

AS/A2 Sociology Conference

November 16, 2009 in Central London (C403) Conference starts at 11.00am and ends no later than 4:30pm

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Programme *

Is there really more crime today? - Professor Jock Young, University of Kent

- What effects have recent government policies had on crime?
- How reliable are crime statistics?
- How useful now are the main theories of crime?
- How much reporting of crime is down to moral panic in the media?

The challenge of dealing with research - Dr Steve Taylor, LSE

- Why do sociologists use different research methods?
- Are some any better than others?
- How can you assess sociological research?

One of the most challenging aspects of AS & A2 Sociology is the need to apply research methods and theories of research to specified topic areas. In this talk Dr. Taylor will identify some of the key aspects of research and look at their application to the Sociology of Education and Crime & Deviance.

What's happening to families? - Professor Ros Edwards, London South Bank University

- Is the nuclear family really dying out?
- Are roles within families changing?
- How do we find evidence?
- How do government policies affect families?

Links to sessions on education, social class and crime: the relationship between family income and educational attainment and Britain's low mobility culture. Are children born to poor families less likely to be socially mobile?

What are the important changes happening in education today?

Sophie Moullin, Institute of Public Policy Research

- What effects are these having on the gap in educational attainment between Boys and girls
- Income groups
- Social classes
- Ethnic groups?

Is it true, for example, that the expansion in higher education has tended to benefit those from richer backgrounds far more than poorer young people?

The state of religion 2009 - Dr Kristin Aune, University of Derby

- Is religion dying out?
- Are spiritual and New Age beliefs and practices growing?
- How do sociologists investigate these issues?

Gender/women - what does sociology tell us about feminism? - Dr Alison Phipps, University of Sussex

- How have girls' and women's lives changed in the last few decades?
- What is the impact of gender in work and opportunity?
- How do sociologists investigate gender issues?
- Do we now have gender equality?
- How relevant is feminism today?

Class and stratification – the record in the UK! - James Turner, The Sutton Trust

After 24 years of free market economics and 12 years of New Labour, are we anywhere nearer to becoming a classless society? How much social mobility really takes place in the UK?

- How much does class still affect our lives?
- Is consumption more important than occupation?
- Is mobility already low and getting lower?
- Are new forms of stratification emerging?

How to achieve your best in Sociology! - Jonathan Blundell, Lord Williams School, Thame, Senior Examiner

- What are examiners looking for?
- How can you score high marks in exams?
- What are the best ways for you to prepare for exams?

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December 14, 2009
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- **Sentencing – do judges really deliver?** Imran Khan, Lawyer
- **Precedent**, Jacqui Martin, former Chief Examiner and author
- **Statutory Interpretation**, Chris Turner, Chief Examiner and author
- **Legislation and delegated legislation**, Jennifer Currer, former Senior Examiner and author
- **Alternative Dispute Resolution**, Baria Ahmed, Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution
- **Tips for success from the Chief Examiner**, Chris Turner, Chief Examiner and author
- **Magistrates or Juries?** John Thornhill, Chair, The Magistrates Association

AS/A2 ECONOMICS (C405)

December 03, 2009
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- **What I would do if I were Chancellor**, Dr Vince Cable MP, Lib Dem Shadow Chancellor
- **The causes of the credit crunch and recession**, Stephanie Flanders, Economics Editor BBC
- **Consequences of and cures for recession**, Hugh Pym, Chief Economics Correspondent BBC
- **How to lie with economic statistics!**, Tim Harford- 'the Undercover Economist', the FT
- **Is it now time for Britain to join the Euro?** Professor John Sloman, the Economics Network
- **The Laffer Curve: a guide to policy or a laughing stock?** Dr. Charles Smith, Senior Examiner
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