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

Conference co-organized by
German Historical Institute Washington
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March 10 – 12, 2011
GHI Washington
1607 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington DC 20009

Conveners:
Kerstin Brückweh (GHI London)
Richard F. Wetzel (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. Wetzel (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 Incorrigible: 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
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)

2:00 – 4:30 pm

4:30 – 5:00 pm  Coffee Break

5:00 – 6:00 pm  Final Discussion