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The **Department of Law** at the **University of Cyprus** kindly invite you to a research seminar on

Punitiveness Beyond Criminal Justice: Punishable and Punitive Subjects in an Era of Prevention, Anti-Migration and Austerity

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Abstract

This presentation is based on an article which advances a holistic conceptualization of punitiveness that acknowledges its complexity and contemporary social and political pervasiveness. We argue that punitiveness is best understood as a phenomenological complex operating at a personal, symbolic, political and structural level, which borrows from, but extrapolates the confines of criminal justice institutions. The article examines limitations in articulations of punitiveness in criminological scholarship, and then draws on three contemporary case studies to investigate how the political deployment of anxieties and hostilities around the ‘crises’ of prevention, anti-migration and austerity reveal and reproduce punitive logics. It then outlines an original conceptual framework to argue that punitiveness ultimately revolves around the construction of, and dynamics between, punitive and punishable subjects.

Speaker Bios

Anastasia Chamberlen is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Warwick. Her research interests lie in the areas of theoretical criminology, the sociology of punishment and prisons, feminist theory and theoretical debates in the study of emotions, embodiment and health. Her work broadly covers themes such as the lived experiences of imprisonment; the embodied aspects of survival strategies in prison; marginalization, vulnerability and stigma in criminal justice; and the relationship between emotions and the motivation to punish. More recently, her research has looked at the role of artistic expression in the experience of punishment.

Henrique Carvalho is Associate Professor of Law and co-director of the Criminal Justice Centre at the University of Warwick. His research primarily examines issues of crime, punishment, law and justice as socio-political phenomena which both reflect and condition matters of social identity and belonging, and political authority and organisation. His broader research interests include criminology, criminal law and criminal justice, responsibility and punishment, and legal, social and political theory. He is currently working on a research project, funded by an ISRF Early Career Fellowship, which explores constructions of danger and dangerousness in criminal law.

Practical Details

Venue: University of Cyprus, ΧΩΔ 02, B208.

Registration: Participation is free and no registration is needed.

Language: The seminar will be conducted in English.

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