

# **E-Learning Crossing Borders: Lectures on “Policing (all around) the World”**

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**The aim of this project is** a series of interdisciplinary, transnational lectures in English, given by national and international experts on policing and police science from all over the world, available for students in different country. The series of lectures may be used for classes at universities, colleges, or for distance learning.

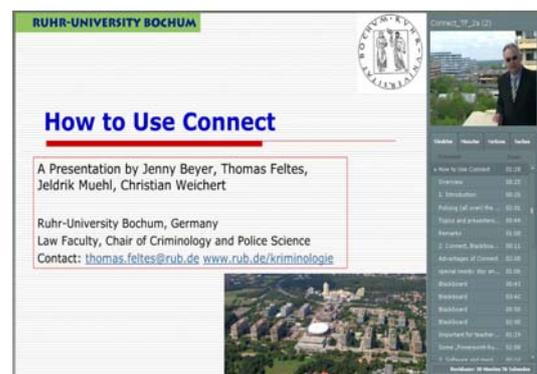
The lectures are videotaped and converted together with a Powerpoint-Presentation (which is the basis of the lecture) into an Adobe Connect – file. This file is stored at a server in Germany (Bochum University), and is available without any further software for everybody worldwide who has internet access. You may find an example (in German language) at <http://connect.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/dggkv/>.

The seminar has **three learning targets**:

- 1:** Students learn the different ways in which a society is policed, how state and private police forces are working, how they are structured and trained. They compare the different law systems, and the different philosophies in policing.
- 2:** Students realize that there are different meanings and understandings of police science. They know how this science has emerged and is developed. They are able to analyze theoretical, empirical and practical developments in this field.
- 3:** Students realize different cultures of teaching and learning in different societies, the exchange their views with foreign students and with students from different fields (law, social sciences, philosophy etc.).

As of May 2008, we have participants (lecturers) from more than 12 countries: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, England, France, Germany, Netherlands, Finland, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, United States. We have also included representatives of Amnesty International and APT (Association for the Prevention of Torture, Geneva), lecturing on “Police Use of Force”, and some colleagues, presenting special topics like Policing Mass Events, Policing Cyberspace or riot control.

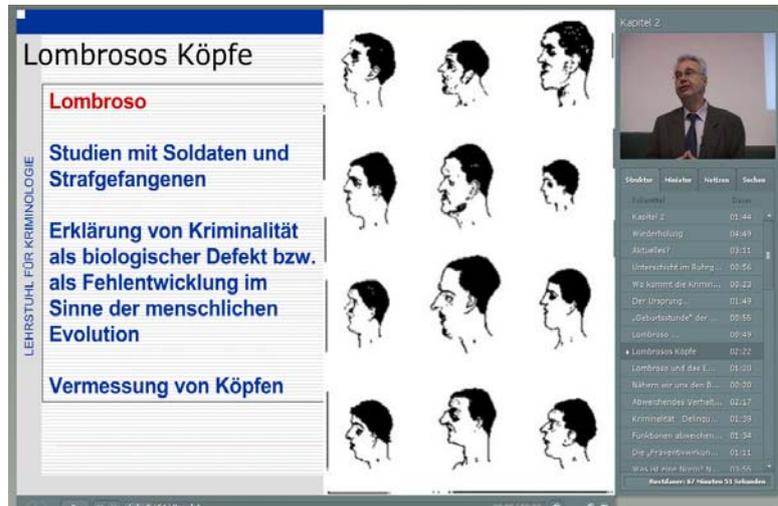
For those, who want to take part in this project, we have prepared a Connect-Presentation on “How to Use Connect” (see picture). It is available for all participants, registered at the Blackboard-System in Bochum.



\* See [www.thomasfeltes.de](http://www.thomasfeltes.de) [www.rub.de/kriminologie](http://www.rub.de/kriminologie) [www.polizei-newsletter.de](http://www.polizei-newsletter.de).

## Video-Lectures

These lectures are provided by the „Adobe Connect“-Software, which is available at the Ruhr-University in Bochum. Bochum also hosts the server, where the Connect-Files are stored. It is not possible to download the lectures, but the lectures are available online 24 hours and 365 days. The students need an account and a password to access the lectures (both provided by the Bochum University). The lectures consist of (see picture) a) the powerpoint-slides, b) a „talking-head-Video“ (usually commenting the slide) and c) the outline (below the talking head), which allows the viewer to stop the lecture, to move forwards and backwards, and to start it again e.g. the next day.



## Blackboard and teaching material: Articles for personal study and discussion

Each lecture consist of a) the Connect-file and b) between three and five articles (in pdf-format), accessible via the e-learning software „Blackboard“ in Bochum. This software also allows a discussion forum, chats, and other options. The “Blackboard” seminar is monitored and moderated by a teaching assistant in Bochum, but local or regional assistants can be included.

## Interaction and Communication

Besides the discussion forum, it is possible to establish national working groups in Blackboard, providing the students of your university a possibility to discuss questions and exchange documents in your mother language (if they wish so). It is also possible to have an international exchange and discussion with the author of the lecture at fixed days and times (e.g. the Thursday after the presentation is viewed by the students from 16-18 hours).

**Tests and other options** are available in Blackboard.

## Copyright

The authors keep the copyright of their lectures. There are no costs for those who take part (neither students, nor lecturers). For those who want to join the group, the only obligation is to provide at least one video-lecture plus the Powerpoint-Presentation and three to five articles for background-reading.