Crime Futures: Where has the crime gone? Will it come back?

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Seminar Room B3, Institute of Criminology, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge, CB3 9DA
A drinks reception in the basement foyer will follow this seminar for attendees

Crime in the UK (and elsewhere) has been falling since the mid 1990s, according to the main indices of crime. Professor Mike Hough will assess the evidence about crime trend, review the main explanations for falls in crime – from the banal to the improbable – and consider the competing hypothesis that patterns of crime have simply changed and the new crimes go uncounted. He will speculate about crime futures, asking whether we should anticipate more or less crime in the coming decades.

Mike Hough began his research career in the Home Office, and was a member of the team that started the British Crime Survey. From 1994 until recently, he directed the Institute for Criminal Policy Research, now at Birkbeck, University of London. His research interests include: procedural justice theory; public perceptions of crime and justice; policing and police legitimacy; crime measurement and crime trends; sentencing and sentencing guidelines; offender rehabilitation and desistance.

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