



*On license: Convict early release schemes –
what use were they?*

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A drinks reception in the basement foyer will follow this seminar for attendees

In this seminar Professor Godfrey will explain how he has attempted to account for the personal and systemic impact of an early release scheme which operated in the Australian penal colonies; was transferred to Britain in 1853; and which still operates today. Using data from 1853 to 1940, he will report back on questions posed by his ESRC research project – why was the system used? How did it work? Did it facilitate desistance from offending? Was it a cost-cutting exercise? What *did* happen to “ticket-of-leave” convicts when they were released from prison?

Professor Godfrey has over twenty years of experience in researching comparative criminology, particularly international crime history; desistance studies; and longitudinal studies of offending. Recent publications authored or co-authored *Policing the Factory: Theft, private policing and the law in Modern England* (2012); *Serious Offenders: A history of habitual offending* (2010); *Criminal Lives: Family, Employment and Offending* (2007); *History and Crime* (2007). He is currently Director of Research in the School of Law and Social Justice at Liverpool University.

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