



Crime and Decision Theory

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Institute of Criminology Public Seminar Series

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Seminar Room B3, Institute of Criminology,
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A drinks reception in the basement foyer will follow this seminar for attendees

Major Advances in decision theory, as synthesized by Nobel-Prize winner Daniel Kahneman's new book, '*THINKING, FAST AND SLOW*', can now be applied to three key areas of criminology. One is decisions by offenders to commit crimes (or not), in ways that may connect directly to Wikström's Situational Action Theory or life-course desistance. A second is decisions by justice officials to take action (or not, or of different kinds) against offences and offenders. The third is decisions about major changes or projects in criminal justice strategies or reforms. The seminar will consider how best to connect Kahneman's analyses of all three general arenas of decision-making to the specific criminological issues they can inform.

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