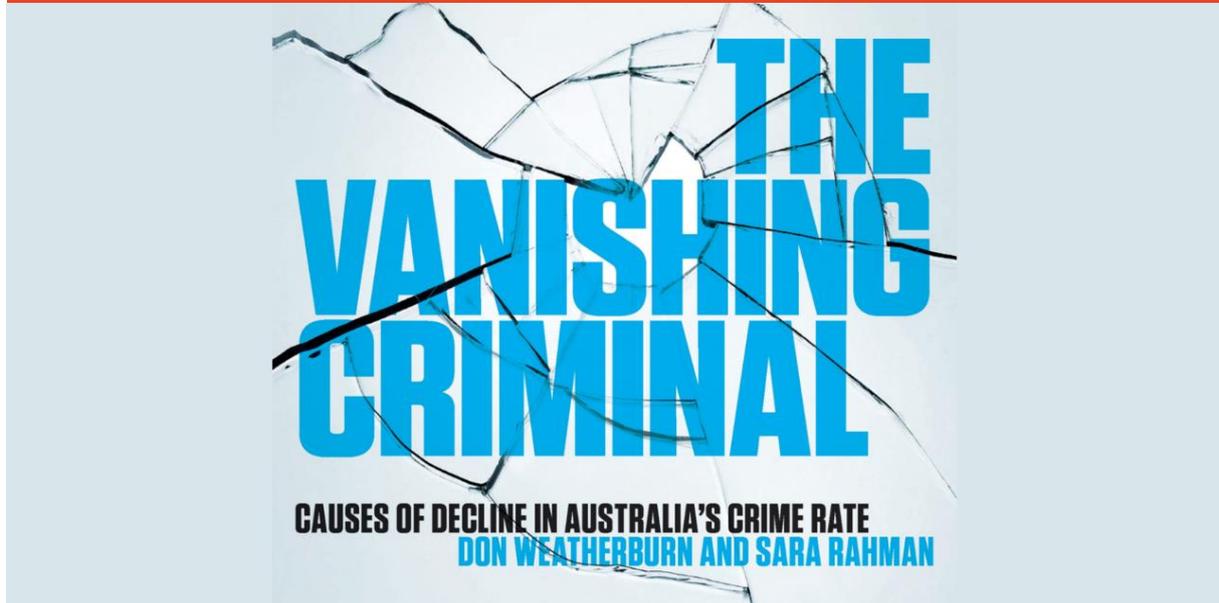


**Sydney Institute of Criminology**  
**Launch of *The Vanishing Criminal*, by**  
**Don Weatherburn and Sara Rahman**



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**You are invited to the launch of *The Vanishing Criminal: Causes of Decline in Australia's Crime Rate***

**When:** Wednesday 17 February 2021, 6 - 7.30pm AEDT

**Location:** Sydney Law School, Law Foyer, Level 2, New Law Building (F10), Eastern Avenue, Camperdown, Sydney, NSW

Authors, Don Weatherburn and Sara Rahman, specially invite you to celebrate the launch of their new book, *The Vanishing Criminal: Causes of Decline in Australia's Crime Rate*.

The book will be launched by investigative journalist **Kate McClymont AM** of *The Sydney Morning Herald*. The launch will be followed by a discussion panel and Q and A, facilitated by **Associate Professor Garner Clancey** of the Sydney Institute of Criminology.

**About *The Vanishing Criminal: Causes of Decline in Australia's Crime Rate***

Former Director of the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research Dr Don Weatherburn and leading researcher Sara Rahman uncover the causes of our crime rate's dramatic decline in *The Vanishing Criminal*.

In 2000, Australia had the highest rate of burglary, the highest rate of contact crime (assault, sexual assault and robbery) and the second highest rate of motor vehicle theft among the 25 countries included in the international crime victim survey, which takes in the United States, the United Kingdom and most western European countries. Then in 2001, Australian crime statistics began to decline. By 2018, rates of the most common forms of crime had fallen between 40 and 80 percent and were lower than they'd been in twenty or in some cases thirty years. Australia is not the only country to have experienced this social trend.

In *The Vanishing Criminal*, Don Weatherburn and Sara Rahman set out to explain the dramatic

fall in crime, rigorously but accessibly comparing competing theories against the available evidence. Their conclusions will surprise many and reshape the terms for discussion of these questions well into the future.

## Authors

### Don Weatherburn

Dr Don Weatherburn was the Director of the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research for thirty years. He is now a professor at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre and a longstanding member of the Sydney Institute of Criminology's Advisory Committee.

### Sara Rahman

Sara Rahman is a researcher at the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation, working on impact evaluations of education initiatives. Rahman also worked as a researcher at the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research and the Australia and New Zealand School of Government.

**Kate McClymont AM** will launch the book.

Kate McClymont AM is an investigative journalist with *The Sydney Morning Herald*, an eight-time winner of the Walkley and a Member of the Order of Australia. McClymont's most recent book, *Dead Man Walking*, details the murky dealings of colourful Sydney business identities.



Image (from left to right): Don Weatherburn, Kate McClymont AM, Sara Rahman

## Registration

This invitation is to attend the book launch *in person*.

There is limited seating in the Law Foyer due to COVID restrictions, so please RSVP to [law.events@sydney.edu.au](mailto:law.events@sydney.edu.au) by **Friday 5 February 2021**.

**To register in person attendance, please email [law.events@sydney.edu.au](mailto:law.events@sydney.edu.au)**

If you would like to attend *online* and not in person, please [register here](#).

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