*.
- 2022 Nägel, C. & **Nivette, A.** “Protest policing and public perceptions of police: Evidence from a natural experiment in Germany.” *Policing & Society*.
- 2022 Murray, A.L., **Nivette, A.**, Obsuth, I., Mirman, J.H., Mirman, D., Ribeaud, D., & Eisner, M. “Gender differences in cross-informant discrepancies in aggressive and prosocial behaviour: A latent difference score analysis.” *Psychological Assessment*.
- 2021 Spiegel, T. & **Nivette, A.** “The relative impact of in-class closed-book versus take-home open-book exam type on student knowledge retention and wellbeing.” *Assessment & Evaluation in Higher Education*.
- 2022 **Nivette, A.** & Peres, M.F.T. “Social disorganisation and urban homicide mortality: A spatial-temporal analysis in São Paulo, Brazil 2000-2015.” *Homicide Studies* 26(3): 219-243.
- 2021 **Nivette, A.**, Obsuth, I., Ribeaud, D., & Eisner, M. “Fair teachers, fair police? Assessing the pathways between perceptions of teacher and police authority in childhood and adolescence.” *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 51: 193-207.
- 2021 **Nivette, A.**, Zahnow, R., Aguilar, R., Ahven, A., Amram, S., Ariel, B., Arosebama Burbano, M.J., Astolfi, R., Baier, D., Bark, H-M., Beijers, J.E.H., Bergman, M., Breeztkke, G., Concha-Eastman, I.A., Curtis-Ham, S., Davenport, R., Díaz, C., Fleitas, D., Gerrell, M., Jang, K-H., Kääriäinen, J., Lappi-Seppälä, T., Lim, W-S., Loureiro Revilla, R., Mazerolle, L., Meško, G., Pereda, N., Peres, M.F.T., Poblete-Cazanave, R., Rose, S., Svensson, R., Trajtenberg, N., van der Lippe, T., Veldkamp, J.A.M., Vilalta Perdomo, C.J., Eisner, M.P. “A global analysis of the impact of COVID-19 stay at home restrictions on crime.” *Nature Human Behaviour*, 5(7): 868-877.
- 2021 **Nivette, A.**, Echelmeyer, L., Weerman, F., Eisner, M., & Ribeaud, D. “Understanding changes in violent extremist attitudes during the transition to adulthood.” *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*.
- 2021 Eisner, M., Kaiser, D., Murray, A.L., **Nivette, A.**, Ribeaud, D., van Gelder, J.L., & Averdijk, M. “The association of polyvictimization with violent ideations in late adolescence and early adulthood. A longitudinal study.” *Aggressive Behavior* 47(4): 472-482.
- 2021 Leos-Toro, C., Ribeaud, D., Bechtiger, L., Steinhoff, A., **Nivette, A.**, Murray A.L., Hepp, U., Quednow, B.B., Eisner, M.P., Shanahan, L. “Attitudes toward COVID-19 vaccination among young adults in urban Switzerland, Fall 2020.” *International Journal of Public Health* 66: 643486.
- 2021 **Nivette, A.** “Exploring the availability and potential of international data for criminological study.” *International Criminology* 1(1): 70-77.
- 2021 Huijsmans, T., **Nivette, A.**, Eisner, M., & Ribeaud, D. “Social Control, Self-control and Adolescent Delinquency: An Examination of Time-varying and Reciprocal Effects.” *European Journal of Criminology* 18(2): 192-212.
- 2020 **Nivette, A.**, Ribeaud, D., Murray, A., Steinhoff, A., Bechtiger, L., Hepp, U., Shanahan, L., & Eisner, M. “Non-compliance with COVID-19-related public health measures among young adults in Switzerland: Insights from a longitudinal cohort study.” *Social Science*

- 2020 Shanahan, L., Steinhoff, A., Bechtiger, L., Murray, A., **Nivette, A.**, Hepp, U., Ribeaud, D., & Eisner, M. "Emotional Distress in Young Adults During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Evidence of Risk and Resilience From a Longitudinal Cohort Study." *Psychological Medicine*.
- 2020 **Nivette, A.**, Trajtenberg, N., Eisner, M., Ribeaud, D., & Peres, M.F.T. "Assessing the measurement invariance and antecedents of legal cynicism in São Paulo, Zurich, and Montevideo." *Journal of Adolescence* 83: 83-94.
- 2020 **Nivette, A.**, Eisner, M., & Ribeaud, D. "Evaluating the shared and unique predictors of legal cynicism and police legitimacy from adolescence into early adulthood." *Criminology* 58(1): 70-100.
- 2019 **Nivette, A.**, Sutherland, A., Eisner, M., & Murray, J. "Sex Differences in Adolescent Physical Aggression: Evidence from Sixty-Three Low- and Middle-Income Countries." *Aggressive Behavior* 45(1): 82-92.
- 2019 **Nivette, A.** & Akoensi, T. "Determinants of Satisfaction with Police in a Developing Country: A Randomised Vignette Study." *Policing & Society* 29(4): 471-487.
- 2017 Peres, M.F.T. & **Nivette, A.** "Social Determinants of Homicide Mortality Rate Trajectories in Brazil between 1991 and 2010." *Social Science & Medicine* 190: 92-100.
- 2017 **Nivette, A.**, Eisner, M. & Ribeaud, D. "Developmental Predictors of Violent Extremist Attitudes: A test of General Strain Theory." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 54(6): 755-790.
- 2016 Eisner, M., **Nivette, A.**, Murray, A., & Krisch, M. "Achieving Population-level Violence Declines: Implications of the International Crime Drop for Prevention Programming." *Journal of Public Health Policy* 37: S66-S80.
- 2016 **Nivette, A.** "Institutional Legitimacy, Effectiveness, and Public Support for Vigilantism in Latin America." *Criminology* 54(1): 142-175.
- 2015 **Nivette, A.**, Eisner, M., Ribeaud, D., & Malti, T. "The Social and Developmental Antecedents of Legal Cynicism." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 52(2): 270-298.
- 2014 **Nivette, A.**, Eisner, M., Malti, T., & Ribeaud, D. "Sex Differences in Aggression amongst Children of Low and High Gender Inequality Backgrounds: A Comparison of Gender Role and Sexual Selection Theories." *Aggressive Behavior* 40(5): 451-464.
- 2014 **Nivette, A.** "Legitimacy and Crime: Theorizing the Role of the State in Cross-National Criminological Theory." *Theoretical Criminology* 18(1): 93-111.
- 2013 **Nivette, A.** & Eisner, Manuel. "Do Legitimate Polities have fewer Homicides? A Cross-National Analysis." *Homicide Studies* 17(1): 3-26.
- 2012 **Nivette, A.** "Spatial Patterns of Homicide and Political Legitimacy in Europe." *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice* 36(3): 155-171.
- 2011 **Nivette, A.** "Violence in Non-State Societies: A Review." *British Journal of Criminology* 51(3): 578-598.
- 2011 **Nivette, A.** "Cross-National Predictors of Crime: A Meta-Analysis." *Homicide Studies* 15(2): 103-131.
- 2011 **Nivette, A.** "Old Theories and New Approaches: Evaluating Freda Adler's Theory of Low Crime and its Implications for Criminology." *Theoretical Criminology* 15(1): 83-99.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- Nägel, C. & **Nivette, A.** "The Rodney King Incident and Verdict Revisited: Examining Opinion-mobilizing Effects using Data from Southern California in 1991 and 1992."

- **Nivette, A.**, Nägel, C., & Op de Weegh, A. “Measuring everyday experiences with the police: An experience sampling pilot study.”
- **Nivette, A.**, Nägel, C., & Gilbert, E. “Examining the effects of the killing of George Floyd by police in the United States on attitudes of Black Londoners: A replication.”
- Janssen, J., Lemieux, A., **Nivette, A.**, & Ruiter, S. “A scoping review on what motivates individuals to illegally harvest wildlife.”

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- Nägel, C., **Nivette, A.**, & Czymara, C. “The impact of terrorist attacks on trust in institutions: a multi-site natural experiment.”
- **Nivette, A.**, & Op de Weegh, A. “Social sources of trust in the police among adolescents in the Netherlands.”
- Kooistra, E., Dirkzwager, A.J.E., **Nivette, A.**, van der Laan, P.H., & Fernández-Villà, G. “Determinants of Procedurally Just Policing and Citizens’ Perceptions of Police Procedural Justice: A Systematic Review”
- Op de Weegh, A., **Nivette, A.**, Nägel, C., & Ruiter, S. “Mapping the pathways from police contact to criminal behavior: A scoping review.”

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2018 Ribeaud, D., Eisner, M., & **Nivette, A.** “Extremistische Einstellungen unter Jugendlichen: Ergebnisse der Zürcher Längsschnittstudie z-proso.” In C. Schwarzenegger & R. Nägeli (Eds.), EIZ: Vol. 184. *Zehntes Zürcher Präventionsforum. Kulturkonflikt und Identität – Radikalisierung und Kriminalität junger Migranten - Ansätze der Prävention.* Zürich, Basel, Genf: Schulthess Juristische Medien AG.
- 2015 **Nivette, A.** “International/Comparative Criminology.” In J.D. Wright (Ed.), *The International Encyclopaedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2nd Edition.* London: Elsevier.
- 2013 Eisner, M. & **Nivette, A.** “The Effects of Legitimacy on Crime: A Review.” In J. Tankebe & A. Lieblich (Eds.), *Legitimacy and Criminal Justice: An International Exploration* (pp. 308-325). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2012 Eisner, M. & **Nivette, A.** “How to Reduce the Global Homicide Rate to 2 per 100,000 by 2060.” In R. Loeber & B.C. Welsh (Eds.), *The Future of Criminology* (pp. 219-225). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

RESEARCH REPORTS

- 2020 Eisner, M. & **Nivette, A.** “Violence in the time of Covid-19.” *Policing Insight*, [LINK](#).
- 2020 Eisner, Manuel & **Nivette, A.** “Violence and the Pandemic.” HFG Research and Policy in Brief [April 2020]. New York: Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation.
- 2017 Eisner, Manuel, Ribeaud, Denis, & **Nivette, A.** “Können gewaltbereite extremistische Einstellungen vorausgesagt werden?” Forshungsmemo, Jacobs Center for Productive Youth Development, University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2008 Jensen, Eric L., Neuilly, Melanie, & **Nivette, A.** “Crime Prevention and Re-entry Programs in Idaho: A Report on Current Services and Gaps in Services.” Report presented to the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission, Boise, ID.
- 2008 Jensen, Eric L., Neuilly, Melanie, & **Nivette, A.** “Causes and Correlates of Gang Membership, Gang Prevention Programs, and Reentry Programs: An Evidence-Based Review

of the Literature.” Report presented to the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission, Boise, ID.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2021 (Invited) “A global analysis of the impact of COVID-19 stay at home restrictions on crime.” Oxford Covid-19 Government Response Tracker Analysis Seminar, University of Oxford [online].
- 2021 (Invited) “The data struggle in terrorism research” [part of panel]. Nederlands Vereniging voor Criminologie Studiemiddag [online].
- 2021 (Invited) “Evaluating the effect of experiences with the police on legitimacy and crime.” Norwegian Police University Colloquium [online].
- 2020 (Invited) “Non-compliance with COVID-19-related public health measures among young adults: Insights from a longitudinal cohort study.” Department of Social Science Seminar Series [online], Catholic University of Uruguay.
- 2020 (Invited) “Who Complies with Social Distancing – and Who Breaks the Rules? First Results from a Longitudinal Study.” Crime in the Times of the Pandemic Webinar, University of Cambridge, UK.
- 2020 “Assessing measurement invariance of legal cynicism in São Paulo, Zurich, and Montevideo.” Zurich Project on Social Development from Childhood to Adulthood Symposium, University of Cordoba, Spain.
- 2019 “Predictors of police legitimacy and legal cynicism in São Paulo, Zurich, and Montevideo: a comparative analysis.” 71st Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 (Invited) “Making homicide declines happen: Understanding urban policy effects on homicide trends.” Presentation for the Strategy, Knowledge management, Innovation and Research Division, Ministry of Justice and Security, The Hague, NL.
- 2019 “Hate crimes in the Netherlands: An examination of neighborhood effects.” Dag van de Sociologie, Nederlandse Sociologische Vereniging. Amsterdam, NL.
- 2018 “Patterns of legal cynicism during adolescence.” 70th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 (Invited) “Are moral neutralisations of violence and violent extremist attitudes the same? A comparative assessment of theoretical risk factors.” Zurich Project on Social Development from Childhood to Adulthood Symposium, University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2018 (Invited) “Patterns of Legal Cynicism During Adolescence.” Centre for the Study of Violence [NEV], University of São Paulo, Brazil.
- 2018 (Invited) “Beyond Political Violence: Causes and Consequences of Crime and Social Violence.” *Workshop*. University of Essex, UK.
- 2017 “Developmental Predictors of Violent Extremist Attitudes: A test of General Strain Theory.” Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- 2016 “Legitimacy, Crime, and Violent Vigilantism in South Africa.” 68th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 (Invited) “Predictors of Violent Extremist Attitudes in a Sample of Swiss Youth.” Sociology Colloquium at Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, the Netherlands.
- 2016 (Invited) “Legal Harms and the New Politics of Resistance: Examining the Juridification of Social (in)justice, Legitimacy, Violence and Extremism.” Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities. University of Cambridge, UK.
- 2016 (Invited) “Adolescent Risk Factors for Violent Extremism.” Institute of Criminology. Uni-

versity of Cambridge, UK.

- 2015 “Assassination Events: Patterns and Predictors across the Globe, 1975-2012.” 67th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C.
- 2014 “‘Virtual statelessness’ and Violent Self-Help in Latin America and the Caribbean.” 66th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 (Invited) “Lessons From a Comparative Analysis of Successful Reductions of Public Violence Across Cities.” Conference on “Global Strategies to Reduce Violence by 50% in the Next 30 Years.” World Health Organization & University of Cambridge. Cambridge, UK.
- 2014 “The Social and Developmental Antecedents of Legal Cynicism.” *Peer-reviewed Roundtable* 109th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 Comparative Approaches to Security Sector Reform, with a Special Focus on the Penal System *Workshop and Conference*. British Council & São Paulo State Research Council. São Paulo, Brazil.
- 2013 “The Developmental Antecedents of Legal Cynicism.” 26th Annual Meeting of the Australia and New Zealand Society of Criminology. Brisbane, Australia.
- 2012 Nationalism and Conflict: Interdisciplinary Methodological Approaches *Workshop and Conference*. Cross-National Studies: Interdisciplinary Research and Training Program. Warsaw, Poland.
- 2012 “Recent Long-Term Violence Reductions in Non-Western and Developing Countries: Are there any Commonalities?” 64th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.
- 2011 “Do Legitimate Polities Have Less Homicide? A Cross-National Analysis.” 16th World Congress of the International Society for Criminology. Kobe, Japan.
- 2010 “Cross-National Predictors of Crime: A Meta-Analysis.” 62nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Research Funding

- 2022 *Co-Principal Investigator*: “The open science student monitor: Measuring open science knowledge, practice, and culture amongst UU students” (€15,000). Utrecht University Open Science Fund [Co-Pi: T. Spiegel].
- 2022 *Co-Principal Investigator*: “Let’s test! Round 2: Learning processes” (€16,900). Utrecht Education Incentive Fund, Utrecht University [Co-PI: T. Spiegel].
- 2021 *Aspasia Premium*: (€40,000) NWO Vidi Talent Programme, Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek [Dutch Research Council].
- 2020 *Principal Investigator*: “Evaluating the effect of experiences with the police on legitimacy and crime” (€800,000). Vidi Talent Programme, Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek [Dutch Research Council].
- 2020 *Co-Principal Investigator*: “Let’s test! The link between test forms, knowledge retention and wellbeing among students” (€16,276). Utrecht Education Incentive Fund, Utrecht University [Co-PI: T. Spiegel].
- 2020 *Principal Investigator*: “Crime during the COVID-19 crisis: A global analysis” (€9,224). Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Utrecht University.
- 2019 *Principal Investigator*: “Perceived criminal justice legitimacy and its effects on violence” (€10,600). Institutions for Open Societies Seed Research Funding, Utrecht University.
- 2016-2017 *Co-Principal Investigator*: “Traditional Justice and Legitimacy in Informal Urban Settlements in Ghana” (£9,995/€11,550). British Academy Small Grant [PI: T. Akoensi, *Univer-*

- sity of Kent].
- 2014 *Principal Investigator*: “Criminal Justice Legitimacy and Informal Social Control among Citizens in Accra, Ghana” (£7,250/€8,380). John Fell Oxford University Press Fund [Co-PI: T. Akoensi, *University of Kent*].

Honours & Awards

- 2014 Nigel Walker Prize for Ph.D. *Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge*.
- 2011 1ST PLACE: American Society of Criminology, Division of International Criminology Student Paper Competition. “Spatial Patterns of Homicide and Political Legitimacy in Europe.”
- 2010 1ST PLACE: American Society of Criminology Gene Carte Student Paper Competition. “Cross-National Predictors of Crime: A Meta-Analysis.”
- 2009-2012 Cambridge International Student Scholarship (full). *University of Cambridge*.
- 2008-2009 Cambridge Overseas Trust Scholarship (partial). *University of Cambridge*.
- 2008 Summa Cum Laude. *University of Idaho*.

Teaching Experience

- University Teaching Qualification [Basis Kwalificatie Onderwijs]. *Utrecht University*.
- Developing Learning and Teaching Course. *University of Oxford*.

COURSES TAUGHT

- 2015-pres MA: Criminology and Safety [Designed, coordinator]. *Utrecht University*.
- 2015-pres BA: Criminal Behaviour over the Life Course [Coordinator]. *Utrecht University*.
- 2020-pres ReMa: Sociology and Social Research: Field Orientation and Skills [Coordinator]. *Utrecht University*.
- 2017-2019 BA: Policy Evaluation and Research [Small working groups]. *Utrecht University*.
- 2018-2019 BA: Introduction to Social Science [Small working groups]. *Utrecht University*.
- 2017 BA: Developmental and Life Course Criminology [Coordinator]. *Griffith University*.
- 2015 BA Honors: Dare to Compare [Co-coordinator]. *Utrecht University*.

THESIS SUPERVISION

- Bachelor thesis [Sociology; Applied Economics]
- Academic (applied) master thesis [Sociology: Contemporary Social Problems]
- Research master thesis [Sociology and Social Research]
- PhD supervision:
 - Amina op de Weegh, Department of Sociology, Utrecht University, [Role: Daily supervisor; Promoter: Stijn Ruiter].
 - Emmeke Kooistra, NSCR, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam [Role: Daily supervisor; Promoter: Peter van der Laan].
 - Jordi Janssen, Department of Sociology, Utrecht University & NSCR, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam [Role: Secondary supervisor; Promoter: Stijn Ruiter].
 - Menaal Munshey, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge [Role: Secondary supervisor; Primary supervisor: Manuel Eisner].

Service

- 2022 Chair, Graduate Student Poster Competition, American Society of Criminology.
- 2019-2021 Member of the Executive Council, Division of International Criminology, American Society of Criminology.
- 2019 American Society of Criminology, Division of International Criminology Committee for the Freda Adler Distinguished Scholar Award.
- 2020- Member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the new journal *International Criminology*.
- 2018- Member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the journal *Criminology*.
- 2015 American Society of Criminology 2015 Programme Committee: Sub-Area Chair for the section on Cross-National Comparison of Crime and Justice under the area Comparative and Historical Perspectives.
- 2013-2014 Postdoctoral Representative, Staff Council. *Nuffield College, Oxford*.

Peer Reviewer (recent):

Criminology, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Justice Quarterly, European Journal of Criminology, Sociology Perspectives, British Journal of Sociology, The Sociological Quarterly, European Societies, Criminology & Criminal Justice, European Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Deviant Behavior

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology

• Section: Division of International Criminology

European Society of Criminology

Dutch Sociological Association