John Ll. J. Edwards Lecture
“Losing Our Balance: Old and New Directions in Canadian Criminal Justice Policy”

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Named after the founder of the Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies, John Ll. J. Edwards, this is an annual public lecture on issues related to criminal law, crime, policing, punishment, and security. The long list of distinguished scholars who have presented the lecture includes David Garland, Loic Wacquant, Natalie Davis, Federico Varese and Lucia Zedner.

Anthony Doob was introduced to criminology and brought to the Centre of Criminology in 1971 by its founding director John Ll. J. Edwards. He has been at the Centre (now the Centre for Criminology & Sociolegal Studies) ever since and served as its director from 1979 to 1989. He has carried out research on a wide range of topics related to the operation of the Canadian criminal justice system. His work on Canada’s youth justice system, for example, covers issues related to all three of the youth justice laws that have governed the treatment of youths who commit offences. His early work on public knowledge and understanding of sentencing was important in influencing the manner in which policy makers thought about the pressures from the public to increase the severity of sentencing practices. As a member of the Canadian Sentencing Commission in the 1980s, he contributed to our understanding of what a coherent sentencing structure for Canada would look like. In the past few years, he has been exploring the factors that are important for understanding Canada’s imprisonment practices. Until recently, imprisonment might be described as having been seen a necessary but not necessarily a desirable way of responding to offending. More recently, this has changed. In the 2014 John Ll. J. Edwards Lecture, Professor Doob will discuss Canada’s history of skepticism about the value of imprisonment and will speculate about the long term effects of Canada’s current approach to criminal justice policy.

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