

# International Conference On Prison Abolition 24-27 June 1985

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By request of the organizers of the first International Conference On Prison Abolition in Toronto, Canada, May 1983, and in continuation of the abolitionist section at the IXth International Congress on Criminology in Vienna, Austria in the autumn of that same year, the Criminological Institute of the Free University Amsterdam is organizing the second International Conference On Prison Abolition (ICOPA).

Academics, activists working on the field of criminal justice, and interested politicians have been invited to participate. The conference is meant to be a working-congress, a think-tank for alternatives to, and strategies to achieve the abolition of, the prevailing system of criminal justice with the prison as its repressive core.

Apart from three lectures and national presentations -presenting a survey of the different abolitionist focuses- various items will be discussed in groups of c. 25 people; sections for merely theoretical subjects, and workshops for more practical items. At the end of the conference a panel-discussion is planned to integrate the gathered information into a more general abolitionist perspective.

Contributions will be accepted till 15 May 1985. Audio-visual material that could be useful for the conference does not have to be sent to us before that date, but can be brought to Amsterdam on the days of the conference. A summary of its contents would be appreciated though.

The results of the conference will be published in a congressbook (by Dec. 1985) which might become an abolitionist manual. Participants can order the book in advance during the conference for a reduced price. If you do not attend the conference, but do want to receive more information on the appearing book, please fill in the slip on this form, and return it to the organizing committee.

sincerely,



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I will not attend the 2nd ICOPA, but do want to receive more information on the appearing abolitionist congressbook after the conference.

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