



***Crime and Punishment:
Criminal Justice in Modern Europe, 1870-1990***

Conference co-organized by
German Historical Institute Washington
German Historical Institute London

March 10 – 12, 2011
GHI Washington
1607 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington DC 20009

Conveners:
Kerstin Brückweh (GHI London)
Richard F. Wetzell (GHI Washington)

Thursday, March 10

6:00 – 7:30 pm **Welcome Reception, GHI**

Friday, March 11

8:30 – 9:30 am **Breakfast, GHI Reading Room**

9:30 am **Introductory Remarks**

9:45 am – 12:15 pm **Panel 1: Criminal Justice in Transnational Perspective**

Chair: **Richard F. Wetzell** (GHI Washington)

Paul Knepper (University of Sheffield)
*The Myth of International Crime? The Internationalization of Crime in
Britain and America, 1881-1939*

Judith Rowbotham (Nottingham Trent University)
*Westernizing Criminal Justice Cultures: Imperial Legacies, c. 1870-
1990*

Andreas Fleiter (University of Bochum)
*Towards a Historical Comparison of Penalties: Legal Culture and the
Transnational Dynamics of Penal and Prison Reforms*

Tiago Pires Marques (Université Paris - Descartes)
The Labyrinth of Criminological Consensus: The Habitual Delinquent at Transnational Crossroads (c. 1880–1940)

Commentator: **Sylvia Kesper-Biermann** (University of Paderborn)

12:15 – 2:15 pm

Lunch Break

12:30 pm

Restaurant Reservation at *Lauriol Plaza*
1835 18th Street, NW, Washington, DC
Phone: 202 387-0035

2:15 – 5:00 pm

Panel 2: Penal Reform

Chair: **Marcus Gräser** (GHI Washington)

Désirée Schauz (Technical University Munich)

Sabine Freitag (University of Frankfurt/Main)

Civil Society or Academia? British and German Penal Reform Associations and their Relation to the Emerging Science of Criminology

Greg Eghigian (Pennsylvania State University)

The Corrigible and the Incurable: Categorizing Offenders in Twentieth-Century Germany

Paul Garfinkel (Simon Fraser University, Vancouver)

Penal Reform in Liberal and Fascist Italy: A Reevaluation

Urs Germann (Schweizerisches Bundesarchiv, Bern)

Criminal Law Reform in Switzerland, 1890-1950

Robert Andersson (Linnaeus University, Växjö)

The General Sense of Justice: Work in Progress

Commentator: **Warren Rosenblum** (Webster University)

3:15 – 3:30 pm

Coffee Break

3:30 – 5:00 pm

Continuation of Panel 2

7:00 pm

Conference Dinner

Levante's

1320 19th Street, NW, Washington, DC

Phone: 202 293-3244

Saturday, March 12

8:30 – 9:30 am **Breakfast, GHI Reading Room**

9:30 am – 12 noon **Panel 3: The Criminal Trial**

Chair: **Miriam Rürup** (GHI Washington)

James M. Donovan (Pennsylvania State University, Mont Alto)
French Jurists Debate the Jury System: Maurice Garçon, Robert Vouin, and Echivinage

Eric J. Engstrom (Humboldt University, Berlin)
Topographies of Forensic Practice in Imperial Germany

Sace Elder (Eastern Illinois University)
Crime Against the Child: The Criminalization of Physical Abuse in Wilhelmine Germany

John Carter Wood (Institute of European History, Mainz)
The Press and the Criminal Trial: Britain in the 1920s

Dominique Grisard (University of Basel)
Law as Gendered Narratives: Criminal Court Judgments Against Leftist “Terrorists” in 1970s Switzerland

Commentator: **Rebekka Habermas** (University of Göttingen)

12 noon – 2:00 pm **Lunch Break**

12:15 pm Restaurant Reservation at *The Regent Thai*
1910 18th Street, NW, Washington, DC
Phone: 202 232-1781

2:00 – 4:30 pm

Panel 4: Punishment

Chair: **Ines Prodöhl** (GHI Washington)

Bert Vanhulle/Margo DeKoster (Catholic University of Louvain)
Medicine or Morals: Mind the Gap? Prison Discourse and Practice in Belgium, 1850-1940

Mary Gibson (John Jay College, City University of New York)
From the Papal States to “Roma Capitale”: Prisons in Nineteenth-Century Italy

Stephen A. Toth (Arizona State University)
The Contard Affair: Private Power, State Control, and Paternal Authority in Fin-de-Siècle France

Sarah Badcock (University of Nottingham)
Experiencing Justice in Late Imperial Russia: Convict Life in Eastern Siberia

Roddy Nilsson (Linnaeus University, Växjö)
Prison Reform in the Middle of the Twentieth Century: The Case of Sweden

Commentator: **Pieter Spierenburg** (Erasmus University, Rotterdam)

4:30 – 5:00 pm

Coffee Break

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Final Discussion