



BEYOND NEO LIBERALISM?


*Politics and
Punishment in
Contemporary Societies.*

International two-day conference.

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In recent years, a prominent piece of academic literature has analysed the transformations in the field of punishment through the lens of what has been called neoliberalism. Several theoretical perspectives, such as the governmentality studies, or a variety of analysis on post-welfarist punishment, have highlighted the influence of economic policies and the neoliberal mode of government on the recent evolution of penal policies.

These theoretical frameworks appear to be especially relevant to face the current challenges of the field of punishment and social control. Yet, a crucial historical event has further strengthened the interest of this sort of analysis. In effect, the study of punishment from the perspective of politics and political economy has gained momentum with the beginning of what has been termed the Great Recession. The conference is focused on this theoretical field, and it is aimed to reflect on punishment both in relation to and beyond neoliberalism.

INTRODUCTION

THURSDAY

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OCTOBER

10:00 Welcome: Professor Patricia Faraldo. Head, ECRIM Research Group.

10:15 Introduction: By the Academic Chairs.

10:30 Lecture 1: *What's going on?: Some legitimation problems of "neo-liberal" penalty.*
Richard Sparks. University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.

11:30 Coffee Break.

12:00 Panel 1: Sovereignty, Governmentality and Punishment:

Austere Government and Mundane Sovereignty. Rethinking Sovereign Debt as a Sovereign Question in Southern Europe States.

David San Martín Segura & David Vila Viñas. University of La Rioja, Spain.

Bio-politics and sovereign power in Spain:

Continuities and discontinuities in the new political cycle.

Borxa Colmenero. University of A Coruña, Spain.

The role of torture in the neoliberal punitive regime.

Ignacio Mendiola Gonzalo. University of the Basque Country, Spain.

13:30 Lunch.

15:30 Lecture 2: *There is an alternative: Challenging the logic of neoliberal punishment.*
Emma Bell. University of Savoy, France.

16:30 Panel 2: Great Recession and Criminal Justice:

Punish and discipline? Penitentiary Jubilee and extended expulsion in the Iberian neo-liberalism.

Daniel Jiménez Franco. University of Zaragoza, Spain.

Great Recession and Criminal Justice: Bad times for criticism?

José Ángel Brandariz García. University of A Coruña, Spain.

17:45 Coffee Break.

18:15 Panel 3: Neoliberal Penalty, Social Harm and Economic Crime:

New "crisis" and the production of harm: Which ungovernability?

Alejandro Forero Cuéllar & Camilo Bernal Sarmiento. University of Barcelona, Spain.

The influence of neoliberalism in Latin America's criminal justice systems:

The construction of a managerial paradigm in Chile and Costa Rica.

Claudio González Guarda. University of Málaga, Spain.

Crisis, crime and criminology.

Reflection on harms caused by the economic crisis and economic crimes in Portugal.

Rita Faria. University of Porto, Portugal.

20:00 Dinner.

FRIDAY

4 OCTOBER

10:30 Lecture 3: *Pessimism of the Intellect, Optimism of the Will: Redefining the Contours of Neoliberal Penalty.*
Leonidas Cheliotis. University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.

11:30 Panel 4: *Great Recession, Resistance and Punishment:*
Criminal justice and the repression of political dissent: Some current trends in Spain.
Manuel Maroto Calatayud. University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain.
Penalizing the Protest: Neoliberalism and the management of resistances.
Ignacio González Sánchez. Complutense University of Madrid, Spain.

12:15 Coffee Break.

12:45 Discussion.

13:30 Lunch.

15:30 Lecture 4: *Beyond the punitive turn? Postneoliberalism and punishment in Argentina.*
Máximo Sozzo. National University of the Litoral, Argentina.

16:30 Panel 5: *Neoliberal Penalty Issues I:*
Breaks and continuities in Criminal Justice:
The reform of the “catch red-handed” concept in Buenos Aires province.
Paula Litvarchky & Anabella Museri. UCELS, Argentina.
Public support of punitive policies at the Metropolitan Area of Buenos Aires (2000-2010).
Alejandra Otamendi. University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.
The business of juvenile confinement: Analysis of the Spanish case.
Sheila Fernández Míguez. University of Vigo, Spain.

18:00 Coffee Break.

18:30 Panel 6: *Neoliberal Penalty Issues II:*
Beyond neoliberalism? Politics and punishment in money laundering.
Miguel Abel Souto. University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain.
The citizen (in)security in the neoliberal era: The case of Lavapies.
Santiago Ruiz Chasco. Complutense University of Madrid, Spain.
Economic Intelligence and criminal system.
Luis Ramón Ruiz Rodríguez. University of Cádiz, Spain.
Neo-liberalism and social conservatism in criminal law:
The case of the proposed counter-reform of the Spanish regulation on abortion.
Miguel Ángel Nuñez Paz & Víctor Macías Caro. University of Huelva, Spain.

20:15 End of Workshop.

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