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**PROFESSOR DICK HOBBS – BRITISH SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2016**

The British Society of Criminology is proud to announce that it is awarding its Outstanding Achievement Award 2016 to **Professor Dick Hobbs** in recognition of his major contribution to criminological research and education.

Dick Hobbs is an urban ethnographer specialising in the sociology of London, organised and professional crime, the night-time economy, violence, drug markets and research methodology. Dick Hobbs' name will be known by many Sociology A level students for his seminal ethnographic study of crime, criminals and crime fighters *Doing the Business: Entrepreneurship, the Working Class and Detectives in the East End of London*.

Professor Hobbs has received numerous grants, primarily from the ESRC, as well as from the Home Office, the Nuffield Trust and the EU. He has conducted a wide range of consultancies for government agencies and the mass media, and presented evidence to the UK government on the night-time economy, and to a Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into Australian drug markets. He is editor of the Routledge *Advances in Ethnography* series.

Apart from his extremely influential books, edited collections, chapters in volumes and journal articles, Professor Hobbs has also won Universities and Colleges Union's Life Changer Award for 'changing people's lives through education', awarded for his work in helping working class students at Durham University overcome the barriers they encounter at university.

Professor Hobbs himself was born and raised in east London and came to academic work late having worked as a labourer, refuse collector and schoolteacher. He trained as a sociologist at the LSE and the University of Surrey before working at the Universities of Oxford and Durham, where he held Chairs in both Sociology and Law. He was Professor of Sociology at the LSE (2005-2011) before taking a post in the Sociology Department at Essex University (2011-2014), where he was Professor of Sociology and Director of the Criminology Centre and is now Emeritus Professor as well as Professor of Sociology at the University of Western Sydney. He is also an Associate Fellow at the Royal United Services Institute.

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The British Society of Criminology's Outstanding Achievement Award will be presented to Professor Hobbs on the opening day of the British Society of Criminology's annual conference, which this year takes place in Nottingham, on July 6 2016.

President of the British Society of Criminology Professor Peter Squires FAcSS said: "I am delighted that Dick Hobbs is our outstanding achievement award-winner for 2016, for many years he has pioneered an approach to criminology that we ignore at our peril, meticulously studying crime, criminality and law enforcement at the 'sharp end'. Without the valuable insights he has provided, our criminological imagination would be that much poorer".

*Notes to editors:*

The British Society of Criminology is the learned society for criminologists and aims to further the interests and knowledge of both academic and professional people who are engaged in any aspect of work or teaching, research or public education about crime, criminal behaviour and the criminal justice systems in the United Kingdom. The Society has been in existence for 60 years and has a wide-ranging membership based here and overseas. <http://britsoccrim.org/new/index.php>. The Outstanding Achievement Award has been awarded annually since 2009 to recognize major contributions to the discipline of criminology <http://www.britsoccrim.org/oa/>.

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