



School of Social Work and Social Policy 2014-2015 Seminar Series

Sugar 'n' Spice: Are we 'morally policing' girls and young women?

Tuesday, November 18 Court Senate Room, Collins Building, University of Strathclyde. 5pm for a 5.30pm start

Michele Burman, Professor of Criminology and Deputy Head, School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Glasgow, and founding co-director of the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research (SCCJR) will be the speaker at this co-hosted seminar with the Centre for Youth & Criminal Justice (CYCJ).

Professor Burman will discuss whether the decisions that are made regarding young people's futures are affected by gender prejudices and stereotypes.

In particular, she will consider the adverse consequences that follow from characterisations of young women and girls, in policy and practice, as homogenised 'risky' subjects - in terms of the likelihood of their (re)offending but also 'at risk' and requiring intervention to protect them from further harm. The messy conflation between being risky, being at risk and being vulnerable not only conspires to place those labelled so in an invidious position; through a combination of gendered welfarism, increasing criminalisation and increased intervention, it also renders them subject to contradictory policies and practices.

Joining Professor Burman in debating this issue will be a panel of experts, including Anne Carpenter McKechnie, Consultant Forensic Clinical Psychologist for Tomorrow's Women Glasgow and Carole Dearie, who is a Practice Development Advisor for CYCJ, seconded from the Good Shepherd Centre. Following the talk, the panel will open the discussion to audience participation.

We hope you can join us for wine and nibbles afterwards.

To register, please email jan.bissett@strath.ac.uk.

Follow the Twitter debate at #CYCJgirls