



THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR
THE STUDY OF OFFENDING

**This is an open meeting, free
to all with an interest in
crime and criminal justice.**

**There is no need to register
to attend – just turn up on
the evening!**

**1½ hours of CPD time may
be claimed by Advocates,
Solicitors, Police and Social
Workers.**

**Registration at the event
will be required for the first
two professions.**

**Refreshments will be
available at the end of the
Lecture.**

ALL WELCOME!

Scottish Association for the Study of Offending

Edinburgh Branch

**Invite you to attend a public lecture on
Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 5.30pm**

by

**Dr Faith Gordon, Associate Professor in Law at
the Australian National University**

entitled

**“From TikTok to the Courtroom?
Children, Social Media and Criminalisation”**

at

**Edinburgh Sheriff Court, Chambers Street,
Edinburgh**

The rapid expansion of artificial intelligence and social media platforms has reshaped childhood in ways that law and regulation are struggling to keep pace with. While these technologies enable connection, creativity and civic participation, they also amplify risks of harm, from exposure to harmful content to algorithmic profiling and surveillance.

Dr Gordon will examine the intersections between children's rights, online harms and the criminal law in the digital age. She will address three central themes: (1) how AI-driven platforms shape children's online experiences and how some young people are using these platforms in planning and/or recording criminal acts; (2) the ways in which legal and regulatory systems are responding to the range of digital harms, often through criminalisation; and (3) the consequences of these responses for children's rights.

The aim of SASO is to bring together people with a wide range of experience in the criminal justice system so that by listening, talking and sharing experience, a better understanding of our common problems will develop.

For more information about SASO, its aims and objectives, ongoing activities and membership options please visit our website at www.sastudyoffending.org.uk

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