Policing and crime prevention
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Brief course description:
The course aims to introduce students to the main directions of policing and the most important methods of crime prevention in the early 21st century. As well as looking at theoretical perspectives the course will cover practical implications and possible consequences, advantages and disadvantages of each method. In the second half of the semester some key issues and challenges of today's criminology will be discussed regarding policing and crime prevention.

Assessment:
1) Each student has to either give a presentation (approx. 20-25 minutes) or write an essay (min. 3000 words - max. 4000 words) on a previously agreed topic (each student should come up with their own topic) (the essay guidelines will be distributed before the 18th October),
2) Attendance: students are required to attend at least 80% of the seminars.

Submission deadline for essays: 17 December 2018

Schedule:

Week 1 (21 September). *Introduction, course requirements, assignments*

Week 2 (28 September). *Broken windows theory, zero tolerance policing, criminalising antisocial behaviour*

Week 3 (5 October). *The concept of risk in criminology and sexual offenders (a different take on zero tolerance)*

Week 4 (12 October). *Rational choice theory, routine activities approach, crime patterns theory, situational crime prevention*

Week 5 (19 October). *Community policing, the role of community in crime prevention*

Week 6 (26 October). *Youth crime, school violence, school bullying*

Week 7 (2 November). *Autumn break (no lecture)*

Week 8 (9 November). *Recidivism and the role of the criminal justice system in crime prevention*

Week 9 (16 November). *Surveillance, security and privacy*

Week 10 (23 November). *Cybercrime*

Week 11 (30 November). *Cybercrime*

Week 12 (7 December). *Presentations*

Week 13 (14 December). *Individual work on essays*