



## *From Hype to Hope?:*

*Critiques and reconstructions in the search for a better politics of crime*

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

In *Public Criminology?* (2010) we ended with a call to use criminological research and ideas in the search for 'a better politics of crime'; defining this better politics, and the conditions that would sustain it, is now the central topic of our current work. Here we argue that some influential ways of thinking and writing about crime and punishment lately have displayed certain forms of over-argued pessimism – *hype*, as we call it.

Yet this rarely makes for good social science, or good politics. The harder work, we suggest, lies in the area of reconstructing the terms of democratic conversation in order to begin to show what that better politics could look like.

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