

Workshop

Beyond the Prison. Towards a Philosophy of Decarceration

Forschungsinstitut für Philosophie Hannover (FIPH)

Tuesday, 9 June 2015, 2pm – 6pm

Venue

Forschungsinstitut für Philosophie Hannover (FIPH)
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Convenor

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Places are limited so please register as soon as possible. For registration and for further information please e-mail Jeanette Ehrmann (ehrmann@fiph.de).



The prison is a space of social exclusion, of juridical deprivation, of moral indifference, and of economic exploitation. As such, it can well be considered as the negative other of democracy and the rule of law. In this one day workshop, scholars working in the United States and in Germany will come together to share their different philosophical perspectives on the prison and their political experiences of engagement within and against the prison.

Why should the prison and criminal justice be an urgent matter of philosophical reflection? What can philosophers learn from prisoners in developing a socially grounded philosophical critique of the prison? Do conceptions of restorative justice, decarceration and abolitionism provide a viable and democratic perspective beyond the prison?

Program

- 14:00 – 14:15 Welcome Remarks
Prof. Dr. Jürgen Manemann (FIPH)
- 14:15 – 14:30 Introduction
Jeanette Ehrmann (FIPH)
- 14:30 – 15:15 *Justice as Vengeance: Mass Incarceration in the US and Social Death*
Lissa Skitolsky, PhD
Department of Philosophy, Susquehanna University
Board member of the „Lewisburg Prison Project“
- 15:15 – 15:30 Coffee & Refreshments
- 15:30 – 16:15 *Intersectionality and Incarceration in the German Context*
Dr. Franziska Dübgen
Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kassel
Junior Research Group „Beyond a Politics of Punishment“
- 16:15 – 16:30 Coffee & Refreshments
- 16:30 – 17:15 *Milieu of Delinquency. Some Observations on Prison and Poverty in Germany*
Dr. Daniel Loick
Department of Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt
Member of „Knas[] – Initiative für den Rückbau von Gefängnissen“
- 17:15 – 18:00 *Thinking Beyond the Prison: Restorative Justice, Decarceration and Abolitionism*
Concluding Discussion