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CRIME, JUSTICE, WELFARE: CAN THE METROPOLE LISTEN?

10th – 12th July 2014

The Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology, School of Law and Social Justice, The University of Liverpool will host the British Society of Criminology annual conference. The title of the conference is:

‘Crime, Justice, Welfare: Can the Metropole listen?’

A postgraduate conference will be held prior to the main conference on 9th July.

Criminology, like other core social science disciplines, reflects a tendency to over-write the metropolitan experiences of the Northern hemisphere. Criminology’s starting point, therefore, is based upon the continual attempt to reinvent, improve, or make more just, a ‘rule of law’ society in the image of the hegemon. Such over-writing takes its toll on the ‘discipline’ in multi-faceted ways, all of which tend to contribute to hegemonic epistemologies and practices that serve to marginalise different ways of thinking about, and engaging with, an alternative criminological enterprise.

Taking as its starting point the intrinsic connections between crime, welfare and (in)justice, the conference will examine the counter-hegemonic potential of criminology, and explore how it might give ‘voice’ to those that stand outside the dominant narratives of the metropole.

The key aim of the conference will be to consider criminology in this context: What is the modern criminological project, and how successful is it? How inclusive is it? What are the implications and opportunities for criminology as it grows from a European then ‘Western’ discipline into a global conversation.

We will extend this main theme into three core strands that focus upon the relationship between the ‘Centre’ and the ‘periphery’:

- Imperial Metropolises.
- Domestic security, austerity and resistance.
- The State and local power.

Confirmed keynote speakers include

Professor Raewyn Connell University of Sydney, Australia; **Professor Chris Cunneen** Cairns Institute, James Cook University, Australia; **Professor Didier Fassin** Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, USA

Further information is available on the conference website

<http://www.liv.ac.uk/law-and-social-justice/conferences/bsc/>