**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.

**Schedule**

Week 1 (23 February). *Introduction, course requirements, assignments*

Week 2 (2 March). *Broken windows theory, zero tolerance policing, criminalising*

*antisocial behaviour*

Week 3 (9 March). *The concept of risk in criminology, moral panic and sexual*

*offenders (a different take on zero tolerance)*

Week 4 (16 March). *Bank holiday (no lecture that week)*

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Week 5 (23 March). *Rational choice theory, routine activities approach, crime*

*patterns theory, situational crime prevention*

Week 6 (30 March). *Spring break (no lecture that week)*

Week 7 (6 April). *Community policing, the role of community in crime prevention*

Week 8 (13 April). *School violence, school bullying*

Week 9 (20 April). *Surveillance, security and privacy*

Week 10 (27 April). *Cybercrime 1.*

Week 11 (4 May). *Cybercrime 2.*

Week 12 (11 May). *“Pázmány Day” (no lecture that week)*

Week 13 (18 May). *Essay submission week (deadline: 14 May)*

**Readings**

Key readings will be distributed during the course.

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**Assessment**

* 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 (70%),

Submission deadline for essays: 14 May 2018

* Attendance: students are required to attend at least 80% of the

seminars (30%).