ICOPA XIV

International Conference on Penal Abolition

12 – 15 June 2012

Institute of International Relations
The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine
Trinidad and Tobago

Venues: Learning Resource Centre UWI 12-14 June
Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service Training College 15 June

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Opening Ceremony of the ICOPA XIV

Learning Resource Centre
The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

Tuesday June 12th, 2012
5.30 p.m.

Welcome
Professor Clement Sankat, Campus Principal, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

Historicising ICOPA
Dr Harold Pepinsky, Worthington, Ohio, USA

Alternatives to Custody in Trinidad
Catherine Ali, ICOPA Coordinator

Greetings from Maximum Security Prison: Poem and Calypso
Calib Frazer and Andrew Douglas

Opening Presentation: Control-Freak Criminology and Penal Abolitionism
Professor Onwubiko Agozino (Director, Africana Studies, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)

Closing Remarks
Dr Anthony Gonzales (Director, Institute of International Relations, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine)

Selection of Prisoner Art
Enjoy some original pieces of artwork (Clayton de Freitas, Artist and Art Therapist)

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

For further conference information including abstracts and papers, please see:
http://sta.uwi.edu/conferences/12/icopa/icopa.asp
Tuesday, June 12

Institute of International Relations, UWI, IIR. Board Room

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  Roundtable - Prison Support Groups and Activists
“Views from New Zealand,” Pat Magill.
“Views from Australia,” Brett Collins.
“Santa Rosa Prison Experiences” Representative, Santa Rosa Residents Association.

Trinidad and Tobago Prisons

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Mediation Training Workshop in Trinidad & Tobago Prisons
Hal Pepinsky, Helen Taylor, Marva DeFreitis Charles, Alloy Youksee,

Opening Dialogues – UWI, Learning Resource Centre

1:30 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.  Film – Introduction, Liz Griffith
*Visions of Abolition: From Critical Resistance to a New Way of Life.*

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Local to Global Opening – Chair, Professor Kapil Kumar
“Hindu and Muslim Perspectives on Justice and Peace,” Representatives, Inter Religious Organization.
8:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. Keynote Speech
“Justice Law and Punishment: Penal Abolition Perspectives,”
Professor Vincenzo Ruggiero, Middlesex University, UK.

9:25 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Criminal to Reparative Law - Chair, Sir Dennis Byron,
President, Caribbean Court Of Justice
“Penal Abolition as a Response to Genocide,” Dr Michael J.
Coyle, California State University, Chico, USA.
“Criminal Law Thwarts Justice,” Dr Frank Dunbaugh,
Maryland Justice Policy Institute Inc Attorney-at-Law.
“Part Heard Matters & Decisions in Favor of Justice,” Frances
Turton-Long and Mauriceia Joseph, San Fernando Supreme Court.

11:05 a.m. – 12:00 noon Caribbean Contexts - Chair, Professor Anthony Harriott
“The Failure of Democracy in the Caribbean,” Horace Levy, UWI,
Mona, Jamaica.
“Trinidad and Tobago State of Emergency: What Works?”
Wilma Kelly, Pastor, Way of Holiness.

12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Panels:

Either (1) “Crime Prevention in Trinidad and Tobago,” Godson Neptune,
Andrew Douglas and Nadia Pooran.

Or (2) “Part-Heard Matters and Decisions in Favour of Justice,”
Francis Turton-Long and Mauriceia Joseph, San Fernando
Supreme Court.

Or (3) “Panel on Journal of Prisoners on Prisons,” Mike
Larsen and Justin Piche (SKYPE).
http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL04420B48D74E9A89

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Wrap-up, Adrian Alexander.
Summary and Resolutions:
THURSDAY, JUNE 14  
Punishment and Peace: Steps Towards Abolition  
UWI, Learning Resource Centre

8:00 a.m.  
Registration

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  
Keynote Speech— Introduction, Dr. Henry Charles

9:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.  
Transformation 1 – Chair, Catherine Ali
“Fostering Human Development,” Dr. Theodore Ferguson.
“Forgetting, Reconciliation and Grave Injury,” Dr. Henry Charles.
“Best Practice and Deportees,” Wayne Chance, President, Vision on Mission.

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
Transformation 2 – Chair, Professor Anthony Bryan
“Harm Reduction,” Damian Hutchinson, UWI, Mona, Jamaica.
“Imagining Better Ways to Organise Society,” Gordon Husbands, Executive Director, Penal Reform and Transformation.
“Communities and Crime Prevention,” Mr John Rougier
“Healing Experiences,” Ruth Greaves.

12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m.  
Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Concurrent Sessions:

Either  
Gender
“Ubuntu, Gender and Spirituality: Transformative Justice Considerations,” Professor Mechthild Nagel, Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany (SKYPE).
“Female Prisoners and Colonial Prisons: Case Studies from U.P., India,” Professor Kapil Kumar, Chair, Contemporary Modern Indian Studies, UWI.

Or  
Juveniles
“Theoretical Jailbreak for Juveniles: How Possible is the Reality in Developing Countries,” Magistrate Indira Ramnarine Misir-Gosine.
“Incarceration: Altering the Lives of Juvenile Offenders in Trinidad and Tobago,” Wendell Wallace, PhD. Student, Northumbria University, UK.
“Hip Hop and Abolition, and Alternatives to Youth Detention,” Dr Anthony Nocella, Hamline University & Save the Kids (SKYPE)
2:35 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Concurrent Workshops
(2) “Culture, Theatre, Film and Transformation,” Hal Greaves, Wayne Lee Sing and Helen Camps.

4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Central America and the Caribbean
“Drug Legalization,” Professor Hal Pepinsky, Indiana University, USA.
“When Ganja was Legalised: The Repeal of Prohibition Legislation in Trinidad and Mauritius in the Nineteenth Century,” Dr. Peter Hanoomansingh, Independent Scholar, Trinidad W.I.
FRIDAY, JUNE 15  
Transformation  
Prison Training College, Tumpuna Road South, Bandoo Trace

8:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. Keynote Speech
“From Universities of Crime to Communities for Human Enrichment” Gordon Husbands, Director, Penal Reform and Transformation Unit.

9:25 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Transitions and Transformations - Chair, Frank Dunbaugh

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Concurrent Workshop/Panel Facilitator Mr. Justice Kokaram.

Or (2) “Art Therapy and Transformation,” Clayton De Freitas.

12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Panels

Either Education and Change
“Navigating the Contentious Role of Activist and Educator in the Prison Context,” Professor Angela Harvey, Ohio State University, Newark, USA.

Or Reintegration and Resistance
“Activism for Reintegration and Abolition,” Brett Collins, Managing Director, Justice Action, Australia.
“Reintegration, Sex Offender Registry and Abolition,” Margaret Sampson, Brown Police Victim Support.

2:50 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Response Martin Martinez, Commissioner of Prison of Trinidad and Tobago
Summary and Resolutions

CLOSE OF CONFERENCE
ICOPA Business meeting

The University of West Indies,
Institute of International Relations

4 p.m. – 5p.m.

Looking Ahead to ICOPA 15&16 - Chair, Michael J. Coyle
“ICOPA 2014,” Justin Piche for Canada (SKYPE)
“Structuring ICOPA,” Mechthild Nagel, Fulda University of
Applied Sciences, Germany (SKYPE)

Other Business.

Issues raised by presenters at ICOPA 14, for consideration as resolutions

- Reparative Law.
- A Regional Group/Centre for Abolition Practice and Research.
- Research on gangs in relation to abolition.
- Voluntarism
- Convict Heritage Tourism and Royal Jail Closure