

Anti-Social Behaviour - Core Issues and Key Concepts for the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer

Institute of Applied Social Studies, School of Social Policy

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Details

Code 20223

Level of study Masters Level

Credit value 20

Semester Full Term

Module description

This module will critically address and analyze the core issues of what our society, and more specifically our civil criminal justice systems, understand by anti-social behaviour in the setting of communities and neighbourhoods. It will examine and critically evaluate definitions of community, neighbourhood, crime and deviance. It will examine and analyze the differing definitions of anti-social behaviour, contesting them analytically in the context of research, theory and statistical information. It will evaluate and explore reasons for particular approaches to anti-social behaviour and analyze knowledge and research which informs crime and anti-social behaviour as problems. It will critically challenge our understandings and ideas about criminality and anti-social behaviour, analyzing distinctions and connections between the two. This will involve approaching a brief overview of theories of crime, anti-social behaviour and their implications for policy and practice from a critically evaluative perspective, reflecting interpretation, perspective-taking, and causality, and drawing on a range of academic disciplines. Macro, Mezzo and Micro issues will be critically explored in relation to government policies, drivers, and media influences on public perceptions of crime, community safety and anti-social behaviour. Finally the module will analyze the impact of the anti-social behaviour officer (hereafter ASB officer) through critically considering their impact across varied settings. The analysis will be directly and reflectively connected to the enactment of the ASB officer's role and tasks.