
AberWorkshops: Law and Criminology

Bringing our academic
experts to your learners



What are AberWorkshops?

AberWorkshops give your learners an opportunity to learn and interact with our friendly and engaging academic staff.

Our teaching staff will deliver high quality subject content to your learners, with the aim of not only increasing students' knowledge of the subject matter, but also encouraging them to consider future study within the discipline of Law and Criminology.

We have a variety of academic-focussed lectures/ workshops in a number of different topic areas. Whilst all sessions are subject to availability, AberWorkshops are:



Flexible in duration



Suitable for small and large audiences



7-13 Deliverable to all year groups



Available virtually



Available face to face in school / college



Available to be delivered on Aberystwyth University campus



Open to learners with no prior knowledge of the subject, as well as those with an interest in the field. Learners do not need to be studying Law or Criminology in school or college to enjoy and benefit from these engaging sessions.



Our staff will work with schools / and colleges to tailor the session to meet the needs of your students



To make a booking or find out more, e-mail aberworkshops@aber.ac.uk

An introduction to the Department of Law and Criminology

Our undergraduate programmes of study are diverse in the range of subjects offered. Students can study law or criminology as a single subject or together, or in combination with other subjects.

The Department's long history is a testament to its teaching acumen. It has a proud tradition of scholarship and research and has prepared generations of people from all over the world for professional careers and for life in general.

Our curriculum/ modules are designed around the current needs of employers and the legal and criminal justice professions, and we place great emphasis on the development of learners' professional skills.

In Criminology, our modules are continually revised and updated to reflect recent

changes in patterns of criminal behaviour and crime policy responses. This means learners can be assured that their subject knowledge is up-to-date as possible, thus enhancing their employability.

In Law, learners have the option to participate in our national and international competing Mooting Society, in order to develop key advocacy and litigation skills.

In addition, students can study abroad in the second year at one of our many partner universities in Europe, USA, Canada and Australia.

Careers in Law and / or Criminology

Upon consultation, our academic staff can deliver bespoke sessions to schools and colleges in areas pertaining to the study of law OR criminology, and graduate careers linked to these disciplines.

- advice on choosing the right university degree in law OR criminology;
- what to expect as an Aberystwyth University student in law OR criminology;
- careers in the professions and routes to qualification in law;
- gaining experience through internships, work placements and mentoring schemes.

For example...

Please get in touch so that we can tailor a session to the needs of your students.



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Human Rights and Modern Slavery – Prof. Ryszard Piotrowicz

EN

From the clothes you wear, to the food you eat, everything has to be produced by workers. In many countries, the workers involved, including children, are exploited. Yet it is almost impossible to buy items which you know have been produced ethically – that is, without exploiting anyone in the supply chain. This talk will explain what we mean by modern slavery, how it is prevalent in many parts of the economy, and what governments can, and should, do about it. The speaker has worked for eight years monitoring anti-trafficking efforts throughout Europe.

Walking the Plank: The Scourge of Modern Piracy – Ed Ditchfield

EN

This session will look at the problem of modern-day maritime piracy, the first international crime, but one largely forgotten by the development of International Criminal Law during the twentieth century. It will explore who really rules the high seas, as well as the dangers lurking out there on the water—and how they could potentially prove costly for all of us. It will then look at what steps have been taken to counter piracy, and what challenges still remain.

Exploitation of Intellectual Property and the Global Economy – Dr. Angharad James

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Over recent decades, the exploitation of intellectual property has played a pivotal role in the global economy. Given the wide range of intellectual property subject matter from books, songs, films, podcasts, computer programs to company logos and pharmaceuticals, it is no surprise that this is an area of law which is constantly developing and responding to change. This session will give an overview of the different forms of intellectual property and will give an insight into some key cases that try to address the challenges posed by this ever-expanding area of law.

Let's Explain the War in Ukraine – Prof. Ryszard Piotrowicz

EN

The fiercest fighting in Europe since 1994 is now taking place in Ukraine, following the invasion by Russia. This talk explains the role of law in the conflict: it explains why the use of force by Russia violated the law; and it assesses the legality of specific events, to show why war crimes are committed when civilians are attacked.

Analysing Crime and Criminal Conduct – Lauren Harvey

EN

The criminal law has wide reaching consequences for all those involved with the criminal justice system and for society as a whole. But what does an effective criminal justice system look like and how easy is this to achieve? This session explores the purposes and principles of the criminal law and analyses the boundaries of criminal conduct; illustrating why 'crime' is so difficult to define and to legislate for, and how societal attitudes to crime may vary across history and the world. We will explore some of the great moral and legal debates and ask ourselves how the law should decide which acts constitute criminal offences. Should assisted dying, or recreational cannabis be legalised? Should a 10-year-old be criminally responsible for their actions? Should we adopt Good Samaritan laws? Can killing someone ever be the right thing to do? This workshop provides plenty of opportunity for interaction with discussion of hot topics and moral dilemmas to debate.

A talk about the birds and the bees and the flowers and the trees: Biodiversity protection in the UK and around the world – Gerald Schaefer

EN

The scientific community at home and abroad have been sounding the alarm about the decline in biodiversity – that is the number of individual species of fish, mammals, birds, insects, amphibians and plants as well as the number of individuals within those species – for quite a while now. We all have seen images of the Great Panda or footage of whales in the oceans and their fight for survival. Lack of decisive action has led us to the point where it is now widely accepted that we are experiencing the 6th extinction event in global history, the first of those events that is entirely human made. This talk will explore some of the reasons for this, the effects on you and me, and then focus on the law underpinning domestic and international attempts to stem the tide, and whether or not they actually work.

Music streaming, copyright and inequality – Rosie Toll

EN

The recorded music industry is one that is fundamentally underpinned by copyright law. Over the past 20 years, digital and internet technologies have fundamentally changed the structure of the record industry, affecting copyright law's ability to function as an income generator for artists. Streaming is now the preferred choice of most consumers; services such as Spotify and Apple Music have helped the record industry reboot after a period of financial turbulence during the early Noughties. Not everyone, however, is benefitting from the success of streaming platforms. Many artists claim that the system is rife with inequality and that they are struggling financially whilst record companies' profit margins continue to increase. This talk examines what happened to the record industry, where the problems lie, and what copyright law can (and can't) do to remedy the issues faced by today's recording artist.

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Living in Fear: the Psychological Warfare of Terrorism EN

– Jen Phipps

This session provides participants an insight in to the psychology underlying the stronghold that terrorism has on societies, namely fear. It then goes on to consider how our lives and very freedoms, are controlled and governed, through fear generated by the threat of terrorism and other crimes. A fascinating and insightful session for anyone interested in criminology or criminal psychology.

Crime in the Media – influences, representations and the CSI effect – Dr. Kathy Hampson EN

We all like to watch crime shows, whether that might be a grisly drama or a true crime documentary, and crime fiction is enjoying as much success now as it did when Agatha Christie was writing last century. But do you know how much you are influenced by the media you consume? Or can we all now influence the media because we make our own on social networks and Youtube? How realistic is your favourite crime show? This session looks at where crime and media meet, so whether you like reading a murder mystery, watching CSI, or scouring Youtube for crime-related videos, you will find something of interest here!

“Call the cops!” COP culture and danger – Demi John EN CY

This workshop focuses on the culture of the police (COP) and will introduce discussions around key themes that are central to the study of COP. Police culture refers to shared attitudes and beliefs amongst officers about the nature of policing, their role and how these beliefs directly influence their use of discretion e.g. discretion impacts how officers make decisions, such as whether to stop and search a member of the public.

The Forgotten Victims of Crime – Dr. Bethan Poyser EN

Being subjected to the punishment of being held in custody can be a devastating and life changing experience for individual. But it can also have an effect on the prisoner’s family, damaging the way they work and function – making them ‘forgotten victims of crime.’ This session will examine victims of crime and the role of the criminal justice system in assigning victim status.

Miscarriages of Justice – Dr. Sam Poyser EN

In 1991, scholar Martin Yant concluded: ‘An innocent person in prison...is about as rare as a pigeon in the park!’ Wrongful convictions are much more common than we dare to think and are a global phenomenon. Many of the issues associated with wrongful convictions are the same over time and indeed globally. Drawing on criminological theory and research worldwide, including my own research undertaken over two decades, this workshop will examine wrongful convictions in a criminological context, over time (including the changing face of wrongful convictions), in different settings, and in a variety of countries.

NB: this session is available virtually and on campus only.

‘Our House is On Fire!’ – Assessing The Climate Crisis from a Criminological Perspective – Dr. Lowri Cunnington Wynn EN CY

There is no doubt that the world is facing a significant and complex climate crisis. Current debates within Criminology adopt a Green perspective, and this session will introduce students to the major theoretical approaches to Green Criminology, with particular emphasis on international perspectives and solutions to the climate crisis. In addition, the session will introduce concepts of ‘environmental harm,’ against environmental law. Green Criminology is central to students’ understanding of a changing world, and a session will explore the complex interdependence between humans, nature, the changing climate and its relationship to harm and crime.

Serious Violent crime – Dr Gwyn Griffith EN

What is serious violent crime? How much violent crime is there in UK today? How does this compare to other countries in the world? What are the roots of serious violence? What can we do about it? What causes more serious harm in the world, war, or crime and what is the difference between them? This workshop will explore these questions and do some myth busting. National and international evidence on serious violence will be presented and used as a basis for developing discussions.

Key:

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