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***'Pathways to Impact: The Politics of Knowledge Production and the Limits of Social Scientific Inquiry'***

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Seminar Room B3, Institute of Criminology,  
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The quality of social scientific research is increasingly being measured by its capacity for impact: a transformation being driven by RCUK and REF imperatives. This lecture explores the implications of the impact agenda for knowledge production, in particular: (i) the ways in which certain methodological strategies become valorised, with consequences for modes of theory building; (ii) the need to understand better the methods by which research gains traction in policy and practice, a process which may signal the limitations of social scientific inquiry; and (iii) the ethical challenges in promoting data driven innovation in the context of complex and contested political environments.

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

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