

# Nick Ross lecture

## ‘Crime: how to solve it, and why so much of what we’re told is wrong’

How doctors know more about cutting crime than criminologists, police or the judiciary. Broadcaster and former BBC Crimewatch presenter Nick Ross will be delivering a lecture at the University of Exeter based on his new book: ‘Crime: how to solve it, and why so much of what we’re told is wrong.’ Nick will share his provocative ideas about why we have crime and how to tackle it and, will suggest that, like early medicine, our views on crime are based more on ‘anecdote and quackery’ than science. He will explain why crime rose dramatically, why it has fallen across the western world, and ‘why politicians and police should learn from the success of medicine and treat crime as a disease’.

**Nick Ross** presented radio and TV for almost 40 years, including World at One, A Week in Politics and launched breakfast TV and shows like Watchdog. He produced, directed and reported several award-winning documentaries but is best known for Crimewatch which he fronted for 23 years. He is a campaigner for science and evidence-based medicine and is a visiting professor and honorary fellow at UCL where he founded the Jill Dando Institute of Crime Science. He is chairman, trustee, ambassador or patron of a range of charities, and his book, ‘Crime: how to solve it, and why so much of what we’re told is wrong’, was published in the summer.

**Date:** Monday 14 October 2013

**Time:** 6:45pm

**Venue:** University of Exeter  
Alumni Auditorium  
Forum, Stocker Road  
Streatham Campus, Exeter EX4 4PZ

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