

# **cjm seminar**

## **'That's not my name: Prisoner deference and disciplinarian prison officers'**

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It has long been documented that prisoner deference is essential if prison officers are to effectively undertake their control functions. Whilst there is evidence that there exists a number of prison officer working personalities it is clear that a significant number of prison officers, especially those who consider security, discipline, and control to be central to their working practices, exercise power through their personal authority. It is maintained in the critical literature that for such officers, a positive interaction only arises if prisoners recognise the officer's inherent superiority. This demand for an elevated form of respect can be understood as the deployment of an 'asymmetrical status norm'.

If you would like to register an interest in this seminar please send an e-mail to: [Natalie.Mazin@crimeandjustice.org.uk](mailto:Natalie.Mazin@crimeandjustice.org.uk) Places will be limited so advance registration is essential so that we are able to send you a personal invitation.

The seminar will take place at the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies, 2 Langley Lane, SW8 1GB

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### **About David Scott**

#### **Research and Publications**

David's main research interests are critical social theory and the sociology and philosophy of punishment and he has published more than twenty book chapters or journal articles. At present he is completing a book for the sage key approaches to criminology series entitled Punishment and Crime (Sage, forthcoming). His other books include:

Alana Barton, Karen Corteen, David Scott and Dave Whyte (eds) (2007) *Expanding the Criminological Imagination: Critical Readings in Criminology* Cullompton: Willan Press

David Scott (2008) *Penology* London: Sage

David Scott (2009) *Ghosts Beyond Our Realm: A Neo-abolitionist Analysis Of Prisoner Human Rights And Prison Officer Culture* Milton Keynes

David Scott and Helen Codd (2010) *Controversial Issues in Prisons* Buckinghamshire: Open University Press

David is a member of Amnesty International, the British Society of Criminology, the Howard League for Penal Reform, INQUEST and Statewatch. In September 2010 David became the international co-ordinator of the European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control .

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