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# Historical Perspectives on the Policing of Extreme Political Activism in the UK

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Policing political activism presents the authorities with the dual challenge of preventing public disorder while also protecting political liberty. However, with the inconsistent use of their legal powers, the police have often been accused of political prejudice. This lecture analyses the police responses to extreme political activism and addresses the allegations of political partisanship whilst also addressing further influencing factors such as police culture, legal ambiguity and regional variations.

Iain Channing is a lecturer in Criminology at the University of Plymouth. His research focuses on public order policing in historical and contemporary contexts. His publications include the monograph *The Police and the Expansion of Public Order Law in Britain, 1829-2014*, and the edited collection *Leading the Police: A History of Chief Constables* (with Kim Stevenson and David Cox). Iain has also published articles in *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, *Safer Communities*, and *Law, Crime and History*.

*Everyone is welcome to attend.*