

# THE 11TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PENAL ABOLITION

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University of Tasmania, Hobart, Tasmania  
9 -11 February 2006

## **Listen**

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.

ICOPA 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**

ICOPA 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 ICOPA 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 ICOPA. It will run from 7-9 February 2006.

## **Registration**

Register at [www.justiceaction.org.au/ICOPA/conf\\_cntct.php](http://www.justiceaction.org.au/ICOPA/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 Ogbozor (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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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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