



## CREATING A SCANDAL – Prison abolition and the policy agenda

23, 24 & 25 July 2008 - Kings College London

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

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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).**

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**24 July 2008**

**9.00 – 9.30**            **Registration**

**9.30 – 11.30**        **2<sup>nd</sup> 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)**

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**25 July 2008**

**9.00 – 9.30**            **Registration**

**9.30 – 11.00**        **3<sup>rd</sup> 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