

# CARCERAL POLICY, POLICING AND RACE INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

## DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

10:00 - 10:30

Welcome and Introduction | Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre | Rt Hon David Lammy MP

10:30 - 12:00

### Prisons as colonial relics across Africa

Senate House Alumni Lecture Theatre (SALT) |  
Chair: David Lammy

Dr. Diana Peel (Kampala) | *Living in Limbo on Death Row: Capital Punishment in Sub-Saharan Africa.*

Shahenda Suliman (BMA) | *Ghosts of Cooper (Kober): Political mobilisation from the (post) colonial prison in Sudan.*

Dr. Abena Asare (Stony Brook, SUNY) | *Prison as a Colonial Relic? Anti-prison thought & Ghanaian history.*

### Carceral geographies: Land, labour and mobility

Senate House Wolfson Lecture Theatre (SWLT) |  
Chair: Dr. Lisa Long

Sabrina Axster (Johns Hopkins University) | *Vagrancy Laws and the Punishment of Mobility.*

Lucy Gehring (KCL) | *Five centuries of carceral labour: racial capitalism in early modern Portuguese Goa & modern U.K immigration regimes.*

Dr. Kristy Warren (Lincoln) & Dr. Kellie Moss (Leicester) | *Confronting Silences Haunting Guyana's Juvenile Justice System.*

12:00 - 13:00 | Lunch Break | Senate House Balcony

13:00 - 14:30

### Detention, deportation and dehumanisation

SALT | Chair: TBC

Mark Romei (Monash) | *Structures of Invasion: Spatial continuums of exceptionality and carcerality in settler-colonial Australia.*

Rémy-Paulin Twahirwa (LSE) | *Calais, Channel Crossings, and the Coloniality of Migration.*

Jacob Garji | *My experience of asylum in the Calais Jungle.*

### The in-between: courts, prosecution and the law

SWLT | Chair: Chloe White

Dr. Omar Phoenix Khan (Bath) | *The Cape or the Robe but Not Both: Coloniality and judicial decision making in Brazil.*

Emily Maw (DA's office, New Orleans) | *A Transitional Justice Experiment in the Incarceration Capital of the World.*

Woodren Brade (Goldsmiths) | *Technologies of Immigration Bail Hearings: Incarceration and Deportation through Everyday Law.*

14:30 - 15:00 | Coffee Break | Senate House Balcony

15:00 - 16:30

### Post-colonial carcerality in India

SALT | Chair: Prof. Gargi Bhattacharyya

Emily Russell (Stanford) | *Plantations and Policing: the influence of capital on coercion in colonial British India and its persistence.*

Sharmila Purkayastha (Delhi) | *Framing the 'Other': Stereotyping Muslim Men in Indian Terror Cases.*

Shailza Sharma (Exeter) | *Prison as a site for politics: Exploring prisoner's identity and resistance through prison narratives.*

### The Americas: Incarceration beyond the U.S.

SWLT | Chair: Dr. Kristy Warren

Dr. Caroline Parker (Manchester) and Diego Ayala-McCormick (Berkeley) | *Incarceration and racial inequality in the Americas.*

Dr. Dylan Kerrigan (Leicester) | *Prison Officer Pains: Observations and insights from Guyana.*

Dr. Janeille Zorina Matthews (UWI) | TBC

16:30 - 17:00 | Coffee Break | Senate House Balcony

17:00 - 18:30

Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre | Keynote Q&amp;A | Natasha Narwal

## DAY 2 - THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

10:00 - 10:30 | Tea & Coffee | Senate House Balcony

10:30 - 12:00

### Prisons, protest and performance

SALT | Chair: Caroline D'Oyen-Fitchett

Dr. Stella Nyanzi | *Subverting Colonial Continuities of Carcerality through Audio-Visual-Links in Uganda.*

Dr. Lennon Mhishi (Oxford) | *Race, Art and Carcerality.*

Dr. Pilar Cuder-Domínguez (Huelva) | *Decolonial feminist approaches to criminal justice: the contribution of Black Canadian women playwrights.*

### Beyond utopia: abolitionism in practice

SWLT | Chair: Oly Durose

Dr. Bree Carlton (Melbourne) and Dr. Ian Warren (Deakin) | *Pan-African and Indigenous Approaches to Decolonization: Towards Abolitionism.*

Iona Taylor | *Making the Case for Care: An Exploration of the Role of Care in Abolitionist Practice.*

Sohela Surajpal (Pretoria) | *A policeman is not a feminist: Colonialism, policing and gendered violence.*

12:00 - 13:00 | Lunch Break | Senate House Balcony

13:00 - 14:30

### Policing beyond the United States

SALT | Chair: Dr. Faten Khazaei

Khadija Yakubu (SOAS) | *Non-state informal policing initiatives in Africa.*

Dr. Deniz Yonucu (Newcastle) | *Police, Provocation, Politics: Counterinsurgency in Istanbul.*

Ashwin Varghese (JGU) | *Policing, Post-coloniality and Social Order: Everyday Policing in India.*

### Home and Away: Britain, policing and empire

SWLT | Chair: Dr. Eddie Bruce-Jones

Dr. Annie Pflugst (Goldsmiths) | *Policing Palestine: From the British mandate to global surveillance.*

Greg Sproston (The Traveller Movement) | *Resisting the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill*

TBC

14:30 - 15:00 | Coffee Break | Senate House Balcony

15:00 - 16:30

### Gendered violence in an age of mass incarceration

SALT | Chair: Sohela Surajpal

Dr. Silvana Tapia Tapia (Birmingham) | *Feminism, Violence Against Women, and Law Reform: Decolonial Lessons from Ecuador.*

Dr. Faten Khazaei (Northumbria) | *Ethnographic unpacking of race in policing domestic violence.*

Caroline D'Oyen-Fitchett (SOAS) | *Why Study Black Women in prison?*

### Public health in an age of mass incarceration

SWLT | Chair: Kate Grady

Prof Gargi Bhattacharyya (East London), Dr. Monica Bernal-Llanos (Leeds) and Prof Iyiola Solanke (Oxford) | *When health policy is also carceral.*

Dr. Ely Aaronson (Haifa) | *Rethinking legacies of the Internationalization of Cannabis Prohibitions.*

Molly Corlett | *Racial Trauma and Youth Justice.*

16:30 - 17:00 | Coffee Break | Senate House Balcony

17:00 - 19:00

### Roundtable Discussion: What does it mean to decolonise criminal justice?

Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre

Dr. Ana Aliverti (Warwick)

Dr. Eddie Bruce-Jones (Birkbeck)

Dr. Lisa Long (Leeds Beckett)

Dr. Vanessa E. Thompson (Queens)

The session will end with a performance from *Clean Break*, a theatre company working with women in the criminal justice system.

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## ADDITIONAL EVENTS

If you would like to register for these events, please email [carceralpolicy@soas.ac.uk](mailto:carceralpolicy@soas.ac.uk)

### TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

17:30 - 19:00

TRAILER & TALK | Transatlantic Trafficked Enslaved African Corrective Historical (TTEACH) Plaques

Chair | Gloria Daniels

TTEACH plaques aims to finally commemorate the trafficked and enslaved African people whose 'freedom' enriched Bristol, Britain and their Colonial interests. TTEACH plaques are markers of reparative justice on the buildings and Companies that received compensation following Abolition.

19:30- 21:00

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING AND DISCUSSION | HOLLOW WATER

Chair | Chloe White

*Hollow Water* profiles an Indigenous community on the shores of Lake Winnipeg as they deal with sexual abuse. The Canadian justice system was unsuccessful in ending the cycle of abuse, so the community took matters into their own hands, pursuing a model of justice grounded in community healing.

### WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

13:30 - 15:00

Imperial Relations: Rethinking IR in an era of global carcerality | ONLINE

Dr. Jessica Jurgutis (Lakehead) | *The Prison & Prisoner in Global Politics: Imperial Foundations & New Directions*

Claudio Garcia-Rojas (Northwestern) | *Policing blackness: Reframing the national security paradigm*

TBC

15:30 - 17:00

BOOK CLUB

A World Without Cages: Bridging Immigration and Prison Justice | ONLINE

This book is the first collection to bring together scholars and activists working to end criminal and immigration detention. Employing an intersectional lens and an impressive variety of case studies, the book asks us to rethink what justice could mean for refugees, citizens, and everyone in between.

Authors: Professor Sharry Aiken (Queen's) and Dr. Stephanie Silverman (Centre for Refugee Studies)

Discussants: Prof El Jones César (Mount Saint Vincent) | Prof Cuauhtémoc García Hernández (Moritz Law) | Kate Motluk (Wilfred Laurier)

Chair: Professor Bridget Anderson (Bristol)

### THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

16:00 - 17:30

The possibilities and pitfalls of criminal justice reform in North America | ONLINE

Dr. Christina Ducat and Dr. Erika Fountain (Maryland) | *Expanding the Carceral Net in the United States Juvenile Justice System: Exploring "Success" in Community-Based Programming*

Semir Bulle (Doctors for Defunding the Police) | *The limitations of police reform in Canada.*

Professor Patricia Barkaskas (UBC) | TBC