



*Benighted or De-knighted - but Seldom Incarcerated:  
The Shredding of Reputations and Other Issues in the  
Sanctioning of Business Crimes and Misdemeanours*

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The relative impunity of business elites is a trope nicely encapsulated in the book title *The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison*. Much of the critique of social fairness relates to the relative non-prosecution of elite individual and corporate crimes compared with crimes by lower class offenders. Sentencers, of course, can punish only those who are prosecuted and convicted. However, there is also, by virtue of the very public nature of the sentencing process, a concern about "fairness" which is difficult to analyse in relation to different sorts of offences. There are also principled differences typical in restorative justice related to the question of whether it is "better" to have retribution for past acts or incapacitation/rehabilitation for future acts. This seminar will explore the range of criminal *and non-criminal* sanctions that are available and/or actually imposed in the light of more general social concerns about 'white-collar crimes' and corporate harms in financial services.

Michael Levi has been Professor of Criminology at Cardiff University since 1991. He has been conducting international research on the control of white-collar and organised crime, corruption and money laundering/financing of terrorism since 1972, and has published widely on these subjects as well as editing major journals, including *Criminology* and *Criminal Justice*. He was granted a D.Sc. (Econ.) from Cardiff University (2007) and elected to the Academy of Social Sciences (2006). From 2007 he held a 3-year Professorial Fellowship by the UK Economic and Social Research Council to develop research on transnational economic and organised crime and on responses to it. His most recent book is a revised monograph of his doctoral thesis, *The Phantom Capitalists*. His current projects include a study mapping cybercrimes and public/private responses to them in the UK, and a review (for the American Bar Foundation) of the conduct and rationality of anti-money laundering evaluation strategies globally.

This seminar is free, and is open to all interested in attending, with no ticket required.

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Recent Michael Levi publications include:

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2009 *Money-Laundering Risks and E-gaming: A European Overview and Assessment*  
[http://www.egba.eu/pdf/Levi\\_Final\\_Money\\_Laundering\\_Risks\\_egaming%20280909.pdf](http://www.egba.eu/pdf/Levi_Final_Money_Laundering_Risks_egaming%20280909.pdf)

2007 *The Nature, Extent and Economic Impact of Fraud in the UK*. London: Association of Chief Police Officers. Levi, M., Burrows, J., Fleming, M. and Hopkins, M. (with the assistance of Matthews, K.)  
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