Homicide: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives

A One Day Conference on Friday 4 December 2009
OU Library Seminar Rooms 1 & 2, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes

10.00 – 10.25  Registration - Tea & Coffee on arrival
10.25 – 10.30  Welcome by Pete King
10.30 – 11.30  Manuel Eisner ‘Killing Kings: Patterns of Regicide in Europe, 600 -1800 AD’
11.30 – 12.30  Pete King ‘Space, Crime & Time. The Geography of Homicide in Scotland 1805-14 and 1836-56’
12.30 – 13.15  Lunch served in the Library Presentation Room, Ground Floor, OU Library
15.15 – 15.30  Tea & Coffee
15.30 – 16.30  Drew Gray ‘The Whitechapel Murders in Historical Context’

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Dr Drew Gray is a Senior Lecturer in the University of Northampton. He is author of Crime, Prosecutions & Social Relations: The Summary Courts of the City of London in the late Eighteenth Century (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2009).