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> The dust of rumours... a sociological account <

Guest: Prof. John Holmwood (University of Nottingham, UK)

Drawing on C. Wright Mills's arguments about "public anxieties" and "private troubles", prof. Holmwood will discuss two examples to consider how rumours arise, are stabilised and then given credence by the nature of wider public engagement with them. The two cases are: the phenomenon of alien abduction in the USA, and allegations of abduction of non-Muslim young women and their enforced marriages to Muslim men ("from Kaur to Kahn") in the UK. The talk will conclude with a brief discussion of the elements in common with the other two cases and reflections on rumour in the internet age and how "the dust of rumours" (Dylan) can cover everything.

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