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<b>Institution:</b> University of Liverpool
<b>Unit of Assessment:</b> 22 - Social Work and Social Policy
<p><b>a. Overview</b></p> <p>Following a University restructuring in 2010, the Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology is situated in the School of Law and Social Justice in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Research is coordinated at School-level by the Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee (RKE) chaired by <b>Godfrey</b> (who also sits on Faculty RKE, and the University Research Strategy Group). Research Culture is co-ordinated at Department level by <b>Mythen</b>). This submission comprises 18 staff led by six professors. Also returned to this UoA is <b>Belfrage</b>, currently based in the School of Management. Our core intersecting research clusters, each with a critical mass of six to eight researchers, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Risk, Security and Crime:</b> This work relates to issues of risk and security in uncertain modern times. Victimisation and Fear; Regulation and the State; and Penalty and Justice all comprise key areas of strength.</li> <li>• <b>Critical Resilience, Health and Welfare:</b> This empirically-grounded and theoretically-driven research work focuses on the impact of social policy across the whole of the life-course.</li> <li>• <b>Justice, Citizenship and Community:</b> Research critically explores the health of political culture nationally and internationally, focusing upon the resilience, performance and policy directions of political, judicial, financial and cultural institutions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>b. Research strategy</b></p> <p>Our research strategy is designed to further our ambitions to be <b>world class, international in outlook, and critically engaged</b>. To achieve our key aims, we have strengthened each of our three research clusters; created an Internationalisation Group as part of our <b>strategic approach to developing and maintaining international collaborations</b> (<b>Ackers</b> is a Member of the ESRC Internationalisation Network and Chair of the ESRC's Overseas International Visits Scheme for Doctoral Researchers); adopted new research funding processes that encourage collaborative large-scale, interdisciplinary and international research; significantly grown our PGR numbers; and maintained our longstanding commitment to critical policy engagement nationally and internationally.</p> <p>The success of our trio of research clusters in delivering this strategy comes from the development of robust plans for sustainability and growth, including diligent engagement with Faculty and University initiatives and support. We have been instrumental in helping shape two of the University's seven overarching research themes (<b>Goldson</b> initiated, and <b>Walklate</b> advised on the <b>Security and Conflict</b> theme, and <b>Ackers</b> was integral to the development of the <b>Global Health</b> theme). We also play a key role in developing and supporting three of the University's inter-Faculty research Institutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2011 <b>Mythen</b> and <b>Walklate</b> were appointed to the Management Board of the <b>Institute of Risk and Uncertainty</b>, a £10M investment providing a new interdisciplinary centre for the University's expertise in quantifying, mitigating and managing risk and uncertainty.</li> <li>• In 2008 Garcia became Research Director for the <b>Institute of Cultural Capital</b>, a strategic partnership between the University of Liverpool and Liverpool John Moores University (REF3b).</li> <li>• In 2012 <b>Pilgrim</b> was appointed to develop strategy for the new <b>Institute of Public Policy and Practice</b> which brings together social policy researchers from across the University.</li> </ul> <p>Our Internationalisation Group (<b>Ackers</b>, <b>Godfrey</b> and <b>Walklate</b>) approves international collaborations, and our strategy since 2008 has focused strongly on forging relationships in Australia and South-East Asia. Currently we have research staff exchanges and/or research programme collaborations with the University of Tasmania, University of Sydney, University of New</p>

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South Wales, James Cook University, Monash University, Hong Kong City University and the Singapore Institute of Technology. In the next five years we will further develop these existing relationships; deepen our involvement in Singapore (where three members of our staff are currently delivering a research-led teaching programme); and forge new collaborations in the US (staff research exchanges with Georgia University will begin in February 2014). Staff are internationally-focused, and have successfully sought out a number of international research collaborations and have secured eight prestigious international fellowships (see section c).

Since 2008 we have strengthened our grant application processes and particularly targeted research council (RC) funding. School and Faculty Research Offices support bids from across the spectrum: from targeted and open dissemination of research funding opportunities through to post-award support and both offices have extended their collaborative links with academic and research-user/practitioner bodies. This strategic approach has significantly improved our performance in attracting research funding (see section d). A significant proportion of this growth is attributable to our focus on large scale RC-funded collaborations.

- **Goldson** and **Robinson** successfully created ambitious inter-disciplinary collaborations with colleagues from the University's **Health and Community Care Research Unit** (e.g. in 2010, £200K was awarded by the Department of Health for a project on Youth Justice Diversion and Liaison, accompanied by **Goldson's** appointment to a special advisory group to the Office of the Children's Commissioner for England)
- A large £1M ESRC bid involving colonial statistics 1824-1939 is currently in development (Liverpool-led with the University of Tasmania, Humanities Research Institute, The National Archives, and a commercial partner - ProQuest).

Collaborations between the Universities of Liverpool, Lancaster, and Manchester in the shape of the ESRC North West Doctoral Training Centre have supported and helped grow our capacity for PGR:

- The **ESRC North West Doctoral Training Centre (NWDTC)** is directed by Liverpool. **Goldson** represents the University of Liverpool on the Social Policy/Social Work pathway, **Mythen** leads the Sociology pathway and **Walklate** represents the University on the Security and Conflict pathway.
- We have secured **nine ESRC funded studentships** during this REF period and **successful PhD completions/awards more than doubled from 15 to 33.75**.
- We will increase the number of PGR students over the next five years through securing NWDTC studentships; external funding from industry/policy-making bodies; through greater collaboration with external partners (including the Ministry of Home Affairs in Singapore) for Liverpool-supervised PGR students; and through project studentships (e.g. **Godfrey's** AHRC award in 2013 provides two studentships; and the School has invested in a further two studentships attached to the project).
- As part of the NWDTC training commitment, **engage@liverpool** works in conjunction with **methods@manchester** and **methods@lancaster** to form **Methods North West (MNW)**, an advanced research training network that is seen by the ESRC as one of the most distinctive and successful elements of the NWDTC.
- **Mair** and **Whyte** sit on the **Methods North West Board**, affording the Department a strategic role in further developing PGR training across the North-West of England.

### c. People

#### i. Staffing strategy and staff development

Our approach to staffing is based around **investing in all staff** (new and established, early career and experienced) to ensure that they have every opportunity to build, maintain and increase their research profile. Since 2008, the core of established senior staff has continued to provide continuity of research leadership at Liverpool (**Walklate** as Head of Department; **Goldson**, **Mythen**, **Whyte**). Research has been strengthened in key areas with the appointment of Professors **Ackers** (Justice, Citizenship and Community), **Godfrey** (Risk, Security and Crime) and **Pilgrim** (Critical Resilience, Health and Welfare), with the appointments of **Pickard** and **Robinson**

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further strengthening the Resilience, Health and Welfare cluster. During the same period, excellent research performance has been recognised by the University in the form of promotions for five staff to Senior Lecturer, Reader and Chair level. A further four promotion cases are in train for 2013/14. The appointment of six early career researchers (ECRs) across the three research clusters in this REF period has bolstered both their strength and sustainability.

Members of the Department have strategically engaged at an international level to drive collaborative research and to optimise dissemination. Prestigious international fellowships have been awarded to **Godfrey** (Centre for Excellence in Policing and Security, Brisbane, and the University of Tasmania, Australia); **Goldson** (University of New South Wales, Australia); **Pickard** (Hastings Fellowship for Outstanding Scholars, New York and Leverhulme International Academic Fellowship taken up at Virginia Tech University USA); **Vitellone** (Visiting Fellow at Monash University); **Walklate** (Visiting Professorial Consultant University of Minho, Portugal) and **Whyte** (Visiting Fellow at Monash University).

To help staff manage their research effectively, we use a workload management model to ensure that research-led teaching is optimised, teaching and administrative loads are distributed evenly and two days per week are kept free of teaching for all staff to pursue research (ECRs have substantially reduced teaching loads in their first year). These measures ensure that staff at every level have the opportunity to carry out research and scholarship. An indication of the success of these policies is that 85% of staff in the Department are submitted to REF 2014. To further bolster research activity we apply the University's research leave policy:

- All staff are eligible for one semester's research leave after six semesters. 15 members of the Department have benefited from such leave since 2008. Such has been the success of this initiative that, in 2013, the School's RKE Committee enhanced research leave policy so that staff can now
- apply for research leave after four semesters. This will help to ensure growth in research for the next five years.
- Capacity to produce high-quality publications is enhanced, grant activity is increased and research culture is consolidated (everyone who receives research leave provides a report of their activities to RKE, and formally presents the outcomes of their research to the Department). Shorter periods of research leave are also available for researchers in order to develop and submit research grant proposals and/or organise major conferences.
- All new staff receive a research induction delivered by the lead for Research Culture (**Mythen**) and Chair of RKE (**Godfrey**). Progression of career is monitored by the Head of Department (**Walklate**) for the three-year probation period.
- Every ECR and Research Assistant has a research advisor and the University rewards exceptional performance through its *Outstanding Early Career Researcher Awards* (**McGarry** was nominated for the Staff Excellence Award in 2012 for his research-led teaching and **Mair** was nominated for a University Innovation Award in 2012 for his leadership of **engage@liverpool**).
- Temporary lecturers are afforded the same opportunities as permanent staff in order to grow their research careers. Each of the four temporary lecturers employed in the REF period subsequently became permanent members of staff.
- **Robinson** is lead for the **Faculty Researcher Forum** which offers the opportunity to network, share research intelligence, discuss research ideas and form collaborations. This forum has been of particular benefit to ECRs across the Faculty.
- **Ackers** was centrally involved in the development of the UK Concordat policy and the associated European Charter and Code. The University is a signatory to the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and has an ongoing commitment to the principles of the Concordat. Our commitment to the Concordat has been recognised by achievement of the European Commission's '**HR Excellence in Research**' award.

### ii. Research students

Since 2008, we have placed growing emphasis on recruiting and supporting excellent PGR students to successful effect.

- Nine students in the REF period were funded by the ESRC; two students were funded by the John Lennon Memorial Trust; and another PGR researcher was supported with a Duncan Norman Research Scholarship (a highly competitive single scholarship ‘to enable academically gifted students who also have the personal qualities to make them leaders in society’). A further three students were supported by the competitive Brenda Thomas fees only studentship.
- Supervisory teams are appointed for PhD candidates on the basis of research expertise, track record and existing supervision workload. Where possible, teams comprise both experienced and less experienced staff as a means of encouraging ECR staff to develop their research supervision skills alongside experienced supervisors.
- At the early stage of the PGR process the suitability of candidature for PhD is assured by the scrutiny of an Independent Assessment Panel (IAP) (after seven months of study). In order that principles of consistency, equality and fairness are maintained the IAP is chaired by the PGR lead (**Pickard**) and two other experienced supervisors.
- The progress of PGR students is monitored and supported through mutually agreed and regularly updated Learning Plans and yearly Progress Reports, with all students being required to attend at least 12 annual supervisory meetings.
- Nine months before submission an IAP reviews all draft doctoral theses before any recommendation is made to the University. Students and staff are guided and supported through all of these activities by a detailed Code of Practice.

PGR students are integral to the Department’s intellectual, social and cultural life and they are fully embedded within one of its three research clusters. We also see the provision of training for both researchers and PGR students as a key part of sustaining a vibrant research culture:

- The advanced training network **engage@liverpool** was launched by the Department in 2011 (**Jones, Mair, Whyte**). This promotes and facilitates methodological excellence, innovation and inter-disciplinary dialogue. **engage@liverpool** also provides a range of audiences with cutting-edge research in an accessible and inclusive way, including world-leading researchers discussing the development and application of methods, drawing on their own work. PGR students benefit from the networked events, including master classes, colloquia, conferences, methods workshops, intellectual fora and taught research practice modules
- **engage@Liverpool** partners Methods@Manchester to provide high-calibre training for 217 doctoral students funded by the ESRC across the North West. All of the Department’s postgraduate research students are encouraged to participate in the activities of external networks and national/international conferences, presenting papers where appropriate.
- The School has maintained a ring-fenced fund for both RC-funded and non-RC funded students to support conference attendance. Further funding for the organisation and delivery of PGR workshops/conferences is available on a competitive basis from the Faculty.
- PGR training is further supported by the University PGR Development Team and its Centre for Lifelong Learning (with employability-related training available through the Vitae GRADschools, Leadership in Action and local GRADschools workshops).

**d. Income, infrastructure and facilities**

**Research income**

Since 2008 a key strategic objective (now successfully achieved) has been to increase research grant income. The Department returned an income of almost £1.5M in RAE2008 over 6.6 years. **In REF 2014 we return more than double that amount** within the shorter five year period (approximately £3.4M or £191K per FTE member of staff).

The growth in research funding can, in part, be attributed to our success with large-scale grant applications. Together with colleagues in other Faculties (and Universities) we have developed large collaborative and international proposals, such as the £1.7M AHRC Digital Transformations Award with the Universities of Oxford, Sheffield, Sussex, and Tasmania, together with private

cultural production companies and archives in the UK and Australia. In 2013 **Godfrey** was awarded a further \$230K grant from the Australian Research Council for collaborations with the Universities of Guelph and Tasmania); and **Ackers** leads the EU 7<sup>th</sup> Framework POCARIM project, a Euro1M comparative study of careers in Humanities and Social Sciences covering 12 European countries.

Given our social-policy focus, we have also been successful in winning funding from Government agencies. A success rate of 95% accounts for approximately half of our funding. Our corresponding strategy to target RC funding is also bringing success: 13% of our research funding derives from RCs and this income source is expected to grow in the next REF census period. We also have strategies in place to obtain an increased share of funding from EU sources. Our success rate here is 27% and we are developing large-scale international collaborative bids to the EU's Horizon 2020 funding programme.

In addition, the Department has developed a number of practical capacity-building strategies that have successfully boosted research grant income (and consolidated research culture) over the REF period. Notable examples include: annual one-to-one research planning meetings with every member of staff; regular 'Work in Progress' seminars where academic staff present their ongoing research to, and receive feedback from, colleagues and PGR students; a cross-School research mentoring scheme that is particularly valuable for ECRs and/or for staff who are submitting their first grant application; Faculty-wide workshops on grant-writing and ongoing 'drop-in' sessions - with the School and Departmental leads for research - that offer the opportunity to discuss ideas and receive advice concerning research applications; peer-review of grant proposals before submission and tailored guidance from experienced researchers at each stage of the application process. This has led to a growth in applications for external funding since 2008. We also use the University's **Business Gateway** to broker collaborative arrangements with international, national and local partners and have successfully bid for ten Knowledge Exchange Vouchers to pump prime research projects. As a result of the relationships forged with two local government authorities (Knowsley/Wootton Bassett) two funding proposals will be submitted to ESRC in 2014.

**PGR** - We have a significant and diverse postgraduate community:

- Our PhD completion rate is 100% (which exceeds the Russell Group average); and the number of degrees awarded has **more than doubled from 15 in RAE2008 to 33.75 awarded** PhDs in REF 2014 (six non-EU; and four EU students).
- We have invested in PGR with 17 University PGR studentships.
- All research students have their own office space and appropriate IT equipment, and all students have access to an extensive range of technological equipment to support fieldwork.

Our PGR community continues to strengthen our research culture, supported by key involvement in the ESRC NWDTTC (see above and below), and we aim over the next five years to continue the enhanced recruitment of PGRs so as to sustain and grow research capacity in key research areas.

**Physical infrastructure** - All members of staff and PGR students have access to analytical and statistical packages as well as media and technical support. The University has invested heavily in its research infrastructure since 2008:

- The £20M extension to the Sydney Jones Library and related online facilities make it one of the best resourced libraries in England and Wales (and it is the highest ranked amongst the Russell Group libraries, excluding Oxbridge). The Library has the second largest collection of e-book holdings in the Russell Group; it is only one of two UK libraries in the UK in an international collaboration to rapidly provide online journal articles, through Article Reach. Furthermore, the University recently increased the library budget by £1.8M above baseline to ensure that sociology, social policy, criminology and related social science holdings continue to be generously resourced.
- The refurbishment of the Eleanor Rathbone Building, in which the Department is based, in 2012 has provided upgraded and outstanding facilities and space for our staff and students,

including a dedicated video conference suite which makes facilitating our international research collaborations and undertaking research interviews more effective.

#### e. Collaboration and contribution to the discipline or research base

One of our key strategic objectives in RAE2008, and re-stated here, is to involve and engage with international, national, and regional partners at every stage of the research process and to offer major contributions to the discipline/research base. Examples include:

- **Whyte's** AHRC-funded research conducted in collaboration with the current President of the European Court of Human Rights, with Judge Spielmann as a named co-investigator.
- **Impacts 08**, a project led from the Department and nested within the Institute of Cultural Capital (ICC), is a major longitudinal cultural research programme established to investigate the socio-economic impact of Liverpool's designation as European Capital of Culture in 2008. The research model pioneered by Impacts 08 is now recognised as best practice for the evaluation of large-scale arts/cultural programmes, and Impacts 08/ICC colleagues are currently working with international European City of Culture networks to embed systematic evaluation research policies/practices (REF 3b).
- **Godfrey's** recent AHRC grant success was secured in conjunction with The National Archives, The Tasmanian Archives and Heritage Office. His research is international, cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary and has been supported by a range of major grant awards totalling over £3M over the last five years, with funding from ESRC; British Academy; AHRC, Wellcome Trust; Leverhulme Trust and the Nuffield Foundation and ARC/British Academy. The work has been presented at a number of international conferences, to the New Zealand Cabinet (2010) and Justice Horizons (2012), through public lectures at The National Archives (2010, 2011), and on popular TV shows (*Who Do You Think You Are* 2013, *Time Team* 2013).
- With Garcia, **Campbell's** research has focussed on large-scale cultural festivals such as the European Capital of Culture and the Cultural Olympiad and has analysed the claims regarding 'regeneration' associated with such festivals (REF 3b).
- **Turner** has worked extensively on the public perception of police governance, particularly in relation to Police and Crime Commissioners, which she is now developing in collaboration with the N8 Universities Police Research Group (along with **Walklate** and colleagues in the Department of Psychology and the Management School).
- **Goldson** (keynote speaker at international conferences in Hong Kong, Australia, Belgium, Australia, and the UK) has forged a distinctive research profile in the field of comparative youth criminology and youth penalty, within which human rights perspectives and the applications of excessive modes of penalty are particular concerns. Key elements of this work are currently being funded by a three-year Australian Research Council grant (The Comparative Youth Penalty Project) with the University of New South Wales and James Cook University.
- **Ackers** work is concerned with the mobility of academic staff and internationalisation processes. Underpinned by a series of ongoing externally funded projects (including funding from ESRC and the European Commission) and also a large number of commissioned studies and evaluations (including funding from HEFCE), it is engaged with current debates around the 're-conceptualisation of migration theory' in the context of contemporary mobility patterns and practices
- **Walklate** has made, and continues to make, a substantial contribution to the field of victimology (plenary addresses at: British Society of Criminology Conference, 2008; conference on violence, Institute of Legal Studies, Helsinki, 2009; European Victim Services Conference, Lisbon, 2012 and the opening plenary panel at Stockholm Criminology Conference, together with winner of the prize for the best article published by the Howard Journal of Criminal Justice, 2012). Recent interventions include collaborative work with Professor Nicole Rafter, Northeastern University, Boston, on genocide alongside critical analyses of policy responses to violence against women (translated into Chinese).
- **Mythen** led an inter-disciplinary panel at a conference in New York in June 2013 with colleagues from the University's Departments of Engineering and Psychology affiliated to the Institute of Risk and Uncertainty. **Mythen's** paper is scheduled for publication in a special issue

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of the Journal of Risk Research.

- The work of **McGarry, Mythen and Walklate** has challenged conventional understandings of victimhood and has been oriented toward the social construction of risk and the implications of labelling for specific groups classified as threatening and dangerous.
- **Moosavi's** work (that has been featured in the media including Five Live, Channel 4, *The Guardian*) provides further critical insight into Islamophobia and intensive surveillance.
- **Robinson** has successfully forged inter-disciplinary collaborations with British Columbia Centre for Excellence in Women's Health.
- The work of **Whyte** on the regulation and accountability of corporations has explored the concept of human rights as it applies to international corporations (for which he was awarded the British Journal of Criminology Sir Leon Radzinowicz Prize in 2008). Taking his work forward, a major project (funded by the British Academy) uses interviews with judges and officials in the European Court of Human Rights to explore the potential for developing new mechanisms of accountability for corporate human rights violations. A second strand of **Whyte's** work uncovers the reasons behind state failures to hold corporations accountable for deaths at work, developing an influential critique of government policy in this field and leading to significant policy reform (REF 3b).
- The highly innovative interventions by **Jones** (member of ESRC benchmarking group of UK cultural sociology and invitations to speak at the Sorbonne, and the *Urban Transitions* conference, Poznan, alongside media appearances on BBC Radio 4, Channel 4, *The Guardian*, *Financial Times*) on the wider cultural and political framing of architecture, and its relationship to understanding policy formation, is internationally recognised.
- **Wilks-Heeg's** principal areas of research expertise include electoral integrity, electoral registration, local government and local democracy, and the funding of UK political parties.
- Both **Belfrage** (co-chair of the Council for European Studies research network 'European Integration and Global Political Economy') and **Wilks-Heeg** have interrogated the in/ability of democratic structures in the UK/Sweden to provide equitable and fair outcomes. **Wilks-Heeg** was seconded for a period of three years - with support from the ESRC and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation - as Executive Director of the research organisation Democratic Audit (see Impact Case Study). In addition to the outputs returned with this REF submission, he has authored or co-authored a number of highly influential reports, including a recent report on party funding reform, commissioned by the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust (2010). His forensic examination of UK democracy is referenced by journalists across the world (REF 3b).

#### Contribution to the discipline by engagement with academic and practitioner bodies:

Engagement is also secured by members of staff serving on editorial boards or acting as advisors to the research community, to Government agencies and to major non-governmental organisations:

- **Godfrey** and **Walklate** advise the New Zealand Ministry of Justice; **Goldson** is the sole representative from the UK on the expert Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR), established by the Council of Europe and the European Commission to advise the two institutions on pan-European youth policy and research; **Goldson** is an appointed sub-panel member for REF 2014; **Walklate** who is an Academician of Social Sciences, served the ESRC Evaluation Committee 2008-12, was an appointed sub-panel member for RAE 2008 and, again for REF 2014; **Godfrey, Goldson, Whyte, Wilks-Heeg, Walklate** and **Mythen** are/have been serving members of the ESRC peer review college; **Goldson** serves on the Executive Committee of the British Society of Criminology; **Robinson** serves on the Executive Committee of the Medical Sociology Group; **Pilgrim** (whose work has been profiled in the media including BBC Radio 4's *All in the Mind*, 2010 and BBC One's *The One Show*, 2012) carried out an evaluation of practical innovations in mental health services for the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts; **Ackers** is/has been a Member of the European Commission's Expert Charter and Code Working Group, the European Universities Association (EUA) Steering Committee on Doctoral Harmonisation and the Bologna Process, the Universities UK (UUK) Working Group responsible for the revision and implementation of the Concordat for the Management of Researchers, the European Commission Expert Groups on

Mobility and Social Security (ERA Review Process), the ESRC Training and Skills Committee responsible for the new Doctoral Training Centres and Chair of the ESRC Consultation on the Research Leaders' Scheme.

- **Goldson** is editor of *Youth Justice: An International Journal* and **Walklate** is Editor-in-Chief of the *British Journal of Criminology* (from 2014). **Members of the Department** sit on the editorial boards of *The British Journal of Community Justice*; *British Journal of Criminology*; *Contemporary Justice Review*; *Crime, Histoire et Sociétés/Crime, History & Societies*; *Crime, Media, Culture: An International Journal*; *Crime Prevention & Community Safety*; *Criminal Justice*; *Critical Criminology*; *Critical Social Policy*; *Cultural Sociology*; *Howard Journal of Crim. Justice*; *International Review of Qualitative Research*; *Medical Sociology Online*; *Museum & Society*; *Qualitative Sociology Review*; *Sociology of Health & Illness*; *Sociological Research Online*; *Studies in Social Justice*; *The Magistrate*; *Theoretical Criminology*; *Sociology*; *Health, Risk and Society*; and *Sociology and Criminology*.
- Since 2008 the Department has **successfully hosted a number of conferences** which have led to publications. For example, two of the conferences that were held in 2009 - 'Youth in Crisis? Gangs, Territoriality and Violence: Assessing the Evidence' and 'Research, Knowledge and the Youth Justice Policy Process' - led to a volume of essays edited by **Goldson** (published by Routledge in 2011) and a special issue of *Criminology and Criminal Justice* (published in 2010). In 2014 we will host two large and prestigious international conferences – The British Society of Criminology Conference and The British Crime Historians Conference.
- **The Eleanor Rathbone Public Lecture Series on Social Justice** serves as a vehicle for attracting a cross-section of high-profile speakers from the academic, policy and practitioner communities, together with large and similarly wide-ranging audiences. Speakers have included Tony Wright MP, Jenny Watson (Chair of the Electoral Commission), Baroness Vivien Stern, Nick Hardwick (Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons), Hilary Wainwright, and Professor Mary Daly.
- Similarly, seminar series highlight collaborations between members of the Department and local and regional community stakeholders. Recent events that have attracted large audiences have included speakers from the **Hillsborough Justice Campaign**; **Justice for the Shrewsbury 3 Campaign**; **Warrington Foundation for Peace** and **Cairde Na hÉireann**. We also run regular events in collaboration with national stakeholders such as the **Centre for Crime and Justice Studies** (including the extensively-reported 2013 event 'How Corrupt is Britain?').
- Research Lectures' are regularly presented by internationally recognised researchers engaged in activity that resonates with the Department's research clusters in order to support and develop international links. For example, lectures were delivered by Professor Nicole Rafter, Northeastern University (recipient of American Society of Criminology's Sutherland Award in 2009), and Professor Pat O'Malley of Sydney Law School (recipient of the 2010 Sir Leon Radzinowicz Prize). They are both Honorary Fellows in the Department.
- In addition to the collaborative training networks established by NWDTTC, members of the Department are involved in cross-Faculty and cross-Institutional supervision arrangements (**Godfrey**, for example, supervises two PGR students with colleagues in History; one with colleagues in the Risk Institute/Psychology; and is involved in co-supervising AHRC funded students with colleagues at Sheffield University).
- In 2013 **engage@liverpool** received funds from the ESRC's Transformative Social Science Research Fund, and from 2014 Methods North West will be expanded as a network to incorporate the 'accession' institutions from the **AHRC's Doctoral Training Partnership** that was successfully secured in October 2013.

Our **collaboration and contribution to the discipline and the research base** as evidenced above has therefore been critical to our ambitions to be **world class, international in outlook, and critically engaged**.