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Media and Crime - 10cps

Overview: This course will introduce you to current debates concerning crime and the media. We explore how crime news is constructed rather than being purely factual and delve into topics like fake news, true crime, and crime fiction.

Topics include the theoretical analysis from criminology, sociology, media studies and cultural studies to provide a critical understanding of the relationship between media and crime, as well as the ways in which crime news are constructed and leads to feelings of fear and insecurity towards certain crimes, spaces and certain social groups.

After this important framework, illustrative themes are addressed to examine the extent to which crime and justice are constructed according to prevailing cultural assumptions and ideologies. This course includes discussions about social issues addressed by the media (childhood, sexuality, religion, etc.) as well as representations of crime in multiple mediums (newspaper, movies, documentaries, books, new media).

In this course you will focus on:

- Theorizing Media and Crime
- Everyday Construction of Crime News
- Moral Panics and Media Panics
- The Police Image and Policing the Image
- Media Representation of Offenders and Victims
- Media Construction of Children and Youth
- Media, Crime and Sexual Violence
- Media, Crime and Race
- Media, Terrorism and Islamophobia
- Media, Sports and Crime
- Media and the Crime of the Powerful
- Media and Green Crime
- Media and Crime in the Global South
- Media and Courts: High Profile Cases
- Crime in Popular Culture (Books, movies, documentaries and podcasts)
- Media, Crime and the Surveillance Culture
- New Media, Crime and Deviance
- Fake News and Post-Truth
- Researching Media and Crime

You will have in-class discussions about movies, books, podcasts and TV series.



This course is ideal for students from any of the following disciplines - Criminology, Policing, Sociology, Communication and Media Studies, Psychology, and Law.

Your tutor is Dr Thais Sardá, Senior Lecturer in Criminology.