

Professor Adam Crawford is undertaking research on the use of contracts in regulating (anti-)social behaviour, notably among young people. In this talk, he will chart the rise of contract-like behavioural agreements in the UK in the fields of housing, education and youth justice and assess their implications for social control, compliance and legitimacy, concluding with some thoughts on the relationship between “contractual governance” and traditional forms of criminal justice and penalty, as well as conceptions of citizenship.