



Welcome to this first edition of the Institute of Criminology newsletter. We look forward to sharing regular updates from the Institute and hearing back with news of what you are doing now.

We have regular public seminars and events you can attend, and you can follow us through our website and on social media.

We encourage feedback about the newsletter and if you have any suggestions about what you would like to hear from us, please do let us know. There's a feedback form at the end of this newsletter.

Best wishes,

Manuel



**Professor Manuel Eisner**

Director, Institute of Criminology  
Wolfson Professor of Criminology



## **Evidence-based policing conference: what works for the frontline?**

The Institute held the annual criminology conference on 11–12 September, in collaboration with the Society for Evidence-Based Policing and co-hosted with the College of Policing, the London Mayor's Office of Policing and Crime, and the Home Office. This year's conference explored the issues with frontline operations, and what the evidence says can be done to improve them in the wake of falling detection rates within UK forces.

[Discover the topics discussed](#)

# What's been happening?



## Nigel Walker Lecture focuses on guardianship

In May, the Institute hosted the 25th annual Nigel Walker Lecture. Keynote speaker Professor Daniel Nagin presented his ongoing research about reactive and preventative guardianship and discussed the implications for policy and future research.

[See a summary and listen to the recording](#)



## Institute hosts 2024 PhD conference

The second annual PhD Criminology conference took place from 22 to 23 April. This year's conference kept last year's theme, 'Social Science Approaches to Crime, Harm and (In)Justice'.

[Read more about the conference](#)



## New medieval murder maps launched

New maps of York and Oxford have been launched. The interactive maps, including the original London map, can be accessed on the dedicated website, where you will also find the launch event recording and a podcast of interesting cases.

[Explore the murder maps](#)



### Summer garden party

Institute Director Professor Manuel Eisner was delighted to host the annual summer garden party on 12 June. Students and staff enjoyed lunch in the basement, with the occasion caught on film.



### Fixing the roof

It's business as usual whilst work continues to replace the Institute's roof following several substantial leaks. The building has been encased by a complex labyrinth of scaffold, with a unique internal system of drainpipes and guttering collecting rainfall.

## Innovations in Criminal Justice Policies: Challenges and Evidence seminars



Between 17 October and 28 November

Seminars begin at 5pm

We invite you to join us for our 2024–25 Michaelmas Term Seminars. The series of 6 seminars examines key topics that are at the heart of the crime and justice strategy by the new UK Government. They include:

- prisons
- border control
- knife crime
- sexual violence
- rehabilitation
- environmental crime

We have invited an exciting pool of experts and expect valuable discussions about future directions of criminal justice policies. Join in-person or online.

[See the sessions](#)

## Spotlight on our people

### **Peter Dawson, Sir Leon Radzinowicz Visiting Fellow**

Peter Dawson was granted the two-year Sir Leon Radzinowicz Visiting Fellowship in the 2023–24 academic year. This position honours his decades of work in the prison system, and later at the Prison Reform Trust.

[Read our interview with Peter](#)



## Catching up with alumni



### **Ali Jebari (MPhil 2022–23)**

With a background in philosophy and an interest in political theory, Ali Jebari completed the Master of Philosophy in Criminology. Ali's thesis was about whether punishment should, or could, be tailored to an individual's experience to make it fair. Ali talks about studying at the Institute and how his dissertation has helped him with his current role in corporate law.

[Read Ali's interview](#)



### **Ruth Stephens (MSt 2022–24)**

Ruth Stephens tells us about her nearly 30-year career in the prison service, and her motivation to complete her Master of Studies in Applied Criminology, Penology and Management. Using situational action theory as a framework for her research, Ruth's thesis focused on what guides violent choices in high-security prisons.

[Read Ruth's interview](#)

## Research news

### **The role of relational networks in youth violence**

Professor Paolo Campana is leading a study into the influence of crime networks and relations on serious violence among Cambridgeshire youth. This research is a collaboration between the Institute and Cambridgeshire Constabulary, with support from the Nuffield Foundation. The project will aid the development of tailored interventions to reduce violence and protect young people, and be applicable on a local, national and global level.



[Read more about the project](#)



### **Desistance from crime after imprisonment overseas**

Funded by the Dawes Trust and in partnership with Prisoners Abroad, Dr Caroline Lanskey is leading a research project which will investigate barriers to desistance by British citizens returning to the UK after a prison sentence overseas. Insights will inform new policies and the development of a resettlement toolbox.

[Read more about the project](#)

## Your feedback

We'd really love to hear what you think about our first newsletter. Please do get in touch with feedback and comments about what you want to see in future editions and how you'd like to engage with the Institute.

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