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CRIME POLICY: WHAT SOCIETIES CAN AND CANNOT DO TO REDUCE CRIME MAKE CITIZENS SAFE

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*Crime Policy: What Societies Can and Cannot do to Reduce Crime make Citizens Safe*

**Speaker:** Joel Rosch, Senior Research Scholar, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University

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## ABSTRACT:

What does it mean for a nation's crime policy to be seen as successful? During the last 20 years crime in the US has declined from unusually high levels to lows not seen in 60 years. After explaining how we measure and analyze crime, this talk will examine a variety of policy choices societies must make when designing systems to deal with crime. Curiously, despite providing more safety and much greater fairness than in the past there are still questions about whether the US system is "just". While the US continues to have higher rates of violent crime than most other OECD countries, there is much that can be learned from the American experience, both in how we can reduce crime and how we can address society's demands for justice.

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## BIO:

Joel Rosch is a Senior Research Scholar at the Center for Child and Family Policy at Duke University. Dr. Rosch has a Ph. D. in Political Science from the University of Washington. After teaching and doing research on crime and public policy in both the US and Japan he served for six years as the Director of Research and Planning for the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), the state police agency in North Carolina. Prior to coming to Duke, Dr. Rosch was promoted to lead planner at the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission where he worked to help public agencies make better use of data and academic research.

His research interests now focus on structure of service delivery systems; issues relating to crime and public policy; and most recently how to measure the effectiveness of public programs. He has taught courses on crime and public policy, law and society, child welfare, and service delivery systems at various colleges and universities in both the US and Japan.