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Where did Criminology come from? And what kind of Enterprise is it? An Opinionated Survey of the History and the Possible Futures of Criminological Research

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> > Reception to follow.



Mariana Valverde carries out both theoretical and empirical studies of legal mechanisms, especially those involved in moral and sexual regulation and those that are distinctly local or municipal. Dr. Valverde's first book, Sex, power, and pleasure (Women's Press, 1985), was an important contribution to the 'sex debates' and was translated into several languages. Subsequent books include Law's dream of a common knowledge (Princeton 2003), Law and order: signs, meanings, myths (Cavendish/Routledge 2006) and a popular book, The force of law (Groundwood Books, 2010). Her empirical study of how the city of Toronto uses its legal tools, Making law on the street: urban governance and the challenges of diversity was published by University of Chicago Press in 2012. Her current projects include a theoretical work provisionally entitled Law's chronotopes and a historical sociology of how policing, planning, and real estate tools were used to draw boundaries between 'good' and 'bad' neighbourhoods in London and in New York, 1870---1970. She has also published over 40 scholarly articles in a wide variety of legal, historical, sociological, and interdisciplinary journals. Currently she is chief editor of the Canadian Journal of Law and Society, serves on the Executive of the Law and Society Association, and is Director of the Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies at the University of Toronto.

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