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I. Editorial

We are happy to present the program for the European Group Annual Conference 2018 in Ljubljana. It is a packed program with much to look forward to, with its focus on Social harm in a digitalized global world: Technologies of power and normalized practices of contemporary society.

As a warming up for the conference we will already now present the EG Press conference virtual bookstall. Please see page 14 for good offers on excellent books from our house Press.

The European Group is run by a large collective of volunteers, taking on different tasks in the group, all of them as important as the other. One of these tasks is the national representative. Our national representatives have various responsibilities of importance to the group, the main being the following:

1. Ensuring that the annual conference and the activities of the Group as a whole are as widely publicized as possible in the country represented
2. Keeping the Group posted about relevant issues and developments in their own country by sending in info to the coordinator to be published in the monthly newsletter and/or by regularly posting on the Group's Facebook pages
3. Trying to recruit new members and retain links with existing ones
4. Recording and distributing information of national developments and events
5. Being the point of first call for existing members [e.g. in order to circulate info on relevant and new publications, petitions and events]
6. Writing a brief report about the year gone by for the annual conference that captures developments in the represented country and activities of this section of the European Group.

We are always looking for representatives from new countries. If you cannot find your country on the list and would like to volunteer as a national representative, please contact the EG coordinator (europeangroupcoordinator@gmail.com).

Other good things to look forward to is the brand new issue of The European Group Journal, Justice, Power and Resistance, which will be published in August. This is a special issue on minorities, crime and (in)justice. You can find the list of contents on page 12.

See you soon in Ljubljana!

In solidarity,
Ida and Per
II. European Group Conference 2018 in Ljubljana
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Conference venue: Poljanski nasip 2

**Wednesday, 22.8.2018**
*Please note that there might be minor changes to the programme.*

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  - Data flows beyond the prison walls (Diana Miranda)
  - Police infiltration of political activism: recent exposures of ‘spycops’ in Britain and the harms of intrusive surveillance (Raphael Schlembach)
  - Who will control the internet censorship machine? (Matija Damjan)
  - Navigating online risk and harm experienced by vulnerable children in a coastal resort (Sarah Tickle and Sarah Greenhow) |
| 16:45-18:15h | **Fear and looting in the periphery stream:**
  - Reorienting the criminological compass: finding the core and the periphery in the cardinal points (Dieter, Vitor Stegemann and Dieter, Mauricio Stegemann)
  - Presences of the predator and the prey or realities and illusions in the immigrant Criminology of Clarice Lispector (Wayne Morrison)
  - Bare Life and the Carceral Archipelago in postcolonial Australia (Harry Blagg)
  - Corporate power and resistances: Rights of Nature as a dispute and disputed tool (Marco Aparicio Wilhelmi) |

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| 16:45-18:15h | **Social harm stream:**
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  - Different types of algorithms require the creation of different legal rules: the impact of algorithm’s foreseeability. (Tjaša Zapušek) |
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Vincenzo Ruggiero - No Prison: old and new challenges

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  Edited by Massimo Pavarini and Livio Ferrari
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  Thomas Mathiesen with the assistance of Snorre Smári Mathiesen
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- **Emerging Voices: Critical Social Research by European Group Postgraduate and Early Career Researchers** (2017)
  Edited by Samantha Fletcher and Holly White
  - UK £10
  - Europe 12€
  - US/Canada $15
  - Global South $10
  - Rest of the World $20

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  - Global South $7
  - Rest of the World $15

  Edited by Helen Monk and Joe Sim
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VI. Special Issue on State Crime and Digital Resistance

Special Issue of State Crime 7(1), (Summer 2018)

STATE CRIME AND DIGITAL RESISTANCE

Introduction

Saeb Kasm (Queen Mary University of London, School of Law) and Anne Alexander (University of Cambridge, Cambridge Digital Humanities)

This special issue explores the complex relationship between state crime and the expansion of digital communications technologies from a range of perspectives. Our contributors examine how digital technologies have enhanced the state’s capacity for surveillance and similar types of state criminality, while at the same time new activist practices have emerged which enable the gaze of these technologies to be reversed in order to assist in the process of “naming, defining, exposing and challenging state crime” (Green and Ward, 2004). The massive growth of a digital communications infrastructure which permeates everyday life for billions of people through the explosive spread of networked mobile devices, social media platforms and cloud computing systems forms the back-drop to the articles in this issue, yet our authors remind us that this process has been neither smooth, nor seamless.

This is important, because according to one set of narratives, it seems that we moved from a world in which parsimonious creation and collection of data was the norm, to one where almost overnight the opposite became true: a glut of data being created, collected and analysed about almost every aspect of people’s interactions with each other and with their physical environments. We need to ask what are the particular features of neoliberalism which encourage the creation of big data – and what are the implications for state crime of living in a data-abundant world? As several of our contributors explore here, one of the results of the long-standing entanglement between monopolistic digital media corporations, the government and military has been the creation of privatized systems of mass surveillance, alongside the expansion of mass surveillance systems controlled by states.
While amateur, user-generated digital content can be used to challenge the information monopoly of professional media conglomerates and states, a more nuanced understanding of verification methodologies is needed to enrich the critical discourse on citizen participation in human rights reporting. The emergent forms of digital activism documented here highlight how civil society can serve as a counterweight to the political and economic hegemony of states and corporations. These case studies also point to how activists’ successes in ‘unmasking the crimes of the powerful’ (Tombs and Whyte, 2003), has been predicated on developing more open, democratic and participatory digital infrastructures than those of either the corporate media or the state.

One of the defining features of this special issue is that it has been produced by and in dialogue with activists who are engaged in acts of digital resistance. The collaboration between the editors which led to the proposal for the journal spans a series of workshops in Cambridge and Queen Mary University of London in 2016 – 2017 supported by the International State Crime Initiative and the Cambridge AHRC Doctoral Training Partnership. These events proved fertile ground for discussion and reflection on the double-edged nature of digital technologies as tools of repression and resistance in a variety contexts, including Burma, Egypt and Syria. We were also able to benefit from a further workshop supported by State Crime Journal which brought together a diverse group of activists and academics some of whom would go on to develop the contributions which make up this special issue. The aim throughout the series, and in the special issue itself, has been not simply to produce scholarship on activist practices of digitally-mediated resistance to state crime, but rather examples of critical reflection with activists.

Our first contributor, Carly Nyst, examines the changes in the ideologies, policies and practices of state surveillance which have been enabled by the growth of digital communications infrastructures. She reflects on the relatively recent shift from censorship and restriction of online content, towards the embrace of “information abundance”, by attempting to track and analyse everything that citizens do online. The adoption of mass surveillance techniques by states with strong democratic traditions, she argues, has relied on a two-pronged strategy, whereby the state itself generates online content using platforms and tools which were initially framed as primarily the domain of non-state actors such as social media, while at the same time expanding its surveillance capacities. This latter process, has however, been shrouded in secrecy and the subject of systematic obfuscation through batteries of new laws and policies which have the effect of “fortifying executive action in executive secrecy in the name of national security.”

Naomi Colvin, Director of The Courage Foundation and an activist, explores some of the same questions in her article from a different angle, by examining how acts of whistleblowing “have proven a powerful catalyst for social change, energising popular movements for accountability and enabling civil society actors, litigants, activists and others seeking accountability for state crime.” Recent cases have
highlighted what difference digital technologies make to the act of whistleblowing, she argues: firstly digital revelations enable disclosure on a scale which makes it possible to identify systemic and persistent patterns of abuse in a way which was difficult with partial information. Anonymising technologies represent a potential rebalancing of the risks faced by whistleblowers, and finally digital technologies have allowed whistleblowers to make their source material public.

The Syrian Archive’s Jeff Deutch and Hadi Al Khatib investigate the challenges and complexities revolving around open-source investigation of state crime. In an increasingly saturated digital ecology replete with vast user-generated content of human rights violations, The Syrian Archive (along with a number of human rights defenders, international organizations and NGO’s) has been at the forefront of developing a methodology for collecting, preserving, verifying and analysing visual data related to atrocities committed by all sides in the Syrian conflict. The authors highlight a range of technical (metadata etc.) and non-technical dilemmas (ethical, legal) that serve to not only enrich prevailing conceptions pertaining to digital evidence workflows but also address a crucial gap in our current understanding of human rights digital verification methods. The recommendations and insights provided by Deutch and Al-Khatib will be invaluable for activists, human rights defenders, journalists and the broader international legal community seeking to develop more reliable and as transparent digital human rights verification methods. As open-source data methods become more sophisticated as they evolve, the authors maintain that this critical information can not only be used in war crimes trials but also “…help societies understand the true costs of war, and support truth and reconciliation efforts.”

Against the backdrop of the worst humanitarian crisis of our generation, Marianne Franklin’s contribution critically explores themes at the intersection of displacement and the role of the digital in “acts of violence, neglect or complicity from individual state agents.” She traces the emergence and deployment of a spectrum of digital technologies (from mobile phones to more intricate geo-tracking enabled computing devices) increasingly used by privatized border control ‘gatekeepers’ to monitor, discipline and punish waves of unwanted refugees. Under the pretext of national / regional security and anti-terrorism, Franklin argues that the expansive policing of conventional as well as maritime border jurisdictions through ‘cyber-weapons’ has resulted in unprecedented forms of population control – resulting in a “Fortress Europe” that continues to erect new internal and external physical borders. Here, the author invites us to think with greater complexity about the inherent contradictions of a post-Westphalian capitalist system that perpetuates ‘zones of violence’ enabled by digital architectures of policing and surveillance. She concludes with reflections on the importance of cultivating an organized digital resistance as a counter-weight to the prevailing structures of oppression engendered by the increasingly intolerant and inhumane (Digital) gatekeepers of ‘Fortress Europe.’

Saeb Kasm’s contribution analyses the Mosireen video collective in Egypt, setting their emergence in the wider context of changes to the media system over the pre- and post-
2011 periods. Mosireen’s approach to film-making as activism was strikingly different to other models of ‘citizen media’ whereby activists gathered only the digital raw material (from mobile phone cameras in the streets for example), but the editing, production and dissemination was all in the hands of media professionals (either from the global or regional media or at times local media), rather than activists themselves. Mosireen by contrast filmed, edited and produced media as a collective which were later disseminated through an innovative array of methods, ranging from YouTube to ‘pop-up’ cinemas in public squares.

Once again, the availability of digital technologies to people beyond the existing elite or the state made a difference to the kind of counter-narratives which could emerge. In particular, the advent of cheap digital film-making through access to mobile phone cameras, meant that images, rather than texts, could play a key role. Finally, the article discusses the limitations of the public sphere under neoliberal capitalism, providing an important counter-point to the previous discussions of the way in which activists were able to use digital technologies to create tools and spaces for the formulation of alternative narratives and practices challenging the authoritarian state.

Anita Gohdes, our final contributor, provides critical insights and reflections in her epilogue about the broad themes in this Special Issue within the context of ‘digital technologies, repression and resistance.’ As new technologies of surveillance continue to be consolidated by states and corporations on the national and supra-national level, practical and innovative methods for resistance become more important than ever in the struggle towards a more just world. Every article in this special issue has enriched and contributed to our collective understanding of the role digital technologies can play in struggles for transparency, accountability and human rights rather than simply enabling new and old forms of state crime. As this special edition goes to print, new interventions and developments by both The Syrian Archive [Chemical Weapons Database launched April 2018] and The Mosireen Collective [An Archive of Resistance (858) launched January 2018] show that even in the difficult circumstances faced by activists challenging state crime in Syria and Egypt, innovative methods of civic resistance continue to emerge.

Meier reminds us that “the future of political activism in repressive environments belongs to those who can mix and master both digital activism and civil resistance – digital resistance.” (Meier, 2008). We hope that the articles in this special issue inspire future generations of activists and scholars to seize the creative instruments of resistance (from whistleblowing to film) which not only challenge the power of states and corporations, but point towards the possibility of building a more egalitarian digital world rooted in participatory democracy and the power of the collective.

Saeb Kasm and Anne Alexander

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VII. Call for Papers – Handbook of Penal Abolitionism

The Routledge International Handbook of Penal Abolitionism

Edited by Michael J. Coyle and David Scott

Introduction
The Routledge International Handbook of Penal Abolitionism will provide the leading ‘one stop global abolitionist textbook’ for the 21st century that will both reflect key abolitionist thought and also help set the agenda for local and global abolitionist ideas and interventions over the coming decade. It will consist of 35-40 chapters (5,000-6,000 words each) working toward the systemic and systematic dismantling of penal structures and processes, and toward social living that is grounded in relationships that take into account the needs of all. The editors of this global-centered project seek contributions from all around the world (east, north, south, and west), and from scholars, non-academics, activists, and people in (or formerly in) prison. We seek work that (a) engages and furthers abolitionist practice, study, politics and theory, (b) examines abolition empirically, theoretically, historically, culturally, spatially, or rhetorically, and (c) is situated within or at the interstices of critiques of ableism, capitalism, hetero-normativity, militarism, patriarchy, state power, racism, settler colonialism, and xenophobia.

Call for Papers
Shaped by an unequivocal commitment to social justice, abolitionist social movements have emerged as the most innovative reaction to penalty and punishment. Abolitionists challenge not only the imperialist colonialism, patriarchy and racial capitalism of carceral logic and penal practice (law, police, courts, prisons), but also work to establish and support networks of solidarity with the primary targets of penalization such as communities of colour and people who are socially and economically excluded - and to provide a platform for voices of resistance.

The Routledge International Handbook of Penal Abolitionism aims to reflect on the global emergence of penal abolition and to highlight its vibrancy and dynamism around the
world today. There are, of course, cultural and geographic variations of meaning to ‘penal abolitionism’. Viewing their work as curatorial, the editors seek to reflect this plurality of meanings, and understand the term as operating on at least four levels: (a) as a social movement directly engaged in resisting and contesting penal logic, policies and practices, (b) as an intellectual project that provides a way of understanding the world (a theoretical perspective), (c) as a coherent set of ethical and political values shaping daily lives and interactions with other people (including the handling of conflicts and harms), and (d) as a form of strategic engagement with existing power relations (such as white supremacy), promoting both a critique of the present but also a vision of a better and more just future. As such, penal abolitionism is inevitably tied to praxis and challenging the language, culture and taken-for-granted assumptions about the very existence of law, policing, courts and prisons.

The Routledge International Handbook of Penal Abolitionism emerges in the current context of the global consolidation of neo-liberalism, the seemingly relentless growth and reach of the penal machinery of the state that especially targets people of colour and the socially and economically excluded, the globalisation of a profit orientated prison industrial complex, and the intensification of the devastating collateral damage wreaked by penal practices upon individuals, families and communities. In an age of a globally entrenched penal logic, we invite a comprehensive and wide ranging collection of papers that will provide a platform for the further promotion of the ideas of penal abolitionism and a site for sharing the abolitionist work of people working in diverse arenas and geographies.

Penal abolitionism is not just about pulling down walls and deconstructing penal logic. It is also about building a more just world. Toward that endeavour, the editors welcome chapters which will empirically or theoretically discuss a variety of themes, such as:

1. Voices from the inside (prisoners) and hyper-surveilled communities: words from the caged, silenced, and marginalized.
2. Social movements and organising for abolition (voice of grass roots and non-academic abolitionists): abolitionist priorities now.
3. Critique and resistance to the penal nation-state (including punishment outside of legal processes): setting the parameters of abolition, i.e. what is to be abolished and why.
4. Critique pseudo-abolitionist alternatives, such as carceral feminism and revenge-oriented “restorative” justice schemes (e.g., Gacaca, Rwanda).
5. Rehabilitation of traditional justice mechanisms (e.g. cultural rites vs. the procedural rights of the abstract individual) in the post-colony realities of imperial forces and control (e.g., USA military bases, military-industrial complex, economic mining, etc.).
6. Theoretical and political perspectives: the diversity of abolitionist thought and tradition.
7. Geographical horizons (abolitionism around the globe): contributions from six continents on the history and current state of local abolitionism.

Abstracts: DUE OCTOBER 1, 2018 to: Abolition.Handbook@gmail.com
Abstracts should be in the range of 400-500 words and must be accompanied by a brief biography1. Early submissions are welcome. We encourage submissions from people who are/have been in prison (or punitively victimized), community organizers, graduate students, activist-scholars as well as junior and senior academics. Invitations to submit a chapter will be based on a review of the abstracts received by the due date. As editors we welcome a rich diversity of abstracts and promise further labour to ensure all abstracts that meet the submission criteria and cannot be included in this volume are helped to reach a publication outlet.

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Papers must contain original and unpublished work, and be in the range of 5,000-6,000 words. Written to appeal to activists, community organisers, practitioners, students and scholars across a wide range of disciplines, papers should be straightforward, user-friendly, jargon free, and prepared in accord with Routledge guidelines for authors, i.e. they must follow the manuscript preparation, editorial style, and conventions (references, bibliography, etc.) per the publisher: https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/tandfbis/rt-files/docs/Author+Guidelines+2017.pdf

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Thank you.

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1 The editors ask for a Curriculum Vita (resume) or a brief description of the author’s background to ensure the volume represents a diversity of voices and experiences.
VIII. News from Europe and Around the World

Now available – translated sections of the Right to Remain Toolkit!

Right to Remain has teamed up with the brilliant Refugee Info Bus to translate some sections of our popular toolkit into six (SIX!) languages.

On each of these pages of the online Toolkit, you can find summaries of several sections translated into Arabic, Farsi, Pashto, Tigrinya, Amharic and French.

Free DeWayne Ewing
https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/free-dewayne-ewing-an-innocent-man

Hi Everyone,

I’ve been working on DeWayne’s case since 2009, and now he has a real chance to get out of prison under Proposition 57. I’m attaching a letter from DeWayne asking for letters to support his parole. I’m also attaching a fact sheet about his case and a Word file with a sample letter you can edit [Please find the letters below]. It helps to personalize your letter, so the Board doesn’t get form letters.

For those not familiar with the case, DeWayne and a woman friend left a condom in a park in the Oakland hills in 1994. A rape took place in the park a few days later, and a few days after that, police found the condom in the bushes and placed it in the rape kit. In 2007, DeWayne made an illegal turn and was arrested for rape on a cold hit DNA match. Before his arrest, DeWayne was working to support his 5 children and had never spent a night in jail or prison.
There is NO evidence to link the condom to the rape, quite the opposite. To get the arrest warrant, the DA told the judge the condom was found in the car and not in the bushes several days later, and that the rape happened in 2007, not 1994. The woman raped testified consistently no condom was used, but the prosecutor told the grand jury she was “mistaken” and got a conviction. After 4 1/2 years in county jail without trial, DeWayne was coerced into a plea deal by his corrupt attorney and a Republican judge. The only good thing about it was that he pled to non-violent offenses, which makes him eligible for parole under Prop 57. The main goal of these letters is to tell the parole board DeWayne is not a threat or danger to society if granted parole. He is still fighting to prove his innocence and clear his name, but parole will get him out of prison to do it.

Please send your letters to:

Board of Parole Hearings
Attn: Non-violent Parole Review
PO Box 4036
Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

cc a copy to DeWayne’s parents:
Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel A. Smalls
2151 108th Avenue
Oakland, CA 94603-4010

Letters:

Dear Family and Friends:

My time has come for a chance to be free again. I need your help by sending letters to the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH). The letters must reflect your knowledge and belief that I pose no risk of violence to society or the community. I have been incarcerated for ten (10) years as an innocent man, with no prior prison or any other jail time, ever, before this nightmare!

I have a lot of great plans that I wish to share with you all. However, let me first get out and set the example needed to set the foundation. Now, what I basically ask of you is, in your own words, tell the Parole Board that I, DeWayne Ewing pose no threat or danger to anyone, anywhere. And never have! I’ve been assaulted twice since March in unprovoked attacks, yet I still have no violence in prison myself. Your declarations are very important to me, as well as to the BPH.

I plan to start, with your assistance, a few advocacy programs. The first one is: CELEBRATE RECOVERY, which is a Christian-based recovery program, based on eight (8) principles from the Beatitudes. I have been facilitator for the last two (2) years, as well as the praise and worship leader. The other program is: Fathers and Children Together (FACT). The goal is to keep the connection between fathers and their children, despite them being incarcerated. It is of great importance that these parent/children relationships develop and blossom. Not only is it good for the fathers, but even
more importantly, for these children who are true victims - emotionally, financially, physically, and most of all, spiritually.

I thank you all for your continued prayers, and hope to be reunited with you in the coming months. I send my love, and hope that you will respond immediately with your letters on my behalf. God bless you and keep you forever in His Divine mercy, grace, and perfect loving peace!

With love and respect,
Sincerely,
DeWayne Ewing

Please send a copy of your letter to these addresses:
Reference DeWayne Ewing, CDCR# AI-4771:

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Re: DeWayne L. Ewing, AI4771

Dear Members of the Board of Parole:
This is a declaration and letter of recommendation for the early release of Mr. DeWayne L. Ewing, explaining why I believe Mr. Ewing does not pose an unreasonable risk of violence to any individuals nor to the community at large.

I assert that Mr. Ewing is an honorable and a righteous person, an INNOCENT man, and a person who had never been arrested or served time in jail prior to being framed for a rape he did not commit. People have twice attacked him while he is in prison, but he has not fought back, affirming his ability to remain non-violent and demonstrating that he is a man who maintains a level head even under dire, threatening and aggressive circumstances.

Mr. Ewing has used his prison time productively to advocate for his own case and by mentoring younger prisoners, to lead them away from violence and towards a path of rehabilitation and redemption. He has not engaged in prison gang activity or any other activity that would put him or others in harm's way. He initiated and has facilitated for the past two years a CELEBRATE RECOVERY group, a Christian-based recovery program based on eight principles from the
Beatitudes, also serving as the group praise and worship leader. He plans to continue this program upon his release, and also wants to develop "Fathers and Children Together (FACT)," a program whose goal is to maintain the connection between incarcerated men who are fathers and their children.

DeWayne has spent more than 10 years incarcerated as an innocent man. HE IS NOT A CRIMINAL AND NEVER HAS BEEN. He poses NO risk of violence. Upon parole, he plans to return home to his family to continue to be the hard working father he was before he was snatched off the streets and framed for a crime he did not commit.

For all of the above reasons I truly believe that Mr. Ewing deserves to be paroled, and I hope you will grant him this parole so that he can once more become a contributing member of society. He is still young and has many good years ahead to live a well rounded and productive life. I for one would love to see him doing just that. I believe he will be an asset to society, and a person who has the ability to change lives for the better. Please grant his parole.

Most sincerely,
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