The Drapkin Conference 2017

At this year's annual Drapkin conference a special panel was held on cybercrime. The issue of cybercrime is of growing interest and concern in the digital age and at this year's conference we heard from two professional researchers about their most current research projects.

The first presenter was Dr. David Maimon from University of Maryland. He presented on his study "Is This Item Still Available for Sale?’ Online Deception and Situations Conducive to the Progression of Online Advanced Fee Fraud Attempts". In addition to the interesting findings which he presented, the conference's guests commented that they were impressed by the ingenuity displayed by the unique methodology employed.

The second presenter was Ms. Marleen Weulen Kranenbarg from NSCR, Netherlands who presented her study "New Crimes, Same Risk Factors? An Empirical Comparison of Cybercrime and Non-Cybercrime Offending". This study follows a recent trend in cyber-criminology which, similar to research on online radicalization, seeks to connect the interplay between the online and offline worlds. One attendee commented that this was an often overlooked nexus, and that in the current age these two worlds are inherently interconnected and interdependent. The conference's attendees were impressed by the results and the methods employed by the researchers to approach this pressing issue.

Based on the responses from the conference's attendees, as well as the increasing relevance of cybercrime research, we hope to be able to include and expand the cybercrime panels in future conferences.