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 CUTES, 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
Tiyi Attallah Salah – A New Approach
Klaus Jünschke – The over representation of migrants and refugees in prison

Session M
Frederick Piggott – Addressing Prison Popularity
Indiana Guereno & 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