



## CRIME, JUSTICE, WELFARE: CAN THE METROPOLE LISTEN?

### Postgraduate Conference 9th—10th 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?'

**The postgraduate and main conference are integrated events and therefore share the same, over-arching theme**  
**The main conference will be held on 10th - 12th July.**

Criminology, like other core social science disciplines, reflects on 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-hege-monic 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 relationships between the 'Centre' and the 'periphery' :

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

Confirmed keynote speakers include

**Professor Barry Godfrey**, University of Liverpool, "Criminology: Past, present and future visions";

**Professor Sandra Walklate**, University of Liverpool, Editor British Journal of Criminology; **Anita Dockley**, Research Director, Howard League of Penal Reform: "Publishing Research with impact".

The Postgraduate conference dinner will take place at the Liner Hotel on the 9th July 2014

**Postgraduate call for papers, posters and the bursary scheme is now open,**  
**see website for details now open**

Further information is available on the conference website

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

