

Montreal Sabbatical Final Report

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During my visiting fellowship at the CCIC, University of Montreal, starting 23 March 2017, finishing 11 May 2017, a number of projects were started and completed.

Attending a number of seminars by colleagues was very inspiring and helpful in the process of researching and writing. The support of the CCIC, both administratively as well as intellectually, was invaluable.

In the first week of the sabbatical an article for a special issue in Global Crime, initiated by the CCIC workshop on Policing Flows, was revised according to the edits received the final version submitted. It was extremely helpful for this, not only to be within a very supportive environment, but also to be close to the editors Karine Cote-Boucher and Anthony Amicelle.

On the 29th of March I gave a conference at the CICC on the book project I am currently conducting (Comparative policing study on EU, North America, Greater China and Australasia). The questions asked at the end of the seminar were very helpful and shaping as well as redeveloping the project.

During my time at the CICC I finished writing the 2nd chapter of this book, which was mainly due to the kind and very generous invitation by Carlo Morselli to join the CICC on its writing retreat at Mont Gabriel in the first week of May. I worked in particular on the 4th chapter of the book on Police Cooperation in North America, which included researching the relevant literature, reading the relevant literature, researching the relevant legislation and conducting interviews with practitioners. I also interviewed a number of Canadian law enforcement officials. Karine Cote-Boucher and Benoit Dupont provided intellectual support as well as help in finding the interviewees. Without the help of Karine advancement on this project would not have been possible.

On the 30th of March I gave a Master Class for CICC PhD and Masters students focusing on comparative socio-legal methodology. It was a great pleasure to engage with the enthusiastic students and their various interesting projects.

Working at the CICC and particularly having an office at the Centre was very conducive to my work on Financial Intelligence and Corruption and being able to discuss these topics with Anthony Amicelle, an expert in the field, was extremely helpful.

Together with CICC colleague Anthony Amicelle I also started planning a project/publication comparing Australian and Canadian Financial Intelligence Units as a comparative law/legal transplant case study.

For my current research in the area of art crime I also visited the Conservation Centre at the Ministry for Culture and Communication in Quebec City.

It can be said more generally that the CICC provided a very dynamic, friendly, generous and intellectually stimulating environment that made work easy and ideas for various new projects thrive.

Thank you to the CICC and in particular the wonderful admin staff and the director for giving me this opportunity to benefit from the environment.