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Recent developments in fear of crime research: The impact and significance of public concerns about crime and community

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This event brings together recent research into public anxieties about crime, a highly topical area of interdisciplinary research. Most of the interest in this issue is predicated on the status of the fear of crime as a significant social problem. Research shows widespread worry about falling victim of crime, which criminologists believe erodes quality of life and well-being, restricts movement, motivates costly precautions, encourages 'flight' from deprived areas, and harms social trust, inter-group relations and the capacity of communities to exercise social control. Yet, despite all the attention this topic receives, there is surprisingly little empirical evidence on the specific nature and impact of fear of crime.

This session presents new data on three key questions:

- The impact of public anxieties on health and well-being
- The everyday experience of fear and the ways in which anxieties about crime express anxieties about neighbourhood stability and breakdown
- The relationship between fear and other perceptions of crime

The meeting will be chaired by Jouni Kuha, of LSE. Attendance is free but pre-registration is recommended. You can register by email: meetings@rss.org.uk or by phone (020) 7638 8998. For a map and directions see www.rss.org.uk/findus. We anticipate the seminar will finish at around 6.30pm. For further information contact Jouni Kuha on 020 7955 6835 or Jouni.Kuha@lse.ac.uk