# Modern Law Review Symposium

**Falling Crime Rates and Criminal Law Reform (DRAFT)**

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<th>9.30-10.00</th>
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| 10.15-10.30 | Welcome to the Centre for Criminological Research  
*Stephen Farrall, University of Sheffield* |
| 10.15-11.00 | Session 1: Understanding the Global Crime Drop  
‘Self-limiting crime waves: Implications for lawmakers’  
*Jan van Dijk, Tilburg University* |
| 11-11.30 | Break (coffee, tea, biscuits) |
| 11.30-12.00 | Session 2: Falling crime rates in Europe and North America  
‘The crime drop in the USA and its implications’  
*Richard Rosenfeld, University of Missouri-St Louis*  
‘Comparing crime trends in Europe and the USA’  
*Marcelo Aebi, University of Lausanne* |
| 1-2pm | Lunch |
| 2-3.30 | Session 3: Modelling crime trends over time  
‘Crime wave theory and criminal law reform’  
*Martin Killias, University of Zurich*  
‘What falling rates of household burglary tell us about the rise in personal security’  
*Andromachi Tseloni, Nottingham Trent University* |
| 3.30-4 | Break (coffee, tea, biscuits) |
| 4-5.30 | Session 4: Falling crime rates and their consequences  
‘Why are crime rates falling? What can politicians do about it?’  
*Michael Tonry, University of Minnesota*  
‘The crime wave that never happened: The surprising fall in crime rates after the First World War’  
*Paul Knepper, University of Sheffield* |
| 5.30 | Reception |