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The Immigration and Diversity Debate: Insights from Criminology

Professor Robert J. Sampson

Institute of Criminology's 12th Annual Nigel Walker Lecture

Thursday 19th February 2009, 6.00pm
Seminar Room, Institute of Criminology

This 2009 Nigel Walker lecture will focus on the relationship between immigration, diversity, and violence.

Robert J. Sampson is Chairman of the Department of Sociology and the Henry Ford II Professor of the Social Sciences at Harvard University. He also serves as Senior Advisor in the Social Sciences at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. Before being appointed at Harvard in 2003, he taught for twelve years in the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago and seven years in his first faculty post at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Sampson's other appointments include Senior Research Fellow at the American Bar Foundation and Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Stanford, California. He was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2005, Ernest Burgess Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science in 2006, and a member of the National Academy of Sciences in 2006. Professor Sampson has published widely in the areas of crime and deviance, the life course, neighborhood effects, community, and the social organization of cities. Much of his work on neighborhood effects stems from the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods, for which Sampson serves as Scientific Director. With John H. Laub he carried out a long-term study from birth to death of 1,000 disadvantaged men born in Boston during the Great Depression era. Two books from this project—*Crime in the Making: Pathways and Turning Points through Life* (Harvard, 1993) and *Shared Beginnings, Divergent Lives: Delinquent Boys to Age 70* (Harvard, 2003)—have received multiple scholarly awards.

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