



## Eleanor Rathbone Social Justice Public Lecture Series



Eleanor Rathbone was a pioneering feminist, social reformer, and human rights advocate whose legacy continues to inspire. From founding the School of Social Science at the University of Liverpool in 1905 to championing Family Allowances and refugee rights, her work reshaped British society.

In honour of her lifelong commitment to social justice, the Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology hosts the annual Eleanor Rathbone Social Justice Public Lectures—free, inclusive events open to all.

*Eleanor Florence Rathbone, Social and Political Reformer  
(12 May 1872 - 2 January 1946)*

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### Wandering throughout lives: Addressing intersectional trajectories of torture and torturous violence in asylum regimes

Wednesday 30 April 2025, 17:30 – 19:30, School of Law and Social Justice

Speaker: Dr Victoria Canning, University of Lancaster

The impacts and effects of punitive asylum systems in Northern Europe on refugee survivors are severe and wide ranging. Asylum regimes extend beyond processes of control and systematic exclusion, reproducing multiple harms to those subjected to them. Furthermore, the asylum regime and the bordering practices it sanctions and enacts intersects with broader forms of violence and torture. How far does the UN Convention Against Torture reflect intersectional and gendered experiences of severe violence? What is the relationship between bordering and torture? What can be done to collaboratively address the impacts of punitive asylum regimes on refugee survivors in Northern Europe?

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### A license to kill: necroeconomic suffocation by stealth

Wednesday 14 May 2025, 17:30 – 19:30, School of Law and Social Justice

Speakers: Professor Imogen Tyler & Professor Beverley Skeggs, Lancaster University

Three decades of austerity in the UK and a longer history of deregulation, privatisation and financialisation of state services have seen the deterioration of the elemental infrastructures, those that provided a basic level of security for the population. Our water now contains significant amounts of industrial toxins and sewage, our land and soil have been infiltrated by long-standing PCBs that manifest through food and the air is filled with noxious chemicals. Vitally, air, water, and land pollution are concretised in people's homes. What are the consequences of being exposed to these forms of pollution in everyday living environments? Which structural interrelationships facilitate these forms of 'everyday' poisoning? What are the broader deleterious societal impacts of necroeconomic policies?

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### Masculinity, capitalism, and violence: supporting boys and young men to navigate toxic narratives

Wednesday 11 June 2025, 17:30 – 19:30, School of Law and Social Justice

Speaker: Dr Laura Zahra McDonald, ConnectFutures

Increasing economic uncertainty and shifting social norms – especially in online social spaces – mean that young people are navigating complex and highly dynamic intersections of gender, identity, and structural inequality. Within this, research and practitioner experiences of working with children and adolescents is showing that engagement with exclusionary and harmful perspectives – such as sexism, misogyny, racial prejudice, homophobia and transphobia – is becoming increasingly prevalent. What are the underlying cultural, political and technological factors that help us understand this problem? Why is it that some boys and young men are attracted to the 'manosphere'? What are the implications for human relationships and wider society of the adoption and reproduction of misogynistic ideas and beliefs?

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