

The World of Prisons

The History of Confinement in a Global Perspective, Late Eighteenth to Early Twentieth Century

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Overview

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Speakers

Felix Ackermann, <i>Warsaw</i>	Panel 2
Ufuk Adak, <i>Istanbul</i>	Panel 6
David Arnold, <i>Warwick</i>	Panel 5
Erin Braatz, <i>New York City</i>	BtD Fri
Falk Bretschneider, <i>Paris</i>	Panel 2
Katherine Bruce-Lockhart, <i>Cambridge</i>	Panel 6
Margaret Charleroy, <i>Warwick</i>	Panel 5
Derek Elliott, <i>Ifrane</i>	Panel 5
Mary Gibson, <i>New York City</i>	Panel 1
Barry Godfrey, <i>Liverpool</i>	Panel 3
Thomas Hirt, <i>Bern</i>	Panel 5
Stacey Hynd, <i>Exeter</i>	BtD Thu
Martine Jean, <i>Columbia</i> (<i>South Carolina</i>)	Panel 6
Sylvia Kesper-Biermann, <i>Cologne</i>	Panel 5
Ingo Löppenber, <i>Cologne</i>	Panel 5
Michael Offermann, <i>Bern</i>	Panel 6
Stephan Scheuzger, <i>Bern</i>	Panel 1
Kent F. Schull, <i>Binghamton</i>	Panel 3
Satadru Sen, <i>New York City</i>	Panel 4
Bruce P. Smith, <i>Denver</i>	Panel 4
Steven Soper, <i>Athens (Georgia)</i>	Panel 4
Pieter Spierenburg, <i>Amsterdam</i>	FD Sat
Jonathan M. Square, <i>New York City</i>	Panel 4
Martin J. Wiener, <i>Houston</i>	Panel 3



Wednesday

Main Building, Room 215
Hochschulstrasse 4

16:30–16:45
Welcome Address

Panel 1: The History of the Prison in a Global Perspective: Historio- graphical Concepts

Chair: *Sabine Freitag,
University of Bamberg*

16:45–17:45
Transnational Prison Histories:
Including the Excluded
Mary Gibson, City University of New York

The Global and the Local in the
History of the Prison
Stephan Scheuzger, University of Bern

17:45–18:45
Plenary Discussion

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Thursday

Main Building, Room 215
Hochschulstrasse 4

Panel 2: Early Modern Developments

Chair: *Britta Hentschel, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich*

08:30–10:00

Is There a Global History of the Prison in Early Modernity?

Falk Bretschneider, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris

How to Include the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth into a Global History of Penal Regimes?

Felix Ackermann, German Historical Institute, Warsaw

Coffee Break

Panel 3: Imprisonment and the Law

Chair: *Lucy Williams, University of Liverpool*

10:20–11:50

‘Penal Servitude’ in England 1853–1914: A Success?

Martin J. Wiener, Rice University

Policy Transfer in Penology and Surveillance in the British Empire and its Australian Colonies

Barry Godfrey, University of Liverpool

Short Break

12:00–12:45

Linking Prison Reform and Constitutional Revolutions in the Global Progressive Era of the Early 20th Century
Kent F. Schull, Binghamton University

Lunch Break

Panel 4: Knowledge, Representations and Practices

Chair: *Ueli Hostettler, University of Bern*

14:15–15:45

The Tread-Mill Debate in the British Atlantic World, 1818–1840

Bruce P. Smith, University of Denver

Testing the Limits of Global Knowledge: A Microhistory of British Prison Discourse and Policy in 1851

Steven Soper, University of Georgia

Coffee Break

16:05–17:35

Revolts against the Gaze: A Collective Portrait of Imprisonment in the Casa de Correção in Rio de Janeiro, 1859–1876
Jonathan M. Square, New York University

Islands and Prisons: Literal and Metaphorical Insularity in Punishment
Satadru Sen, City University of New York

Coffee Break

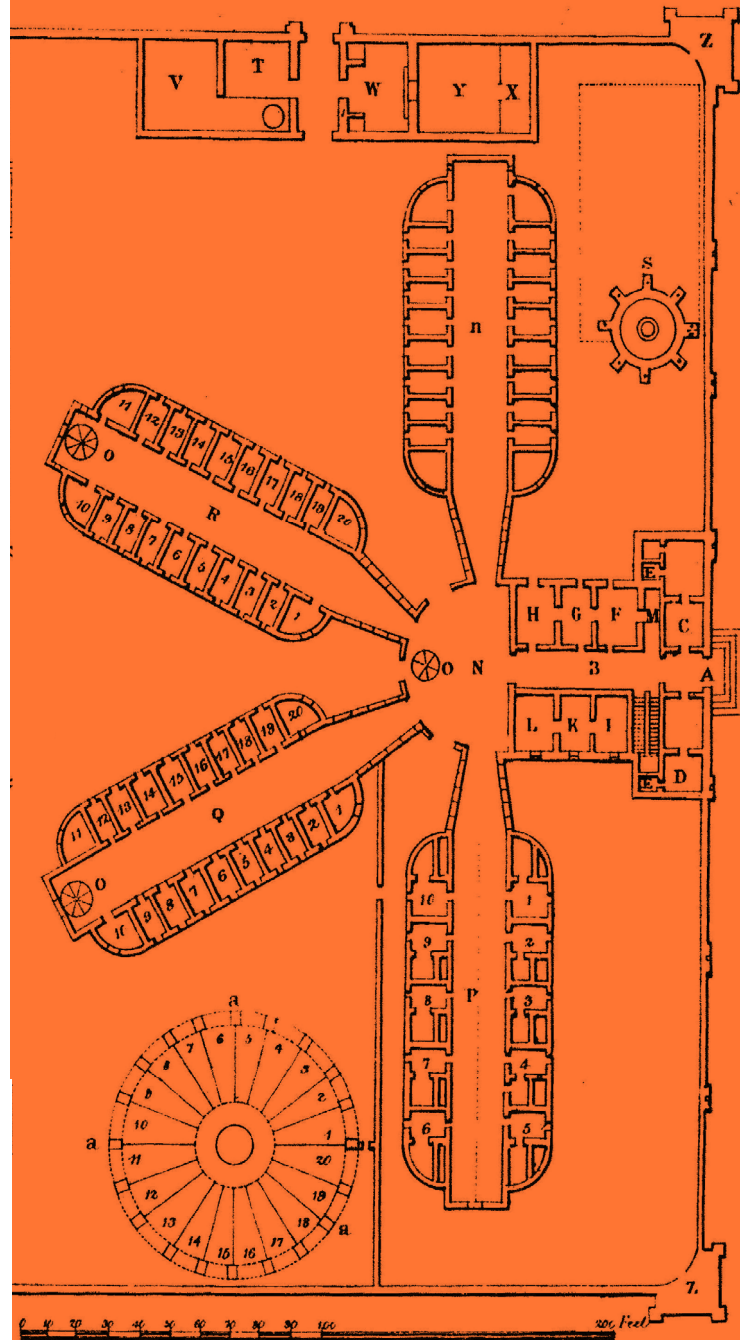
Broadening the Discussion: Imprisonment in Penal Context

Chair: *Thomas Hirt, University of Bern*

17:45 – 18:30

Civilizing Violence? Imprisonment
and Penalty in British Colonial Africa,
c. 1910–1950s

Stacey Hynd, University of Exeter



Friday

Main Building, Room 215
Hochschulstrasse 4

Panel 5: Actors and Transfers I

Chair: *Brigitte Studer, University of Bern*

08:30–10:00

‘Inhuman and Unnatural’: The Atlantic Correspondence Network of Theory and Practice of Prison Discipline

Margaret Charleroy, University of Warwick

Nikolaus Heinrich Julius (1783–1862) – Inventor of ‘Prison Science’ and Humboldtian Traveller in Great Britain and the USA

Ingo Löppenberg, University of Cologne

Coffee Break

10:20–11:50

The Prison and Its Publics: Circulation and Confinement in British India, 1830–1940

David Arnold, University of Warwick

Clerks, Governors, and Inspectors: The Role of the Colonial Office in Transferring Knowledge and Negotiating Punishment in the British Empire, 1830s to 1890s

Thomas Hirt, University of Bern

Short Break

Broadening the Discussion: Contested Traditions

Chair: *Michael Offermann, University of Bern*

12:00–12:45

A More Civilized Punishment: Prisons and Jurisdictional Disputes on the Nineteenth Century Gold Coast

Erin Braatz, New York University

Lunch Break

Panel 5: Actors and Transfers II

14:15–15:45

Prison Experts and the International Union of Penal Law (1889–1914)

Sylvia Kesper-Biermann, University of Cologne

Charles Handerson and the Experience of Imperial Forced Migration, c. 1825–1854

Derek Elliott, Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane

Coffee Break



Panel 6: Entangled Histories of Prison Systems I

Chair: *Barry Godfrey, University of Liverpool*

16:05 – 17:35

Colonial 'Cinderella': The Dialectics of Penalty in Early Colonial Uganda, 1894–1939

Katherine Bruce-Lockhart, University of Cambridge

'There seems to be no reason why our Indian Jails should not rival those at home and in America.' Aims, Methods and Meanings of Imprisonment in British India between Local, Regional, Imperial, and Global Contexts, 1825–1892

Michael Offermann, University of Bern

Conference Dinner

Saturday

Building UniS, Room A 201
Schanzeneckstrasse 1

Panel 6: Entangled Histories of Prison Systems II

Chair: *Sylvia Kesper-Biermann,*
University of Cologne

09:00 – 10:30

Ottoman Prison Reform in Istanbul and
Izmir in the Late Ottoman Empire
Ufuk Adak, Independent Researcher,
Istanbul

The Transfer of Penal Science to Brazil
and the South Atlantic
Martine Jean, University of South Carolina

Coffee Break

Final Discussion

Chair: *Stephan Scheuzger,*
University of Bern

10:50 – 11:20

Inputs by Pieter Spierenburg,
Mary Gibson, and Stephan Scheuzger

11:20 – 12:15

Plenary Discussion

Lunch

Walter Benjamin Kolleg
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