

A CHANCE WOULD BE A FINE THING: SOCIAL CLASS, CRIME AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN BRITAIN 2012

Lecture by Dr Gillian Evans

Lecture Theatre 270, School of Law, University of Edinburgh,
Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9YL.

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Presenting an in-depth case study from her research in the post-industrial Docklands of Bermondsey, Gillian explains the factors that are likely to lead young people, and especially boys living in certain kinds of working class urban neighbourhoods, to be more likely to become involved with crime. She relates these factors to broader social, economic and political changes in Britain over the last thirty years and relates these to the explosion of riots in English cities in 2011.

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Gillian Evans studied social anthropology at the School of Oriental and African Studies before completing her Master's and PhD degree in the Social Anthropology of Children and Child Development in the Centre for Child-Focused Anthropological Research (CFAR) at Brunel University.

In 2006, Gillian published an ethnographic monograph based on her PhD research about the post-industrial docklands of Southeast London, entitled *Educational Failure and Working Class White Children in Britain*.

Gillian lives in London and works at the University of Manchester. She holds a Research Council UK Fellowship based in the Centre for the Study of Social and Economic Change (CRESC). Gillian is undertaking a long-term study of the planning and delivery of the Olympic Legacy in the post-industrial East End of London. Her book about this research is entitled *London's Olympic Legacy* and it will be published in May 2012.

Please note this lecture is free of charge and will start at 6pm sharp.

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