

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Cars and Crime Symposium 2026

30-31 July 2026 | Ilkley, West Yorkshire

Following the success of the inaugural [Cars and Crime Symposium in 2025](#), we are delighted to invite submissions for the second symposium exploring the critical intersections between motor vehicles, crime, and perceptions of safety in contemporary society.

This two-day event will bring together criminologists, legal scholars, geographers, urban studies and road safety experts to advance understanding of how motor vehicles shape public safety, criminal justice, and urban life.

Topics of Interest

We welcome abstracts addressing (but not limited to) the following themes:

- **Vehicle crime and urban environments:** the relationship between traffic, social disorganisation, and street crime
- **Fear of crime and mobility:** how traffic and perceived danger affect walking, cycling, and public space use
- **Roads policing and criminal justice policy:** the status of motor vehicle harm within the criminal justice agenda, resource allocation, and proactive policing approaches
- **Public perceptions of traffic offences:** how speeding, dangerous driving, and other traffic violations are constructed as "real" crime
- **Regulatory approaches to road safety:** environmental regulation, licensing controls, and alternatives to punitive driver-focused interventions
- **Social norms and driving behaviour:** cultural shifts in drink-driving, drug-driving, and other risky behaviours
- **Historical perspectives:** moral panics, media coverage, and policy responses to vehicle-related crime

Submission Guidelines

Please submit an abstract (approximately 150 to 200 words) outlining your proposed presentation, including author name(s) and affiliation(s). Abstract submission deadline: 20th March 2026. Notification of acceptance: 17th April 2026. Submit your abstract to:

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Venue

The symposium will be held in Ilkley, West Yorkshire, combining structured presentations with informal networking opportunities. Weather permitting, sessions may include outdoor discussions on the scenic Ilkley Moor. Depending on numbers accommodation will be arranged for 1 or 2 nights for participants from outside West Yorkshire.

Inquiries

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