



## *Parole Board Decision-Making*

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Institute of Criminology Public Seminar Series

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 5.30pm**

Seminar Room B3, Institute of Criminology,  
Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge, CB3 9DA

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

Nicky Padfield will draw on her recent research studying Parole Board hearings to ask a number of questions about the role of the Parole Board today. The research, carried out in 2016 and 2017, involved observing both three-way video-hearings, held at the Parole Board's headquarters, and oral hearings held in 11 different prisons, as well as interviews with many participants in the process. She argues that a 'culture' of delay allows unnecessary deferrals and adjournments. She will suggest that the independence of the Board should be strengthened; that the process needs many procedural improvements; and that prisoners should have much more support and advice throughout the release process. These recommendations lead to a broader question, whether there should be judicial supervision of the implementation of all sentences.

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

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