



# *Assessing Violence Risk in Mental Health Populations*

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Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge, CB3 9DA

*A drinks reception in the basement foyer will follow this seminar for attendees*

Violent acts committed by mentally ill people make headlines. Despite the fact that mental disorders pose a far greater risk to sufferers themselves than to other people, managing violence risk is one aspect of mental health care that receives regular scrutiny. Dr. Buchanan will review the techniques that mental health professionals use to assess the risk that their clients will harm others, and he will discuss the evidence that professionals can both assess and manage that risk effectively. He will examine the prospects for integrating structured approaches of proven accuracy into everyday clinical practice.

Alec Buchanan is Associate Professor in Law and Psychiatry in the Division of Law and Psychiatry at Yale. His clinical work includes the community care of mentally disordered offenders. His research interests include, in addition to the assessment of violence risk, psychiatric jurisprudence, the study of the principles of criminal law as they apply to people with mental disorders.

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