



## **Professor Mark Button biography**

Mark Button is Director of the Centre for Counter Fraud Studies at the Institute of Criminal Justice Studies, University of Portsmouth. Before joining the University, he was a Research Assistant to the Rt Hon Bruce George MP specialising in policing, security and home affairs issues. Mark completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Exeter, his Masters at the University of Warwick and was awarded his PhD at the London School of Economics.

Mark has written extensively on counter fraud and private policing issues, publishing many articles, chapters and completing eight books. His latest book (co-authored with Martin Tunley, Andrew Whittaker and Jim Gee) is titled the Accredited Counter Fraud Specialist's Handbook and published by Wiley.

Some of the most significant research projects include leading the research on behalf of the National Fraud Authority and ACPO on fraud victims; the Department for International Development on fraud measurement, Acromas (AA and Saga) on 'Cash-for-Crash fraudsters', the Midlands Fraud Forum, Eversheds and PKF on 'Sanctioning Fraudsters'.

Mark has also acted as a consultant for the United Nations Offices on Drugs and Crime on developing international standards for Civilian Private Security Services and the United Nations Development Programme/European Union on enhancing civilian oversight of the Turkish private security industry. He also holds the position of Head of Secretariat of the Counter Fraud Professional Accreditation Board and is a former Director of the Security Institute.