



CREATING A SCANDAL – Prison abolition and the policy agenda

23, 24 & 25 July 2008 - Kings College London

**Franklin-Wilkins Building, Kings College (Waterloo Campus)
Stamford Street, London SE1 9NH**

23 July 2008

9.30 – 10.15 Registration

10.15-10.30 Conference introduction – **Prof. David Wilson**,
Birmingham City University and vice-chair, The Howard
League for Penal Reform

10.30 – 12.30 1st Plenary

Creating a scandal – prison abolition and the policy agenda

10.30 - 10.45 Chair's Introduction, **Frances Crook**, Director, The Howard
League for Penal Reform

10.45 – 11.10 **Joe Sim**, Liverpool John Moores University

11.10 – 11.35 **Thomas Mathiesen**, University of Oslo

11.35 – 12.00 **Louise Christian**; ChristianKhan Solicitors

12.00 – 12.30 Questions

12.30 – 2.00 Lunch

2.00 – 3.30 Breakout sessions

Session A:

Dr. Paul Mason – *Harsh Sentences: The Legitimation of Imprisonment by the British Press*

Mechthild Nagel – *Media Images of (Youthful) Offenders: A Comparative Analysis of Race, Class, Gender in Germany and the United States*

Session B:

Martin Wright - *What is punishment for? Time for a restorative philosophy of sentencing?*

Maria Lucia Karam – *Abolishing prisons: a necessary path to respect fundamental rights and improve democracy*

Session C:

Willem F M Luyt – *Prison gangs, human rights and the need to abolish imprisonment*

Mary Rubach – *Torture in California State Prisons*

Session D:

The Universal Carceral Colloquium – *What is the Universal Carceral?*

3.30 – 3.50 **Coffee**

3.50 – 5.20 **Breakout sessions**
Repeated (A,B,C)

Session E:

The Universal Carceral Colloquium – *Experiences of the Universal Carceral I*

Evening performance of CUTS, a play by Antoinette Moses (see attached flier for more information).

24 July 2008

9.00 – 9.30 **Registration**

9.30 – 11.30 **2nd Plenary**
Prison and the politics of poverty

9.30 – 9.45 Chair's Introduction – **Barry Goldson**, The University of Liverpool

9.45 – 10.05 **Moazzam Begg**, Former Guantanamo detainee and spokesman for Cageprisoners

10.05 – 10.25 **Professor Phil Scraton**, Queen's University, Belfast, **Deb Coles**; Co-Director INQUEST

10.25 – 10.45 **Julia Sudbury**, Mills College, California, co-founder Critical Resistance, board member, Justice Now

10.45 – 11.00 Questions

11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee**

11.30 – 1.00 **Breakout sessions**

Session F:

Rebecca Roberts – *What happened to abolitionism? An investigation of a paradigm and social movement*

Pat Magill – *The Robson Collection, Napier City*

Catherine Ali – *Trinidad and Tobago's Experience of Strategic Transformation: Alternative Steps Towards Abolition*

Session G:

Rosie Meek – *Violence Against Children in Conflict with the Law: Developing International Indicators*

Bob Johnson – *VIOLENCE, VICTIMS AND VALUES –all three cry out for prison abolition.*

Session H:

Kevin Marsh – *Should we invest in prisons? The economic case for and against prison*
Katrien Mestdagh – *The future of imprisonment in Belgium: Perspectives of policy makers and experts*
Ernest Ogbozor and Adamoh Mustapha – *Politics and the Politics of Poverty: The Nigerian Experience*

Session I:

The Universal Carceral Colloquium – *Experiences of the Universal Carceral II*

1.00 – 2.30 **Lunch**

2.30 – 4.00 **Breakout sessions**
Repeated (F,G,H)

Session J:

The Universal Carceral Colloquium – *Abolition and the Universal Carceral*

Boat Trip Dinner (for more information please see attached flier)

25 July 2008

9.00 – 9.30 **Registration**

9.30 – 11.00 **3rd Plenary**
The role of privatisation and capitalism in penal policy

9.30 – 9.45 Chair's Introduction – **Caroline Newman**
9.45 – 10.05 **Stephen Nathan**, Editor, Prison Privatisation Report
International

10.05 – 10.25 **Brett Collins**; Justice Action, Australia
10.25 – 10.45 **Richard Garside**; Centre for Crime and Justice Studies,
King's College London

10.45 – 11.00 Questions

11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee**

11.30 – 1.00 **Breakout sessions**

Session K

Kathleen Kendall – *Suffering and the double-edged sword of the psy-sciences*
Alison Granger-Brown – *Women into Healing*

Session L

Helen Codd – *Prisoners' Families and Penal Abolitionism: Global Perspectives*
Tiyo Attallah Salah – *A New Approach*
Klaus Jünschke – *The over representation of migrants and refugees in prison*

Session M

Frederick Piggott – *Addressing Prison Popularity*
Indiana Guerenzo & Guillermina Beatriz Rodriguez – *Gender and Victimisation
in the Argentine penal system*
Jeanne Wilding – *What Price Justice*

Session N

Dr. Murali Karnam – *Deaths in Prison Custody: A manifestation of popular
justice*

Martyn W Stevens – *Prison a dismal failure: Only healing solutions work*

1.00 – 2.30

Lunch

2.30 – 4.00

Final Plenary

Penal abolition, the media and the public

2.30 – 2.45

Chair's introduction - **Prof. David Wilson**, Birmingham City
University and vice-chair, The Howard League for Penal
Reform

2.45 - 3.05

Raphael Rowe, ex-prisoner and Journalist, BBC

3.05 – 3.25

Imran Khan, leading human rights lawyer

3.25 – 3.45

The life and work of **Pauline Campbell**.

3.45 – 4.00

Questions