

The Department of Law & Criminology and I4P present:

2015 Policing Lecture:

“The Recent Politics of the Police: Re-Professionalisation and Regulation”



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The Re-Professionalisation of the Police in England and Wales

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I suppose you could sum it all up by saying that in Britain certainly, and I have no doubt elsewhere, the time has come when the police are abandoning their artisan status and are achieving by our ever-increasing variety of services, our integrity, our accountability and our dedication to the public good, a status no less admirable than that of the most learned and distinguished professions (Mark, 1977: : 42).

Contemporary Criminology

Police as a Profession

- **Contexts within which meanings are articulated**
 - **Neglect of the sociology of the professions**
 - **Neglect of social theory**
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Holdaway's Criminology

Police as a Profession

- Consider contexts within which claims to profession status have been made**
- Consider contribution of the sociology of the professions**
- See in a new way - a hybrid form of police governance in England and Wales**

Holdaway's Criminology

Police as a Profession

- **A hybrid form of police governance in England and Wales replaces a relatively unified, state centred structure of police governance. Professionalism at centre of this development.**

Social and Policy Contexts of Professionalisation

- **A government to reform the police**
- **The Neyroud Report**

Social and Policy Contexts of Professionalisation

- **Ethics and Integrity**

- **Senior Officers**

- **Junior Officers**

Social and Policy Contexts of Professionalisation

- **Independent Police Complaints Commission**

Social and Policy Contexts of Professionalisation

- **Localism**

- **Police and Crime Commissioners**

Social and Policy Contexts of Professionalisation

•Public Sector Budget

Social and Policy Contexts of Professionalisation

- **Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary**

Social and Policy Contexts of Professionalisation

- **The College of Policing**

Understanding Professions

Theory is essential for our understanding

- **Professions - traits**
- **Professions - authority and power**
- **Professions - subjectivity and discipline**
- **Professionalism**

Evidence, Theory, Argument

- **A hybrid system of police regulation**
- **Loosely-coupled but not unstable or incoherent**
- **Claims to authority, power, jurisdiction**

Evidence, Theory, Argument

Further Points

- **A research framework. 'What is done in the name of professionalism?'**
- **When are claims made?**
- **Comparative research**

Evidence, Theory, Argument Further Points

- **Meanings central to the analysis**
- **The political state – macro analyses**
- **What is done – evidence of relationships required**
- **Social theory essential and central**

Evidence, Theory, Argument Further Points

The re-professionalisation of the police of England and Wales is central to the new regulatory framework

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