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- Explore pressing, real-world policing issues
- Network with senior leaders and frontline practitioners

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The EBP Conference Team
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Speakers



**Professor
Daniel Nagin**

Daniel S. Nagin is a Lester Hamburg University Public Policy and Statistics Professor at Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon University and a Max Planck Law Fellow. He is an elected Fellow of the American Society of Criminology, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Academy of Political and Social Science and American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the recipient of the American Society of Criminology's Edwin H Sutherland Award in 2006, the Stockholm Prize in Criminology in 2014, Carnegie Mellon University's Alumni Distinguished Achievement Award in 2016 and the National Academy of Science Award for Scientific Reviewing in 2017, and 2021 President of the American Society of Criminology.

His research focuses on the evolution of criminal and antisocial behaviours over the course of life, the deterrent effect of criminal and non-criminal penalties on illegal behaviours, and the development of statistical methods for analysing longitudinal data. His work has appeared in such diverse outlets as the American Economic Review, American Sociological Review, Journal of the American Statistical Association, American Journal of Sociology, Archives of General Psychiatry, Criminology, Child Development, Demography, Psychological Methodology, Law & Society Review, Crime and Justice Annual Review, Operations Research, Proceeding of the National Academy of Sciences, and Stanford Law Review. He is also the author of Group-based Modelling of Development (Harvard University Press, 2005) and chaired and co-edited the report of the (US) National Academy of Science's Committee on Deterrence and the Death Penalty.



**Professor
Jerry Ratcliffe**

Jerry Ratcliffe is a former British police officer, college professor, and host of the Reducing Crime podcast. He works with police agencies around the world on crime reduction, leadership, and criminal intelligence strategy. After an ice-climbing accident ended a decade-long career with London's Metropolitan Police, he earned a first class honors degree and a PhD from the University of Nottingham. He has published over 100 research articles and chapters, and ten books, including "Reducing Crime: A Companion for Police Leaders" and "Evidence-Based Policing: The Basics".

Ratcliffe has been a research adviser to the FBI and the Philadelphia Police Commissioner, an instructor for the ATF intelligence academy, and he is a member of the FBI Law Enforcement Education and Training Council. He is a professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University in Philadelphia, and a scientific advisor to the International Association of Chiefs of Police.



**Professor
David Weisburd**

David Weisburd is a Distinguished Professor of Criminology, Law and Society at George Mason University and Executive Director of the Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy. He is also the Walter E. Meyer Professor Emeritus of Law and Criminal Justice at the Hebrew University Faculty of Law in Jerusalem, and serves as Chief Science Adviser at the National Policing Institute. Professor Weisburd is an elected Fellow of the American Society of Criminology and the Academy of Experimental Criminology, and an elected member of the Israel Academy of Sciences. He was also Chair of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Proactive Policing and the NAS Workshop on Predictive Policing.

Professor Weisburd is one of the leading international researchers in crime and justice. He is the author or editor of more than 35 books and more than 280 scientific articles, many focused on policing and crime control. Professor Weisburd was the founding Editor of the Journal of Experimental Criminology and is presently Editor of the Cambridge Elements Series in Criminology. He has received many awards for his contributions to criminology, policing, and crime prevention including the Stockholm Prize in Criminology, the Sutherland and Vollmer Awards from the American Society of Criminology, The Sir Robert Peel Medal, and the Rothschild Prize in Social Science.



**Professor
Lawrence W.
Sherman**

Lawrence Sherman is Chief Executive Officer of Benchmark Cambridge, a global police reform organisation, and Wolfson Professor of Criminology Emeritus at the University of Cambridge. From 2022 to 2024, he served as Chief Scientific Officer of the Metropolitan Police Service (London), where he designed the VAWG100 project for stopping the most dangerous suspects preying on women and girls. From 2007 to 2022, he educated hundreds of police leaders on evidence-based policing in the Cambridge University Police Executive Programme.

Since beginning his career as an analyst in the New York City Police Department, he has designed or led experiments in over 50 police agencies on four continents, discovering key facts for police strategies for geographic hot spots, high-harm repeat offenders, and restorative justice. A former President of the American Society of Criminology, he holds honorary degrees or medals from five universities. 2010, he was elected Honorary President of the Society of Evidence-Based Policing. As the founding editor of the Cambridge Journal of Evidence-Based Policing, he promotes better use and production of research for improved policing.



**Professor
Ben Bradford**

Ben Bradford is Professor of Global City Policing at the Department of Security and Crime Science, where he is Director of the Centre for Global City Policing. His research interests include public trust, police legitimacy, cooperation and compliance in justice settings, and social identity as a factor in all these processes. He also writes extensively on organisational justice within police agencies, focusing on ethnic and other disparities in policing. Professor Bradford's research focuses on public-facing police work such as neighbourhood patrol, community engagement and stop and search.

Some of his current projects include examining crime reporting preferences and attitudes towards 'technologically-mediated' police-public interaction and considering public wants, needs and desires of and from policing. Ben has collaborated with organisations, including the Metropolitan Police Service, the London Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, the College of Policing, Police Scotland, and West Midlands Police on various projects.



**Professor
Michael Levi**

Michael Levi has degrees from Oxford, Cambridge, Southampton and Cardiff, and has been Professor of Criminology at Cardiff University since 1991. His main work has been making sense of the linkages and differences between white-collar and organised crime and their public and private sector controls, intersecting with fraud, corruption, money laundering and terrorism locally and transnationally. He has significant lifetime and other research prizes from the British, European and American Societies of Criminology, the lifetime Tackling Economic Crime Award in the UK 2019, and the UNODC/AI Thani Corruption Research and Education prize 2020. His most recent book is *Organising White-Collar and Corporate Crimes* (Lord, N. and Levi, M., London: Routledge, 2025). His recent work closely addresses the shaming of corporations and individual elites.

His external honorary roles include membership in the Law Society's Economic Crime Task Force, the Global Coalition to Fight Financial Crime and the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime. His recent projects include *A Public Health Approach to Fraud and its relationship to Pandemics and Economic Crises from 1850 to the Present*; the Impact of technologies on criminal markets and transnational organised crime; and cyber-enabled fraud and money laundering projects. He is a Senior Associate Fellow of the Royal United Services Institute and RAND Europe.



**Professor
Jonathan Jackson**

Jonathan Jackson is a Professor of Research Methodology at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), where he specialises in the design, implementation, and analysis of empirical research in criminology and public policy. His work is internationally recognised for advancing the field of evidence-based policing, particularly in understanding public trust, police legitimacy, and procedural justice. He has led and contributed to major European interdisciplinary projects, working closely with police forces and criminal justice agencies to apply rigorous social science methods to real-world challenges. His research has directly informed strategies for improving police-community relations, enhancing legitimacy, and supporting fair and effective policing practices.

Professor Jackson, a respected voice in academic and practitioner circles, combines methodological expertise with a deep commitment to public service and impact. At LSE, he teaches advanced courses in quantitative methods and supervises research on policing, social order, and institutional trust.



**Professor
Lorraine Mazerolle AC**

Lorraine Mazerolle is a Companion of the Order of Australia, Emeritus Professor at The University of Queensland, and an Australian Research Council Laureate Fellow (2010– 2015). Her research interests are in experimental criminology, policing, drug law enforcement, regulatory crime control, and crime prevention. She has held many academic leadership roles, including Co-Chair of the Crime and Justice Group (Campbell Collaboration), Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Experimental Criminology and Chair of the American Society of Criminology's (ASC) Division of Experimental Criminology.

She is an elected Fellow and past president of the Academy of Experimental Criminology (AEC) and an elected fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences Australia and the American Society of Criminology (ASC). Professor Mazerolle is the recipient of the ASC Division of Experimental Criminology Jerry Lee Lifetime Achievement Award (2019), Partners in Research Excellence Award The University of Queensland (2019), Distinguished Achievement Award of the Center for Evidence Based Crime Policy at George Mason University (2019), ASC Sellin-Glueck Award (2018), the ASC Division of Policing Distinguished Scholar Award (2016), the AEC Joan McCord Award (2013), and the ASC Division of International Criminology Freda Adler Distinguished Scholar Award (2010).



**Professor
Iain Brennan**

Iain Brennan is a Professor of Criminology, a chartered research psychologist and the University of Hull Institutional Lead for Open Research. Iain's research interests are in violence prevention, including weapon-carrying, serious violence and domestic abuse. He is particularly interested in evaluating interventions in these areas and has led many evaluation studies incorporating randomised controlled trials, quasi-experimental designs and process evaluations.

He advises local and national governmental and non-governmental organisations on violence prevention, including the Home Office, Youth Endowment Fund, College of Policing, National Police Chiefs' Council, and many police forces across the UK.

He has been a principal or co-investigator on over 20 funded research projects worth over £7.3m from funders including ESRC, Home Office, ADR-UK, NPCC, Jacobs Foundation and the European Commission. He is the principal investigator on several research projects, including a £1.5m evaluation of focused deterrence interventions for the Youth Endowment Fund. He is the author of over 50 journal articles, reports, chapters and books, a member of the editorial board of the British Journal of Criminology and an ADR-UK Ambassador.



**Professor
Clifford Stott**

Professor Clifford Stott, MBE, is a globally recognised expert in crowd psychology, specialising in the dynamics of riots, protest movements, and public order policing. He holds a Professorship in Social Psychology at Keele University and has held honorary positions at Ohio State University and University College London. A co-developer of the Elaborated Social Identity Model (ESIM), Stott's research has revolutionised the understanding of crowd behaviour, particularly in conflict settings.

Stott's work has had a profound impact internationally. He advises governments, police forces, and organisations like UEFA on public order management for major events. He has spearheaded reforms in evidence-based policing and contributed to innovative crowd policing models adopted globally.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Stott co-chaired the Security and Policing sub-group of the UK Government's Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE). He continues to shape policing reforms through his membership in the UK National Police Chiefs' Science Advisory Council and his contributions to interdisciplinary research. Stott's expertise lies in translating cutting-edge social psychology into practical solutions that improve public safety, shaping policy at the highest levels.



**Director of Threat
Leadership, NCA
Alex Murray**

Alex Murray grew up around the world as an army child and graduated from Birmingham University in 1996. His partner is a sign language interpreter, and they have three children. Initially, in West Midlands Police, he worked in CID and uniform roles in Birmingham, Coventry and Wolverhampton.

He is a senior investigating officer and has experience in counterterrorism. In 2008, he obtained a master's from Cambridge University with a thesis that developed the understanding of police legitimacy within Muslim communities. He has been a specialist firearms, public order and CT commander. He was temporary ACC Crime in West Midlands for three years, leading crime investigations, forensics, criminal justice and intelligence. He then became Commander, Specialist Crime in the Met leading teams specialising in cyber, human trafficking, child abuse and economic crime.

In 2021/2022, he led on the policing of violence in London in response to heightened levels of teenage homicide. He has been the Chief Constable (Temp) of West Mercia Police, delivering a people-led, tech-enabled, crime-fighting vision of policing. He is now the Director of Threats at the National Crime Agency. He is also the UK Policing lead for artificial intelligence.

He founded the Society of Evidence-Based Policing and has worked on police training programmes in India, Cambodia, and Europe. In 2017, he was awarded an OBE.



Eleanor Prince

Eleanor Prince is the Principal Behavioural Scientist at the Metropolitan Police Service. In her current role she leads a team who apply behavioural techniques on a variety of MPS priorities including neighbourhood policing, victim care, and culture change.

Prior to this role, Eleanor spent four years as a behavioural scientist in the Cabinet Office. This team was central to the government's communications response to Covid-19 and London Bridge, as well as large scale and strategic communications endeavours including Violence Against Women and Girls and Brexit. Eleanor holds a degree in Psychological and Behavioural sciences from the University of Cambridge.



Sir Andy Marsh

Chief Constable Sir Andy Marsh QPM joined the College of Policing as Chief Executive Officer in 2021. He is the longest-serving Chief Constable in England and Wales and has a breadth of experience to draw from as the leader of policing's professional body. Positioning the College as a relevant, dynamic, and connected system leader, he is driving policing improvement based on the evidence of what works by delivering better standards and improving leadership. Andy's police career started in 1987 as a constable in Avon and Somerset Police. After operational and detective roles at various ranks, he led Hampshire and, latterly, Avon and Somerset, as Chief Constable. He oversaw large-scale transformation at Hampshire, leading the force to be recognised nationally as one of the leading and best value for money.

In Avon and Somerset, he led the internationally acclaimed approach to data by using advanced predictive analytics and visualisation to manage demand in tandem with equipping officers and staff with the latest technology. This enabled the Force to be recognised as one of the most efficient and effective. Andy played a significant role as the UK's National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) lead for body-worn video, where he pioneered the increased use of this vital technology. Andy was responsible for the NPCC International Coordination portfolio for six years. Andy holds an honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of the West of England. Sir Andy received his knighthood in the King's Birthday Honors List 2024.



**Professor
Barak Ariel**

Professor Barak Ariel is a leading global authority on evidence-based policing and experimental criminology. As a Professor of Experimental Criminology and Director of the Police Executive Programme at the University of Cambridge, his research has shaped policing practices worldwide. He focuses on randomised controlled trials in law enforcement, deterrence theory, technology and policing, use of force, and crime prevention strategies.

Professor Ariel has collaborated extensively with police departments around the globe, bringing rigorous scientific methodology to frontline policing. He has led or co-led more than 60 field experiments on policing interventions, many of which have become benchmarks in the field. His work on body-worn cameras, in particular, has significantly influenced policy and debate on police accountability and public trust. Professor Barak Ariel has authored over 185 publications.



**Professor
Manuel Eisner**

Professor Manel Eisner is a globally recognised expert in criminology and evidence-based policing. He is a Comparative and Developmental Criminology Professor and Director of the Violence Research Centre at the University of Cambridge. Over the past two decades, his research has focused on the causes and prevention of violence, long-term crime trends, and the effectiveness of interventions.

He is widely known for his work on developmental and life-course criminology and his leadership in major international studies on youth violence and crime prevention. Eisner has advised police forces and policymakers across Europe, Asia, and the Americas, helping to translate rigorous research into practical strategies that enhance policing outcomes and community safety.

At the forefront of evidence-based practice, he is committed to bridging the gap between academic research and front-line policing. His work emphasises the importance of data-driven decision-making and rigorous evaluation to improve public trust and policing effectiveness. He brings a global perspective and deep empirical insight to discussions on how police agencies can meet contemporary challenges through the lens of scientific evidence.



**Dr Brandon
Langley**

Brandon Langley is an affiliated lecturer at the institute of Criminology at The University of Cambridge and a former serving police officer. His research interests are in experimental criminology, policing, police legitimacy, procedural justice and police self-legitimacy.

A previous recipient of the UK Society of Evidence Based Policing Award; he has published work reporting the effects of procedural justice encounters with citizens in a counter terrorism setting. His recent projects include collaborations with the Police Scotland, Metropolitan Police Service, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Lancashire Police, South Yorkshire Police and Humberside Police.



**Assistant Professor
Cristóbal Weinborn**

Cristóbal Weinborn is a Chilean criminologist currently serving as Assistant Professor and Director of the UC Centre for Public Safety (“Centro UC para la Seguridad Pública”), a joint initiative of the Faculties of Law and Economics & Management at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (UC). The centre aims to develop evidence-based policies and practices to enhance police operations and their interaction with other key stakeholders in the security sector.

Weinborn has worked as an international consultant on crime control and victimisation reduction, providing empirical evidence to support decision-making in countries such as Uruguay, Costa Rica, Denmark, the United Kingdom, and the United States. In Chile, he has over a decade of experience implementing public policies related to juvenile justice, criminological research, impact evaluations, and evidence-based policing.

Between 2019 and 2024, he led the Applied Criminology Unit at Fundación Paz Ciudadana, where he spearheaded key initiatives such as the creation of Chile’s Crime Harm Index and the first randomised controlled trial evaluating the impact of preventive police foot patrols (conducted by Carabineros de Chile) in Santiago.

Professor Weinborn has an academic background in clinical psychology and research methods and extensive experience in public safety. He holds a PhD in Criminology from the University of Cambridge and completed a master’s degree in criminological research. In 2018, he received the Nigel Walker Prize for the best criminological research at the University of Cambridge.



**Assistant Professor
Sara Valdebenito**

Dr Sara Valdebenito is an Assistant Professor in Applied Criminology and Police Management at the University of Cambridge and an internationally recognised expert in criminology and evidence-based policy. Her research is dedicated to the prevention of violence and crime and the advancement of human well-being through the rigorous use of scientific evidence. She specialises in advanced statistical methodologies, including impact evaluations, multilevel meta-analysis, and the application of predictive models and machine learning to inform early intervention and risk assessment in policing and public safety.

Beyond academia, Dr Valdebenito works as a consultant on violence prevention and institutional reform for global organisations such as the World Health Organization (WHO), as well as for national and international police services across Europe and Latin America.



**Professor
Babak Akhgar**

Babak Akhgar is a Professor of Informatics and the Director of CENTRIC (Centre of Excellence in Terrorism, Resilience, Intelligence and Organised Crime Research). He has a PhD in Strategic Information Systems. He has written, edited and co-edited 16 books on security-related topics and published more than 150 publications in international journals and conferences in the security domain. He has extensive and hands-on experience in the development, management and execution of security-sensitive projects with multi-million Euro budgets as coordinator and technical lead. Prof Akhgar founded the CENTRIC OSINT Hub, which provides law enforcement agencies with state-of-the-art capabilities to conduct III investigations from Organised Crime networks to Counter Terrorism. He is responsible for 18 large-scale security-sensitive projects on CT, OCG and CSEM.

Prof Akhgar was Trustee of the Police National Legal Database (PNLD) for 2 years and chairman of the Police Strategy Forum (2016). Prof Akhgar is a further member of the Academic Advisory Board of SAS UK and, since 2019, a Board Member of NEBRC (Cyber Protect). Prof Akhgar is Co-I of the UKRI funded 3PO Project (£3.4M), which develops solutions for the protection of police officers and their families against online harms.

He is the joint coordinator of the AP4AI project with Europol on AI accountability for police forces. He is innovation lead in the Starlight Project (£20M project) with 52 partners on AI capability for law enforcement agencies. Prof Akhgar is a publicly appointed member of the EU Security expert group on the fight against crime and terrorism (CERIS). Professor Babak Akhgar was awarded an OBE in June 2022 in recognition of his services to security research.

Schedule

Day One (Before Lunch) - Monday 21 July

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: Registration and early rise coffee

Welcome to the conference and a brief forward look of the next two days

9:30 AM – 9:40 AM: Conference Opening and Welcome

Speaker: Professor Manuel Eisner

Cambridge Centre for Law Enforcement Research

9:40 AM – 9:50 AM

Speaker: Professor Barak Ariel

What do we know about Violence? Prediction, Prevention, and Protective Factors

9:50 AM – 10:30 AM

Speaker: Professor Iain Brennan

Advancing Evidence-Based Policing

10:30 AM – 11:10AM

Speaker: Professor David Weisburd

11.10 AM - 11:30 AM: Morning Break

Taking Stock of Deterrence Theory

11:30 AM – 12:10 PM

Speaker: Professor Daniel Nagin

Operationalising Algorithmic Risk Assessment for Domestic Abuse:
A Real-Time Pilot in West Yorkshire Police

12:10 PM – 12:50 PM

Speaker: Assistant Professor Sara Valdebenito

Public trust in the police: Where are we, how did we get here, and what happens next?

12:50 PM – 1:30 PM

Speaker: Professor Ben Bradford

Schedule

Day One (After Lunch) - Monday 21 July

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Lunch Break

The Role of Evidence in Policing

2:30 PM – 3:10 PM

Speaker: Sir Andy Marsh

Legitimacy and the Use of Force

3:10 PM – 3:50 PM

Speakers: Professor Jonathan Jackson and friends

3.50 PM - 4:00 PM: Afternoon Break

From Conflict to Facilitation: Evaluating the Implementation of an Evidence-Based Dialogue Policing Model in the United States

4:00 PM – 4:40 PM

Speaker: Professor Clifford Stott

Evidence-Based Policing 2.0: Automating Triple-T Analytics

4:40 PM – 5.20 PM

Speaker: Professor Lawrence Sherman

Drinks Reception

5:20 PM – 6:30 PM

Location: Guildhall Small Room

Gala Dinner

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Location: Guildhall Large Room

Schedule

Day Two (before lunch) - Tuesday 22 July

Evidence and Serious and Organised Crime

9:00 AM – 9:40 AM

Speaker: NCA Director Alex Murray

Medieval Homicide Hotspots

9:40 AM – 10:20 AM

Speaker: Professor Manuel Eisner

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10:20 AM – 11:00 AM

Speaker: Dr Brandon Langley

11:10 AM - 11:30 AM: Morning Break

Public and Private Responses to Fraud and Economic Crime Challenges:
Local, National & Global

11:20 AM – 12:00 PM

Speaker: Professor Michael Levi

Partnerships in Policing

12:00 PM – 12:40 PM

Speaker: Professor Lorraine Mazerolle AC

12:40 PM – 1:40 PM: Lunch Break

Schedule

Day Two (after lunch) - Tuesday 22 July

Behavioural Sciences in Policing

1:40 PM – 2:20 PM

Speaker: Eleanor Prince

The Chile Hotspots Experiment

2:20 PM – 3:00 PM

Speaker: Professor Cristóbal Weinborn

3.00 PM – 3.20 PM: Afternoon Break

A Global Perspective of AI Threats

3:20 PM - 4:00 PM

Speaker: Professor Babak Akhgar

An afternoon chat with Jerry Ratcliffe

4.00 PM – 4:40 PM

Speaker: Professor Jerry Ratcliffe

Closing Remarks

4.40 PM – 4:50 PM

Speaker: Professor Barak Ariel

Private Dining and MSt Awards

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: University Arms



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