



## BSA Violence and Society Study Group Symposium

### 'Towards Zero Violence? The Decline of Violence Thesis'

Wednesday 18 May 2016

Lancaster University

#### Speakers:

Prof Manuel Eisner (Cambridge Institute of Criminology)

Prof Siniša Malešević (University College Dublin)

Prof Larry Ray (University of Kent)

Prof Sylvia Walby (Lancaster University)

#### Programme

Coffee and welcome Sylvia Walby

Decline

Larry Ray: 'Theorizing the decline of violence through Elias and Pinker'

Manuel Eisner: 'From Swords to Words - What Processes Predict the Long-Term Decline in Homicide across Europe?'

Increase:

Siniša Malešević: 'The Rise and Rise of Organised Violence?: The Pinker Thesis and Historical Sociology'

Sylvia Walby: 'The increase in violent crime made visible using new methods: Implications for the theorization of violence as gendered'

Concluding panel discussion: 'The futures of violence'

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