



Informal social control and the respect agenda

An LSE seminar organised by Local Level and CASE

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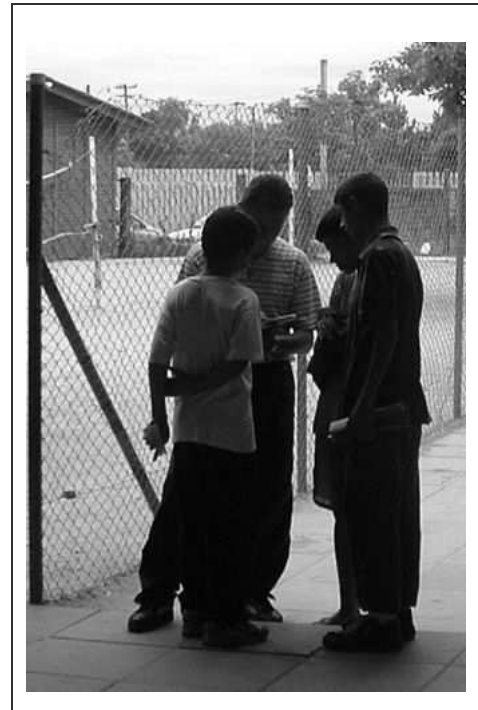
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16.30-18.00 - followed by a reception

'Respect' is high on the political agenda. High levels of antisocial behaviour reflect low levels of respect in everyday social relations. Policy makers can approach this issue from a number of angles including measures of control and retribution for antisocial behaviour, incentives for more neighbourly behaviour, or the promotion of mutuality and shared experience.

The choice of policy approach raises questions about the legitimate reach of policy into people's personal lives; about levels of trust in formal policing; the erosion of the public realm; the responsibility and readiness of the citizen to intervene; fear of crime; lack of intergenerational interaction; citizens' negotiation skills and levels of confidence when confronting others. It raises questions about the design of neighbourhoods, levels of transience and stability, and local face-to-face recognition.



We know that weak local social networks, and persistent stressful interactions in everyday life, probably have significant costs in terms of health and other quality of life indicators. We need to understand how to reverse these effects, reducing pressure on public services and recovering the sense of autonomous local identity.

This seminar will unpack these issues through a discussion of two recent research projects:

The Families and Neighbourhoods Study: funded by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and carried out at the Institute for the Study of Children, Families & Social Issues, Birkbeck.

(<http://www.iscfsi.bbk.ac.uk/projects/families.asp>)

This large-scale study included survey and qualitative data on norms of neighbourhood parenting and informal social control.

The 'Incentives for Citizenship Behaviour' Study: funded by the Home Office and carried out for the Civil Renewal research programme by LSE Housing, at the London School of Economics.

(<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEHousing/>)

This small-scale project looked at incentives such as good neighbour agreements, and sanctions and rewards for negative and positive behaviours.

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