



## Mannheim Matters

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### Meet....Anita Dockley

I am Research  
Director at the  
Howard League for  
Penal Reform.



Over the past few  
months I have been

working with members of the Mannheim Centre to develop a joint initiative. I am particularly excited about this as the LSE is my old university: just walking around brings back many good memories although it is much smarter now than when I was a student.

I think there are parallels between the LSE and the Howard League for Penal Reform. Both are well established: the Howard League is the oldest penal reform charity forming in 1866. Both have a reputation for thinking about and researching 'difficult' issues and neither shies away from pushing the boundaries of conventional thought.

This joint initiative draws on these similarities. We are going to be developing a pamphlet series that challenges conventional thinking about various aspects of the penal system. We will work with established and well thought of thinkers both academics and practitioners to develop innovative, and perhaps controversial, ideas that can work as a stimulus to new policy initiatives. In order to form the ideas and ensure that the ideas are robust, we will be looking to engage the academic community at the LSE in a Chatham House discussion

alongside key opinion leaders in the subject. We want you to be a part of the process. The underlying purpose of the pamphlet series would be to achieve change to the penal system. The Howard League and the Mannheim Centre working together would bring together 'two institutions with a tradition in radical thought'.

This is just one initiative that I am working on at the Howard League but we have a wide range of activities designed to enhance our research capacity and ensure that the charity speaks with an authoritative voice (see <http://www.howardleague.org/research/>). Each activity is developed with my four key aims in mind:

- Developing strong relationships with academia
- Developing relationships with new thinkers
- Developing partnership working (non university)
- Commissioning and publishing research

There are many ways that you can get involved with the Howard League's work and receive information about our research: why not join our Early Career Academics Network or submit an article on your research to the Howard Journal or find out about some of the small research commissions we offer?

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## News

David Nelken's book "Comparative Criminal Justice" is the latest in Sage's compact criminology series edited by Paul Rock and Nicky Rafter.



In the book David declares its aim is "to give some idea of the benefits. Difficulties and hopefully, also the excitement, of systematic study of the workings of criminal justice in and across different places."

The book currently is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> on the Amazon list of criminology best sellers.

Stan Cohen was the consultant on *Modes and patterns of Social Control; Implications for Human Rights Policy*. The book uses a social control



perspective to review how a behaviour or activity becomes construed as a social problem or as a crime. The report evaluates contemporary social control policies against the Human Rights standards of equality, dignity, indivisibility and universality.

This is downloadable at:

[http://www.ichrp.org/files/reports/61/Social\\_Control\\_and\\_Human\\_Rights\\_ICHRP\\_Electronic\\_Final.pdf](http://www.ichrp.org/files/reports/61/Social_Control_and_Human_Rights_ICHRP_Electronic_Final.pdf)

Congratulations to Jon Jackson who has been voted onto the Board of BJC. He has recently published with colleagues

- Gray, E., Jackson, J. and Farrall, S. (2011). 'Feelings and Functions in the Fear of Crime: Applying a New Approach to Victimisation Insecurity', *British Journal of Criminology*, 51, 1, 75-94.

Also a paper about to come out on advance access of *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* is :

- Jackson, J. (in press). 'Revisiting Sensitivity to Risk in the Fear of Crime', *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*.

Papers coming out in special editions of *Policing & Society* and *European Journal of Criminology* in 2011 are:

- Jackson, J., Bradford, B., Hough, M., Kuha, J., Stares, S. R., Widdop, S., Fitzgerald, R., Yordanova, M. and Galev, T. (in press), 'Developing European Indicators of Trust in Justice', *European Journal of Criminology*.
- Stanko, E. A., Jackson, J., Bradford, B. and Hohl, K. (in press) 'A Golden Thread, a Presence amongst Uniforms, and a Good Deal of Data: Discourses of Confidence in the London Metropolitan Police', *Policing and Society*.

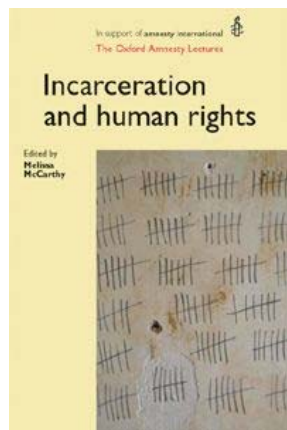
Jon was also invited to write a piece on police legitimacy by a well-known French website (published in February or March): Bradford, B. and Jackson, J.

(forthcoming). 'Public trust and police legitimacy in Britain: Short-term effects and long-term processes', *La vie des idées*. Available in French on [www.laviedesidees.fr](http://www.laviedesidees.fr) and in English on [www.booksandideas.net](http://www.booksandideas.net). The French

piece was published 1<sup>st</sup> March (with a Banksy image!). URL is:  
<http://www.laviedesidees.fr/Pourquoi-les-Britanniques-ont.html?lang=fr,.>



David Downes has an essay 'Comments on Mathieson's 'Ten reasons...' in The Oxford Amnesty Lectures *Incarceration and human*



*rights* edited by Melisa McCarthy (pp119-126). In the essay, David discusses Mathiesen's proposals for scaling back on prison expansion and the circularity of the Sentencing Commission's proposal to calibrate prison capacity to predicted demand by building huge prisons to solve the immediate overcrowding problem. His arguments about the economics associated with the provision of prison places, the politics of crime control and the fallacy of the deterrent effect of tougher sentencing were rather prescient in the light of the Coalition's take on managing the prison population.

## A Letter from... Oxford

By Nikki Lacey



After twelve and a half very happy years at LSE, I moved last October to a Senior Research Fellowship at All Souls College in Oxford. My regular contacts with Mannheim Centre colleagues were key among the intellectual and personal highlights of my years at LSE. Quite apart from the quality of its scholars, the Centre and its activities created a marvellous framework for making and maintaining links across departments. Luckily, I also have a talented and congenial group of criminological colleagues in Oxford: the chair of Criminology, held by Ian Loader, is at All Souls, and a lively and well attended fortnightly seminar takes place in the College. My move to Oxford has made it particularly easy and enjoyable (for me at least!) to return, after a long gap, to some joint research and writing with Lucia Zedner. (In a nice bridge between the two institutions, the impetus for our latest joint venture – a chapter for the Oxford Handbook of Criminology – came from Robert Reiner...) With other old friends like Andrew Ashworth near at hand to exchange ideas with, and a sizeable group of new colleagues and graduate students to get to know, I could hardly be other than

very happy in my new environment, much as I miss my LSE colleagues. Regular trips to LSE to meet with my remaining graduate students, along with visits from dear LSE friends like Jill Peay, have also helped in the transition. Indeed, as the longstanding collaboration on the Clarendon Series shows, excellent lines of criminological communication between LSE and Oxford have long been open (as it happens, David Downes and Paul Rock are due to give one of the All Souls Seminars this very week).

So, with all the similarities and exchanges up and down the M40, are there any significant differences between the environment for criminology at Oxford and at LSE? Leaving aside the obvious peculiarities of Oxford's collegiate structure, which affects criminology's exclusively graduate students much less than it affects undergraduates (though of course many undergraduate law students take criminal justice as one of their options), the one obvious difference is that Oxford has a Centre for Criminological Research, which not only has its own discrete space (within the Social Studies Faculty building) but also runs a programme of graduate degrees. Having a discrete space has a number of advantages, notably making it easy to establish regular informal meetings such as lunch time seminars, and to benefit from the company of visiting scholars. But are there any downsides to criminology existing within what is, in effect, a separate department? I suspect that most of my Oxford colleagues would share the view -

implicit in the LSE structure in which criminologists meet together through the Mannheim Centre from their bases in disciplines like sociology, law, social policy and political science – that criminology works best as a graduate programme, and that it is important for criminologists to have an excellent grounding in one or more 'core' discipline. (Indeed several members of the Oxford Centre are also members of other Departments or Faculties.) But I suspect that, in the increasingly intense struggle for resources (including, crucially, that struggle at the internal university level) criminology at Oxford has been somewhat protected by its more elaborate institutionalisation. In particular, the Centre's responsibility for delivery of its teaching programme gives it a strong base from which to argue for the allocation of posts, as compared with the more diffuse structure at LSE, where criminology positions, whether new or replacement, are evaluated in relation to the priorities of the separate departments in which it has existed. Of course, one should not make too much of this argument about the case for a fully established Centre or Institute: criminological research is flourishing at Harvard, in law, sociology and economics, without any special institutional protection. But then Harvard is exceptionally wealthy...

I very much enjoy keeping in touch with the Mannheim Centre through the newsletter, and would like to congratulate Jennifer on this excellent innovation. Within the LSE structure for criminology, a

vibrant Mannheim Centre is key to the flourishing of the field. A number of great initiatives are under way at the moment; I look forward to watching the Centre's continuing success and further development in coming years.

**Nicola Lacey**

## Recent events

### Mannheim Wednesday Seminars

16<sup>th</sup> February

'Assessing the Impact of Recent UK Counter-Terrorism Legislation on Communities'

Christina Pantazis and Simon Pemberton from the University of Bristol discussed their research on terrorism. They draw on the work of Paddy Hillyard and the identification of the Irish as a "suspect" community during 'The Troubles'. Pantazis and Pemberton argue that now the Muslim Community have this dubious title. They presented a model to show what impact this has had.



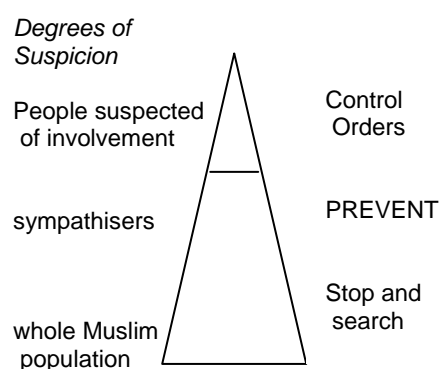
They argued that a process of "responsibilisation" operates whereby the community is said to host 'evil' and so should itself route out the radical extremists. And further that there is a criminalisation of Muslims by association. By legitimising fear and mistrust, this engenders an islamophobia and leads then to a 'permission' to hate.

Some lively questioning raised issues about differences between the treatment of "common" criminals and religious suspect communities; the security demands made on the broader community, such as Airport searching, and where might converts appear in the pyramid.

Details of their work can be found in:

Pantazis, C., and Pemberton, S. (2009) Policy transfer and the UK's 'war on terror': a political economy approach. *Policy & Politics*, 37 (3): 363-387.

Pantazis, C and Pemberton, S. (2009) From the 'Old' to the 'New' Suspect Community Examining the Impacts of Recent UK Counter-Terrorist Legislation. *British Journal of Criminology*, 49(5):646-666.



# Forthcoming Events

## Wednesday Seminar

**16 March 2011**

**Joint Seminar Series with the British Society of Criminology**

*Professor Jennifer Brown* (LSE Mannheim Centre)

'Policing Sexual Violence'

Location: London School of Economics, NAB (New Academic Building), Room 1.07

Time: 6.30-8.00pm

## Research Groups

### **Strategy, Research and Analysis Unit - Metropolitan Police Service**

The SRAU are a team of experienced social researchers and analysts lead by Professor Betsy Stanko. The team offers expertise in strategic crime and performance analysis, as well as quantitative and qualitative research methodology. The team undertake evidence based analysis, evaluation and action research to inform strategic and operational policing decisions. The SRAU manages the MPS' corporate surveys which explore the public's levels of confidence and satisfaction.

The SRAU acts as a single point of contact for all external researchers wishing to conduct research within the MPS and ongoing work is managed via a central register. This enables

the team to ensure that conceptual innovation is harnessed to support continuous internal service improvement. There is an expectation that all external research conducted in the MPS is registered with the SRAU.

Current research within the unit include a process and impact evaluation of the London Diamond Initiative, a London Criminal Justice Partnership support for prison-released offenders and research exploring public perceptions of security policing. We are currently building research into the policing of the Olympic and Paralympics games 2012. Some of the work of the unit is published in various journals, including Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice; ICJRC (on line journal); Policing and Society.

For further information, please contact [research@met.police.uk](mailto:research@met.police.uk), or speak to us at various BSC events.

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## CALL FOR PAPERS: SEXUAL VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

### Forensic Psychological Services, Middlesex University London

invites proposals for papers, debate papers and posters addressing topics in all areas of Sexual Violence. We especially welcome proposals that are empirically based and those that involve new and emerging topics within Sexual Violence. We are keen to facilitate the exchange of ideas between practitioners, academics and policy makers.

Proposals will be evaluated through a blind review process focused on the following criteria:

- (1) the intellectual merit of the proposal;
- (2) the innovative nature of the proposal; and
- (3) the proposal's integration of academic, practitioner and policy aspects in the field of sexual violence.

**Debate papers** are appropriate for two co-ordinated presentations that will discuss one topic.

We particularly welcome debate papers that include one academic and one practitioner, or one practitioner and one policy maker. Each debate session will be allotted 70 minutes. The time for each individual paper in these sessions must also include time for questions and discussion.

**Paper proposals** are appropriate for presentations that will focus on an individual research topic or report on the development of a new intervention or policy. After acceptance/rejection of proposals has been determined, the conference co-chairs will group paper presentations into themed sessions. 15 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions will be allotted for each paper.

**Poster presentations** are suitable for early career researchers, practitioners and policy makers. Posters are an opportunity for the presentation of work in progress for which the authors welcome constructive feedback from conference delegates.

### The deadline for submissions is Friday April 15th, 2011.

All proposals should be submitted electronically to the conference organisers.

Paper and poster proposals should consist of an abstract that is no longer than 250 words. Debate papers should consist of two abstracts no longer than 150 words, one for each person presenting, and a summary providing some context for the debate of no more than 200 words.

Please contact one of the conference co-chairs for further information:

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