

INTEGRATED POLICING - TO INTEGRATED OVERSIGHT?

**An International Perspective*

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OVERVIEW - Integrated Oversight

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Where is it? International Landscape

- Internationalization, regionalization and integration of police co-operation increasing
 - Little comparable integration of policing/law enforcement oversight
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Where is it? UK / Irish Experience

- Four different policing oversight models in Northern Ireland, Ireland, England & Wales, and Scotland
 - UK and Northern Ireland cover multiple law enforcement agencies within their jurisdiction
 - All remits end at respective borders
 - Established working **oversight network** between England/Wales, Ireland, Northern Ireland & Scotland covering peer case review, joint training, research
 - Issue examples: Garda seconded officers; Scotland's G-8 experience
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Where is it going? World Realities

- Each policing and oversight jurisdiction reflects their unique history, culture and experience
 - As creatures of statute, we are married to and cannot be divorced from our respective sovereign jurisdictions
 - Jurisdictional Sovereignty Bias
 - Province vs. Federal / State vs. Nation / Nation State vs. International Unions
 - Sectorial Bias (police, legal, judiciary, government policies)
 - Different criminal justice systems
 - Different oversight mandates
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Where is it going? EU/UK / Irish Experience

- EU – open borders have brought increasing integrated policing efforts (*Schengen Agreement*) and we now see such things as common European Arrest Warrants, EuroJust Joint Investigative Teams, Europol, European Police College, European (police) peacekeeping.
 - UK / Northern Ireland / Ireland – (UK) Foreign Police Officers operating within jurisdiction (NI/Ireland) seconded police officers
 - No similar formal expansion of oversight regimes
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Where should it be going?

Firstly, reflect on these questions:

- Do existing diverse oversight models have the capacity to meet the challenges of increasingly integrated local, national and international policing?
 - Is there a verifiable need for integrated oversight?
 - Are there other options?
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Current Situation

- The globalization of crime and terrorism has created international policing networks and activities that extend beyond national oversight competence.
 - There has not been, as of yet, any strong demand for extra-jurisdictional integrated oversight.
 - Canadian cases such as *Arar* illustrate that policing accountability does not uniformly reach beyond national borders.
 - But, traditional oversight & accountability systems cannot extend beyond national borders.
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Where should it go in the future? My view

- Demand for integrated oversight can only be expected to arise in proportion to significant policing failures.
 - The concept of national sovereignty will likely be an insurmountable barrier to integrated international oversight.
 - Additionally, multiple diverse accountability systems present an incompatibility barrier.
 - In the alternative, there should be an increasing focus on *oversight networks*. Example: CACOLE, NACOLE, EPAC, provide a good starting point. Northern Ireland, Ireland, UK/Wales & Scotland network are another example of regional oversight collaboration.
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- Strategic goal of creating the framework for incremental oversight integration at regional, national and international levels
 - Increasing bi & multi-lateral oversight agency agreements for shared learning, training, peer reviews
 - Proportionality i.e. as law enforcement extra-jurisdiction activities increase, so to should the capacity of appropriate oversight regimes. The consideration of oversight mechanisms should become a normalized activity for legislators and agreement framers.
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