

**Forthcoming events in the Institute for Global City Policing
London Policing Seminar Series**

What Do People Think About Armed Police?

Tuesday 4th June 2019

Nunn Hall, UCL Institute of Education
20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL
18:15 - 20:00

Ben Bradford

Affect and Trust as Predictors of Public Support for Armed Police: Evidence From London

Julia Yesberg

Public Reactions to Armed Police in the UK: Reassurance, Fear or Indifference?

This seminar will present results from the first ever in-depth UK-based study of public attitudes toward armed police, with a particular focus on why people might support or oppose the routine arming of more police officers. Trust, and people's affective (emotional) responses to armed officers are considered as key drivers of public support. Yet, a wide range of other factors are also involved - socio-demographic characteristics, events and experiences, and psychological and ideological orientations - many of which shape both trust and affect. This research has implications for policy concerning armed police, and also for wider consideration of public reactions to change in police practice and technology, and in terms of exploring the ideological underpinnings of people's relationships with police.

Ben Bradford is Professor of Global City Policing at UCL and Director of the JDI Institute for Global City Policing.

Julia Yesberg is a Researcher at the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime. Julia holds a PhD in Forensic Psychology from Victoria University Wellington.

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The Investigation of Rape in London

Tuesday 2nd July 2019

Nunn Hall, UCL Institute of Education

20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL

18:15 - 20:00

Katrin Hohl

Officer perspectives on challenges in the investigation of rape reports

Betsy Stanko

Why police training doesn't (yet) improve the police response to rape

Daniel Wünsch, Ben Hine and Anthony Murphy

Mapping the landscape of rape cases in London: The 2018 Rape Review

The investigation of rape is especially challenging. Consistently high attrition rates, and low conviction rates, have led to continuous debate. The focus has been on the procedures and training to make improvements, yet there is still a concern that victims of sexual assault have been failed on a systematic basis for far too long. In this seminar leading researchers in the field explore the police response to rape from the perspective of the police. What do those charged with investigating rape think about the process? Is training sufficient to deal with the issues raised by this most difficult of crimes? What are the kinds of difficulties investigators' face in addressing rape allegations? Ultimately, how can policing response to rape be improved, and how will we know it is getting better?

Katrin Hohl is a Senior Lecturer in Criminology at City, University of London. Her current research focusses on the police response to sexual violence.

Professor Betsy Stanko OBE retired in April 2016 as Head, Evidence and Insight, MOPAC. She is currently Chair of the Ministry of Justice's Data, Evidence and Science Board, Strategic Advisor to a Home Office Police Transformation Fund project on learning and development, and Academic Advisor to the Vulnerability and Serious Crime Programme at the College of Policing.

Daniela Wünsch is a Principal Researcher at the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.

Ben Hine is a Senior Lecturer in Psychology at the University of West London. His research is situated at the intersection between gender psychology and criminology, and explores the police response to rape and serious sexual assault in the UK.

Anthony Murphy, Senior Lecturer in Forensic Psychology at Middlesex University, currently in Dubai. His research interests focus on psycho-legal processes, forensic, and clinical/forensic psychology.

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