



Abolitionist Futures – Building Social Justice Not Criminal Justice International Conference on Penal Abolition (ICOPA) 2018

Programme Schedule (Last updated 14 June 2018)

<https://icopa2018.com/>

For a map of Birkbeck buildings:

<http://www.bbk.ac.uk/downloads/centrallondon.pdf>

The main buildings for the conference are:

- # 1 on the map: Main Malet Street Building (This building is located on Malet Street, but the main entrance is via Torrington Square)
- # 2 on the map: Clore Building
- # 13 on the map: Birkbeck Cinema - 43 Gordon Square

For details (including disability access information) for the workshop/breakout rooms in the Malet Street Building:

- <http://www.bbk.ac.uk/roombookings/rooms/malet-street>

For details (including disability access information) for the Clore Lecture Hall (Clore B01):

- <http://www.bbk.ac.uk/roombookings/rooms/clore-management-centre/clo-b01>

Full workshop/presentation titles and descriptions will be circulated with the Conference Information Pack.

Friday 15 June 2018		
16:00 – 18:00	Conference Registration	Clore Foyer
18:00 – 20:00	<i>Building the World We Want: Prison Abolition and Gender, Racial & Economic Justice</i> Roundtable with Beth Richie, Ruth Wilson Gilmore and Deborah Coles For details & ticket booking: https://abolitionistfutures-fri.eventbrite.co.uk	Clore B01 [+ Overflow room: Malet G15]
20:00 – 21:00	Drinks Reception	Clore Foyer

Saturday 16 June 2018									
	Clare Foyer	Clare B01	Malet 351	Malet 352	Malet 353	Malet 354	Malet 355	Malet 153	Malet 152
09:30 – 10:00	Registration, Tea & Coffee								Arts stream:
10:00 – 11:00	Gathering Session 1*:	Welcome & Key Themes							
11:15 – 12:45	Breakouts A (1.5 hour)	Abolitionist Strategy & Vision [Critical Resistance]	Examining the roots of prison – Inequalitree	Within and Up Against the State: International Perspectives on Pathways to Abolition	Prisoners Voices & Resistance Roundtable	Surveillance & Policing [Netpol] [cancelled]	What would make us safe? Lessons from community accountability [Transformative Justice Kollektiv Berlin]	Abolition & Immigration Detention	Creative Resistance: Protest/political art and creative campaigning
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch Break								
13:45 – 15:45	Breakouts B (2 hour)	State deaths, years of fighting& family resilience [INQUEST] + Prisoners Relatives and Organising for Prison Abolition	Blotted Out: Criminalization of Girls of Colour + The War on Drugs is a War on Women: Fighting the PIC with harm reduction	Resisting Policing in Urban Spaces: Copwatch & Anti-Gentrification Struggles + Caring for each other without the Police	Rupture or Distraction? Using the justice system against itself + Challenging Indeterminate Sentences via Casework [Smash IPP]	Prisons, Borders & British Empire: Integrating demands for abolition [End Deportations]	Carceral feminism & domestic violence survivors + Navigating community responses to sexual assault	Resisting the Carceral State through Lifers' Liaison Groups + Collective Movements and Prison Rebellions: Uplifting Femme & Trans Prisoner Resistance	Spiral Turns / Murals & Mirrors: Women Resisting Walls [Film & Talk]
15:45 – 16:15	Tea & Coffee (In Room B04)								
16:15 – 17:45	Breakouts C (1.5 hour)	Anti-policing Strategies in Campaigns for Community Care and Health [Critical Resistance]	Developing Future Leaders	The Difference Disability Makes [Sisters of Frida]	Immigration Raids & Resistance [Haringey Anti-Raids Group]	Private vs Public: Dismantling the walls that divide us [CURB]	Transformative Justice Practitioners Roundtable	No one is Disposable: Queer Trans Prisoner Solidarity [Bent Bars Project & Action for Trans Health]	Gallery of the Streets / Every day spaces as sites of resistance
17:45 – 19:00	Break								
19:00 – 23:00	Social Event / Fundraiser for the Empty Cages Collective - Venue: Platform Southwark, 1 Joan Street, SE1 https://www.facebook.com/events/239558683458494/								

Sunday 17 June 2018									
	Clore Foyer	Clore B01	Malet 351	Malet 352	Malet 353	Malet 354	Malet 355	Malet 538	Malet 152
10:30 – 11:00	Registration, Tea & Coffee								Arts Stream
11:00 – 12:00	Gathering Session 2*	Indigenous Resistance: Articulations of resurgence							
12:15 – 13:45	Breakouts D (1.5 hour)	Fighting Toxic Prisons: Resistance at the Intersection of Incarceration & the Environment [Campaign to Fight Toxic Prisons & Community Action on Prison Expansion]	Roundtable on Prisoner Education & Abolition	Our Women’s Building: Hope for Holloway [Reclaim Holloway & Holloway Prison Stories]	Preventing Prevent: State racism & counter-terrorism [Students Not Suspects & NUS Black Students Campaign]	Challenging Immigration Detention in Scotland [LGBT Unity]	Accountability, Sexual Harassment & Bystander Intervention [Hollaback London]	Left Groups holding ourselves accountable [Empty Cages Collective]	Poetry, Art & Resistance Dismantling Psy-Walls inside and out [Poetry] + Petina’s Queerest Intimacies Poetry + Mr and Mrs Resistance
13:45 – 14:45	Lunch Break								
14:45 – 16:15	Breakouts E (1.5 hour)	Tearing Down the Walls from Both Sides [Critical Resistance]	Supporting Prisoner Resistance [IWOC, ABC and others]	Strategizing Transformative Justice Models Inside the Carceral State	Resisting Borders & Militarization at the University [Unis Resist BorderControls]	Open Discussion Space	Facilitating Grounded Accountability Processes	Media as Resistance/ Community Radio	Dyke Jails [Film]
16:15 – 16:45	Tea & Coffee Break								
16:45 – 18:00	Gathering Session 3*	Celebrating our successes & movement building going forward							
18:00 – 19:00	Break								
19:00 – 21:00	Clean Break – Performance Intervention & Film Screening: Hemen Right Now -- Location: Birkbeck Cinema [Please Note: The Cinema is located in 43 Gordon Square, which is a five minute walk from the main building. See maps in conference information pack.]								

* If the Gathering Sessions are full to capacity, participants can go to the Overflow Room with Live-streaming in Malet B29

Monday 18 June 2018					
		Malet B33	Malet 353	Malet 354	Malet 355
09:00 – 09:30	Registration Room: Malet B30				
09:30 – 10:00	Welcome	Introduction & Welcome			
10:00 – 11:30	Academic Session 1 (1.5 hour)	Our Work Is Now: Engaging Anti-Carceral Feminist Abolition In Research, Practice And Organizing			
11:30 – 11:45	Tea & Coffee Break Room: Malet B30				
11:45 – 13:15	Academic Session II (1.5 hour)	Abolitionist Research and Education: Ethics & Dilemmas	Abolitionist Histories I: Lessons from Past and Present	Confronting Spaces of Confinement and Technologies of Institutional Violence	Challenging Borders and Detention
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch Break				
14:15 – 15:45	Academic Session III (1.5 hour)	Paths to Abolition: Restorative Justice and Alternatives to punishment	Abolitionist Histories II: Radical Black Struggle, Memory and Resistance	Abolitionist Visions for the Future	Contemporary Strategies & Struggles
15:45 – 16:00	Tea & Coffee Break Room: Malet B30				
16:00 – 17:30	Academic Session IV (1.5 hour)	Rethinking Solidarity, Safety & Security			
17:30 - 17:45	Closing / Wrap Up				

Abolitionist Futures - Academic Panels

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1. Our Work is Now: Engaging Anti-Carceral Feminist Abolition in Research, Practice and Organising | Malet B33

Erica Meiners [via skype]	Moving Bodies: Resisting the Spectral Politics of the Public Child
Emma K. Russell (co-authored with Bree Carlton)	Sonic Protest at the Prison Boundary: Audible Histories of Anti-Carceral Feminism
Debra Parkes	Starting With Life: Murder Sentencing and Feminist Abolitionist Praxis
Sarah Turnbull (co-authored with Gillian Balfour & Kelly Hannah Moffat)	Planning for Precarity? Experiencing the Carceral Continuum of Imprisonment and Reentry
Bree Carlton (co-authored with Emma K. Russell)	Resisting Carceral Violence: Inside-Out Movement Building
Chair: Shoshana Pollack	

2. Abolitionist Research and Education: Ethics & Dilemmas | Malet B33

Carly Guest & Rachel Seoighe	Ethics and reflexivity in (de)carceral research: the closure of Holloway Prison
Angela Bryant	Participatory Action Research in Prison
Caroline Pelletier (co-authored with Joane Martel & Daniel Benson)	Participatory Action Research: A strategy to dismantle prisons and build stronger ties to communities
Shoshana Pollack	No Place of Innocence: Resistance and Complicity within a Transformative Educational Programming in a Canadian Prison
Chair: Debra Parkes	

3. Abolitionist Histories I: Lessons from Past and Present | Malet 353

Emily Thuma	Abolitionist Feminist History Making
Paz Frances and Diana Restrepo	Have there been abolitionist movements in Spain? A few things to note (1975-2016)
Joel Charbit	Prisoners' unions: lessons from past experiences and perspectives for the abolitionist movement [In France & Western countries]
Chair: Eddie Bruce-Jones	

4. Abolitionist Histories II: Radical Black Struggle, Memory and Resistance | Malet 353

Tomiko Shine	Black Bodies Incarcerated and Industries of Oppression; Utilizing Memory and Language as Resistance
Bharat Malkani	Radical Abolitionism: From Slavery to the Death Penalty
Luiz Silva	On narrative, suffering, extermination and the massacre in Carandiru, Brazil
Chair: Monish Bhatia	

5. Confronting Spaces of Confinement and Technologies of Institutional Violence | Malet 354

Jen Rinaldi [co-authored with Kate Rossiter]	Troubling Care: Disability & the Institutional Violence Continuum
Dawn Moore & Kelly Struthers Montford	Technologies of enclosure: Geographies of Canadian imprisonment
Troy Kilgannon	The Role of Administrative Violence in the (Re)production of the Carceral State [focus on gender non-binary/nonconforming people]
Chair: Will McMahon	

6. Pathways to abolition: Restorative Justice and Alternatives to criminalisation and punishment | Malet B33

Martina Kartman	Theorizing Restorative Justice for a Politics of Abolition
James Mehigan	People's Commissions and the Struggle for Penal Abolition
Jose Salazar	La Educación Superior y los procesos de Rehabilitación Social [Higher Education and the processes of Social Rehabilitation - Ecuador]
Chair: Rachel Seoighe	

7. Challenging Walls, Borders and Detention | Malet 355

Sarah Turnbull	Vulnerability, Immigration Detention and (Penal) Reform
Monish Bhatia	Deportation and Resistance to State-Corporate Crimes
Magdalena Tomaszewska	Gendering the border in prison: Eastern European Women in a Transnational Prison System
Chair: Bree Carlton	

8. Abolitionist Visions for the Future | Malet 354

Michael J. Coyle	The Logic of Utopia: Humans, Justice Institutions, and Society
Shailesh Kumar	Carceral State, the Marginal Communities, and Visualising Prison Obsolescence in India
Joshua Dubler	Rikers Island, 2043
Hal Pepinsky [via skype]	Penal Abolition as Cultural Transformation
Chair: Rebecca Roberts	

9. Contemporary Struggles and Strategies | Malet 355

Joe Sim	For the 'Wasted and Wounded': Transformative Abolitionism in the Twenty First Century in England and Wales
Tamires Maria Alves	The vexatious podium: the Brazillian bronze in the world ranking of countries with the latest prison population and penal abolition strategies
Jhon Leon Gonzalez [via skype – TBC]	Amnistias Para La Paz [Amnesty for Peace in Colombia]
Chair: Sarah Turnbull	

10. Rethinking Solidarity, Safety & Security | Malet B33

Fairleigh Gilmour	Safety and security in the sex industry: regulation and alternative safety practices
Mecke Nagel	What to do with the Dangerous Few: Empathy Deficit reconsidered
Meghan McDowell	Abolitionist imaginaries: Practicing insurgent safety within and against the carceral state
Chair: Sarah Lamble	