

Antiquities, Fossil, and Wildlife Crime in China: Causes, Contexts, and Policy responses	
Area of Research	Criminology, Criminal Law, and Criminal Justice
Affiliated Research Institute	Maastricht Institute for Criminal Sciences
Team of possible Promotor(s) and reference publications	<p>Donna Yates and Roland Moerland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mackenzie, S., N. Brodie and D. Yates (2019) <i>Trafficking Culture: New Directions in Researching the Global Market in Illicit Antiquities</i>. London: Routledge. • Yates, D., et al. (2019) <i>Illicit Trade in Cultural Goods in Europe: Characteristics, criminal justice responses and an analysis of the applicability of technologies in the combat against the trade</i>. Report. Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission. • Mackenzie S., A. Hübschle and D. Yates (2020) Global Trade in Stolen Culture and Nature as Neocolonial Hegemony. In <i>The Emerald Handbook of Crime, Justice, and Sustainable Development</i>. • Yates, D., Mackenzie, S. and E. Smith (2017) The Cultural Capitalists: Notes on the Ongoing Reconfiguration of Trafficking Culture in Asia. <i>Crime Media and Culture</i> 13(2): 245–254. • Mackenzie, S. and D. Yates (2017) What is Grey about the “Grey Market” in Antiquities. In <i>The Architect of Illegal Markets: Towards and Economic Sociology of Illegality in the Economy</i>.
Additional Supervisor(s)	Possible supervision contribution from Prof Simon Mackenzie (Maastricht and Victoria University at Wellington) and Dr Annette Hübschle (University of Cape Town) depending on the project; both are formal partners and part of Yates’ ERC-funded TRANSFORM project.
Faculty Research Program(s) (more options possible)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Global Justice o Globalising Markets o Cross-border Cooperation and Mobility
Applicable Chinese Government Sectors for Talent Development	<p>三、人文与社会科学领域 / Humanities and Social Sciences</p> <p>全球变化与区域响应 / Global Change and Regional Response</p> <p>人类活动对地球系统的影响机制 / Human Activities and Their Impact on the Earth System</p>
Proposed list of topics (non exhaustive)	<p>We wish to support a PhD researcher interested in criminological research (causes and modus operandi) and criminal law research (regulation and sanctioning) into the illicit trafficking of cultural objects, fossils, and/or collectable wildlife from, to and through China. Of particular interest would be projects related illicit commodities flow, the link between this form of crime and climate change, and/or development, and the relationships between different actors in trafficking networks within the framework of research into white-collar crime. They will work in conjunction with the ERC-funded TRANSFORM Project to incorporate Asia generally and China specifically into our greater research on the networks involved in trafficking rare and culturally significant objects. They will have the benefit of drawing on the work coming from TRANSFORM’s other regional foci (Southern Africa, the Pacific, The Americas) for comparison and support, while developing their own geographic research line.</p>
Methodology	The PhD researcher will use criminological, legal, and sociological research techniques, including but not limited to document and database study, observation, interviews, ethnography, policy comparison and evaluation, and case study analysis.

