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Cyberhate on Social Media in the Aftermath of Woolwich:

A Case Study in Computational Criminology and Big Data



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Seminar Room B3, Institute of Criminology,
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A drinks reception in the basement foyer will follow this seminar for attendees

In this seminar Dr Williams presents the first criminological analysis of an online social reaction to a crime event of national significance. In particular he discusses the detection and propagation of cyberhate on social media following the Woolwich terrorist attack, and introduces new methods for collecting and analysing 'big social data'.

Dr Williams is Director of the Social Data Science Lab at Cardiff University, and founder of the Cardiff Online Social Media Observatory (COSMOS), that is an ESRC big data investment. He sits on the ESRC's Social Media Research Working Group and has conducted research on social media and crime for the Home Office, Metropolitan Police Service and Community Security Trust. He recently completed an ESRC and Google funded project on using social media to estimate the propagation and spread cyberhate and a National Centre for Research Methods project on estimating offline crime patterns using Open Source Communications. In 2015 he was voted by JISC as one of the top 50 most influential social media users in Higher Education.

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