

THE 11TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PENAL ABOLITION

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The theme of the conference is 'Listen'. Any attempts to make any meaningful and lasting changes need to be inclusive of the various realities experienced by those affected by the penal industry, including prisoners, victims and families.

Imprisonment has shown to be an expensive failure that has devastated lives of many throughout the world. It is time to increase public safety and confidence and end the penal crisis.

ICOOPA XI hosts international speakers dealing with the ancillary, fiscal and human cost of crime and punishment in the 21st Century and looks to other possibilities and approaches outside of a failing crime control agenda.

Imprisonment today

Imprisonment today is at the highest rates per capita. Women and children are the fastest growing prison population. Indigenous and African American peoples are the most over-represented groups in prison.

Prisoners, advocates, academics, and experts alike know that these trends reflect a reality that goes well beyond simple levels of 'crime'. Many social problems today are the result of deeply entrenched and persistent forms of poverty, violence, inequality and discrimination.

End the penal crisis

ICOOPA is a forum that recognises the need to challenge individual punitive responses that ignore and exacerbate social problems. People sentenced to prison are serving longer sentences; prison authorities are less accountable to the community; prisoners are losing basic human and legal rights and are open to commodification and commercial exploitation. Prisons are built at a pace never before imagined. State interference and abolition of basic human liberties delivers more powers to police and intelligence agencies.

Join us

Please join us at ICOOPA XI to discuss and hear about the impact of the penal system on our communities and suggestions for new and alternative approaches. Priced so everyone can come!

Previous ICOPAs have been held in Nigeria, Canada, Amsterdam, Poland, Costa Rica, Spain, USA and New Zealand.

The Australian New Zealand Society of Criminologists (ANZSOC) conference will link in with ICOOPA. It will run from 7-9 February 2006.

Registration

Register at www.justiceaction.org.au/ICOOPA/conf_cntct.php

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Thursday 9 February 2006

8.00am – 9:30am

ICOPA Registration at ANZOC, Wrest Point Conference Centre, 410 Sandy Bay Rd Sandy Bay, Hobart.

Joint ANZSOC/ICOPA morning

9:30am – 11:30am

Sessions including *Crime and Human Rights, Restorative Justice and System Alternatives, Corrections and Punishment.*

11:30am – 12:30pm

Plenary – Prisoners and Human Rights

Debbie Kilroy, Sisters Inside
David Brown, Law Faculty, UNSW
Kim Pate, Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Sessions including *Restorative Justice and System Alternatives, Cultural Criminology, Fear of Crime.*

2.00pm

Depart for ICOPA, Law Building, University of Tasmania (10 mins walk)

2:30pm

Welcome to country and performance by Aboriginal dancer, Danny Gardner

3.00pm

Plenary – Captives Beneath Contempt, Captors Beyond Consequence: Exporting Prisoner Abuse.

Terry Hicks, Adam Houda and Professor Phil Scraton

4.00pm

Afternoon break

4:15pm

Concurrent workshops

Abolitionism and the Prison Industrial Complex: strategies for change

Prof Bob Gaucher (Canada), Vicki Chartrand
Louk Hulsman (The Netherlands)
(Canada), Viviane Saleh-Hanna (Canada), Brett Collins

The Travail of Ex-prisoners

Ernest Ogbosor (Nigeria), Felix Obi (Nigeria),
Debbie Kilroy, Brenda Murphy (Nthn Ireland)

5:30pm

Workshop report back

5:45pm

Close

7:30pm

Dinner

Friday 10 February 2006

9.00am

Registration/Morning opening

9:15am

Keynote address

Penal Abolition: Rendering Radical Rational

Kim Pate, Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies

10:15am

Morning break

10.30am

Concurrent workshops

Lessons from Africa: challenges and contributions to penal abolitionism.

Dr Uju Agomoh (Nigeria), Felix Obi (Nigeria)
Viviane Saleh-Hanna (Canada)

Alternatives to Punishment

Hal Pepinsky (USA), Frank Dunbagh (USA), Pat Magill (NZ), Caroline Dean

Penal Abolition: social revolution starts with children

Marc Forget (Canada), Helen Barnacle, Patmalar
Ambikapathy

11:45am

Workshop report back

12.00pm

Lunch

1.00pm

Concurrent workshops

Women's Imprisonment

Debbie Kilroy, Brenda Murphy (Nthn Ireland),
Cassandra Shaylor (USA), Heather Osland, Dr Uju
Agomoh (Nigeria)

How the NSW law and order train ran over prison abolition

Prof David Brown, Ian Fraser, Brett Collins, Tony Green:
paper

Sexual Assault in Male Prisons

Vickie Douglas, Chris Wever, David Denborough

2:15pm

Workshop report back

2:30pm

Performance by Somebody's Daughter theatre

3.00pm

Afternoon break

3:15pm

Concurrent workshops

Death Sentence

Prof Bob Gaucher (Canada)

Indigenous People and Prisons: breaking the link

Joane Martel (Canada), Ray Jackson, Antoinette Braybrook, Garnet Nuggins

From Victimisation to Criminalisation: what next?

Kim Pate (Canada), Vicki Chartrand (Canada)

4:30pm

Workshop report back

7:00pm

Dinner/Social event

Saturday 11 February 2006

9:00am

Registration/Morning opening

9:15am

Concurrent workshops

Being Heard: stories of Tasmanian imprisonment.

Caroline Dean, Rodney Crosswell, Anthony Bull.
Mick Marlow and Peter Brown: paper

Drugs and prisons: shooting for harm reduction

Jean Claude Bernheim (Canada), Kat Armstrong

The Hole – prison segregation

Joane Martel (Canada), Dr Bree Carlton, Chris Binse,
Charandev Singh, Craig Minogue: paper

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REGISTRATION DETAILS

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or phone Justice Action on 02 9660 9111 for a
registration form to be faxed to you.

Costs for three days: Community-\$150;
Student-\$120; Government-\$300 (AUD)

Daily: Community-\$50; Student-\$40;
Government-\$100 (AUD)

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10:30am

Workshop report back

10:45am

Morning break

11:00am

Concurrent workshops

Tightening the screws: prisoners' action and the Offer of Hope

Chris Binse, Kat Armstrong, Anthony Bull

Human Rights Behind Bars

Greg Barns, Debra Parkes (Canada), Gwynn MacCarrick,
Charandev Singh

Prison Resistance in Ireland: empowering your way to Peace

Prof Phil Scraton, Brenda Murphy, Ruth Jamieson,
Tommy McKearney (Nthn Ireland): paper

12:15pm

Workshop report back

12:30pm

Lunch

1:30pm

Concurrent workshops

Disability, Mental Health and Prisons

Tony York

Deaths in Custody

Ray Jackson, Prof Phil Scraton
(Nthn Ireland), Charandev Singh

Pathways to Resettlement

Ruth Jamieson (Nthn Ireland),
Melissa Munn (Canada), Tiffany Bodiam

2:45pm

Workshop report back

3:00pm

Afternoon break

3:15pm

Closing address – Getting to Penal Abolition: campaigns and strategies

Debbie Kilroy and Brett Collins

4:30pm

Action

7:00pm

Dinner/Social event

Sunday 12 February 2006

Visit to Port Arthur

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