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Dear Sir:

Re: Evaluation of HESP Visiting Scholar: Dr. Vesna Nikolic-Ristanovic

I am pleased to submit an evaluation of Dr. Vesna Nikolic-Ristanovic's visit to the Department of Criminology at Keele University which has been a very stimulating and fruitful one for both academic colleagues and students alike.

In brief, the teaching activities Dr. Nikolic-Ristanovic has been engaged in include:

- Co-teaching with Ms. Ruth Jamieson as well as independent teaching on the third year undergraduate module, Crim-316 on *Transnational Crime*. Vesna's contribution to the teaching of this module has been most effective and has significantly broadened the learning experience of the students.
- Teaching an MA Criminology seminar on comparative prison studies on the MA module, *Penal Theory and Practice*. Both the module leader (Dr. Evi Girling) and the MA students were very appreciative of this session with Dr. Nikolic-Ristanovic.
- Teaching an MA Criminology seminar on *Social Theory and Criminological Research* with Prof. Suzanne Karstedt. Lectures were on crime and victimisation in high-risk societies and on civil society and crime in post-communist and war affected societies.
- Teaching a session on victims and international tribunals in a Third Year Law module *Global Responses to Human Rights Violations* (module leader, Doris Buss).

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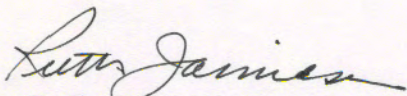
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- Consulting with Dr. M.J. McLean in the Department of Education at Keele about practice in teaching and learning in higher education with a view to implementing these teaching quality standards in her teaching in Serbia.
- Development of new curriculum material for a taught general course in criminology and a special interest module on *Transnational Crime*, e.g., in respect of the sessions on arms trade, smuggling and people trafficking. Her contribution promises to expand and enhance the scope and content of this module.
- Development of curricula for a new *Criminology* and a *Victimology* course, as well as special interest course on *Social change, Gender and Violence* to be taught at Belgrade University and in the Women's Study Center, Belgrade.
- Supervision of both undergraduate and postgraduate students who respectively did Crim-319 *Criminology of War* last semester and who are doing dissertations in the area of gender, victimology, war and crime and transnational crime, e.g., in relation to trafficking in women and other transnational crimes in Eastern Europe. All the students who have consulted Vesna about their research projects have been very positive in their evaluation of the assistance she gave them.
- Attending the lectures and consultations with colleagues about the use of qualitative and quantitative methods in criminology, data analyses and the use of computer programs such as Nudist and SPSS. This has significantly enhanced Vesna's research skills.
- Attending a range of Keele cross-faculty seminars on gender, war, terrorism and human rights.
- Being invited to lecture to the PhD students at Human Rights Centre at the London School of Economics (paper entitled, 'Women as Victims of War Crimes') is indicative of the recognition of Vesna expertise by other prestigious UK universities.
- Being invited to lecture to undergraduate and postgraduate students at Slavonic and East European studies at University of London (paper "Women's Movement and Violence against Women in Post-Communist societies")
- Co-organising (with Ruth Jamieson) the 2002 British Society of Criminology Conference stream on 'War, Crime and Human Rights' has been an important experience in terms of Vesna's learning what is involved in organising a major international academic conference. Her contribution has been invaluable.
- Beginning work with Ruth Jamieson (Keele University) on an edited book on 'War, Crime and Human Rights'.

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The Department and students have enjoyed having Vesna here and have benefited enormously from the opportunity to consult her about their work. For her part, I have no doubt that Vesna has gained some very useful experience in teaching and supervision of both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Jamieson', with a stylized, flowing script.

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