

**RESISTING CARCERAL NATION STATES:  
THE FIFTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PENAL ABOLITION  
(ICOPA 15)**

**JUNE 13 – 15, 2014**

**UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA  
ALGONQUIN TERRITORY / OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA**

Prisoners on Prisons  
Prison Justice  
Victims Still  
Jails, Prisons and Penitentiaries  
Races to Incarcerate  
Criminalizing Women  
Reproducing Heteronormativity  
Mental Health Behind Bars  
A Plague of Prisons  
Prohibition Failure  
Protecting Sex Workers  
The Prison Industrial Complex  
Another Brick in the Wall  
No One is Illegal  
(In)security Detention and Killings  
Policing and Criminalization of Dissent  
Eyes Everywhere  
The Revolution Will Not Be Funded  
Alternatives to Violence  
Abolition Democracy



Voices from the Inside  
Solidarity Work Inside and Outside the Walls  
Away from Punishment to Meet Human Needs  
The New Residential Schools  
Legacies of Colonialism  
Patriarchy and Gendering Punishment  
The Repression of Queers and Trans  
Asylums Today  
Human Warehousing and Public Health  
Ending the 'War on Drugs'  
Towards Safety, Rights and Options  
Exposing Profiteers of Cannibalism  
The School to Prison Pipeline  
Contesting Migrant Detention and Deportation  
Guilty Until Proven Dead  
The G20 in Toronto and Beyond  
Privacy and the Surveillance Society  
Moving Beyond the Non-profit Model  
Safety through Community Building  
Working Towards Social Justice

**CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Carceral nation states across the world know no bounds as they work to sustain economic, gender, sexual and racial inequality. In the Canadian context, the carceral nation state has used exclusionary practices in a stated effort to keep 'us' safe from 'them' – the 'criminals', Indigenous peoples 'in need of civilizing' and 'assimilation', 'problem' drug users, 'bogus' refugee claimants, 'threats' to national security, political 'dissidents', and other dehumanized and demonized populations.

People currently or formerly imprisoned, victims of state and personal harm, activists, advocates, artists, academics, journalists, professionals, along with others from around the world are invited to take part, in person or by proxy, in ICOPA 15 on Algonquin Territory / Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. During this international conference participants will come together to: 1) share their first-hand experiences of state brutality and tactics of resistance; 2) exchange ideas on how to think about and respond to complex community issues that are often met with costly, unproductive, unjust, and violent interventions; and 3) build international alliances and develop strategies to struggle against state repression and work towards social justice in our world.

The organizing committee invites proposals for individual submissions and sessions at ICOPA 15 featuring art, film, music, photography, plays, poetry, short stories, spiritual and healing activities, essays, papers, reports, workshops, proposals for ICOPA policy positions and resolutions, and everything in between. Proposals can address any theme related to imprisonment, the penal system, other forms of carceral control and the prison industrial complex, including those listed above.

Please include in your package your name, address, contact information, proposal title and a summary of 150-250 words describing the proposed contribution. The deadline for submissions is December 1, 2013. Please send your submissions via email to [icopa.canada@gmail.com](mailto:icopa.canada@gmail.com) or by mail to:

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