

Final home exam, autumn 2014

KRIM4955 – Media and Crime

Date of exam: 31 October at 14:00 to 5 November at 14:00

Choose one of the following two topics:

(1) Drug scares and moral panics:

Read Liviu Alexandrescu's article "Mephedrone, assassin of youth: The rhetoric of fear in contemporary drug scares".¹ Summarize Alexandrescu's main argument, and use relevant texts on the required reading list to discuss his use of the 'moral panic' paradigm.

or

(2) Popular culture representations of crime:

Read Tiffany Bergin's article "Identity and nostalgia in a globalised world".² Summarize Bergin's main argument, and use relevant texts on the required reading list to discuss her analysis of the television series *Midsomer Murders*.

Size: Maximum 2400 words (roughly 6 pages). Front page, contents page (optional) and bibliography are not included. If footnotes are used in the text (at the bottom of each page), they are included in the 2400 word limit.

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¹ <http://cmc.sagepub.com/content/10/1/23.full.pdf+html>

² <http://cmc.sagepub.com/content/9/1/83.full.pdf+html>

