

# AESTHETICS & JUSTICE

Seminar series 24/25

## 'Sound x Justice'

### ***Big Mouths + Feminist Ears***

How might the law learn to listen with a feminist ear? *Big Mouth* is a documentary film in production, directed by Bremen Donovan and co-produced with Nomi Dave, on testimony and voice in struggles for sexual justice. It explores how people speak and act when the law fails to hear them.

### ***Doing Bird: how prisoners engage with archive birdsong recordings.***

Prisoners at HMP Perth in Scotland have been engaging with archive birdsong and oral history recordings – some more than sixty years old – in a unique, creative audio art collaboration. Peesweeps meet hip hop beats, grouse unlock coded prison language, and an unhatched kestrel chick provokes philosophy. The sound artist Steve Urquhart explains how this project came about, in the context of his work within prison settings. We'll listen to excerpts from the *Doing Bird* mixtapes, and discuss the inventive ways in which prisoners responded to this extraordinary project, re-evaluating their connection to the world beyond prison walls.

**Tuesday 19 November 2024 | 1.15-2.30pm | S2.09**

This is a hybrid event and an option to join online is available.

*Light refreshments*

**This event is open to all!**



**Professor Nomi Dave**, University of Virginia

Nomi Dave researches sound and the law, with a focus on sexual justice, technology, and violence. She is a former lawyer and currently works as Associate Professor of Music and Co-Director of the [Sound Justice Lab](#), at the University of Virginia.



**Steve Urquhart**, Radio producer, sound artist & composer

Steve is a sound artist, radio producer and composer. He creates documentaries and series for BBC (Radio 4, Radio 3, World Service) plus many other platforms worldwide, as well as audio installations and soundscapes for exhibitions and arts festivals. Steve prioritises projects which enable marginalised communities to explore and excel in audio production. His pioneering work with National Prison Radio has led to funded research in criminal justice settings across Europe. Steve lives in Glasgow. <https://www.listentosteve.com>



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