



## **INTERLABO GERN** *Groupe Européen de Recherche sur les Normativités*

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### **GENDER AND PRISON**

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

In a global context where female detention rates records a gradual rise, the Italian situation seems to show some stability. Since 1991, the percentage of women has been between 4-5% of the total prison population in Italy. There are currently only five prisons exclusively dedicated to the female population, housing about 25% of the total incarcerated women; the remaining 75% are detained in special units created inside male prisons, under the same spaces and organizational methods.

The small size of the phenomenon has historically led to a general lack of interest in the issue - both from a political and an academic point of view - which translates into an under-consideration of the needs of the incarcerated women both on a regulatory, administrative and organizational level. The normative definitions seem to neglect the specific characteristics of female detention, recognizing a role for the woman detained only as a mother, very rarely as a woman. The specific problems of female detention are frequently subsided within a debate generally articulated around the critical issues relating to the male prison conditions, becoming the reference model on which to measure problems and shortcomings. The situation of structural emergency in which the Italian penitentiary system is facing has led to the consolidation of a situation in which the female prison population is likely to suffer to an even greater extent the restrictions (overcrowding and the shortage of staff) affecting male institutions within which they are held. Starting from these considerations, the Interlabo will explore various aspects of the gender and prison theme, such as the condition of sentenced mothers, the mental health of incarcerated women prisoners, prison staff and gender, the prison release for women, the utility of an intersectional approach in the study of this issue

## PROGRAM:

**Introduction** par Francesca Vianello (Università di Padova)

### **MORNING (10-13)**

- *Pour elles toutes. Femmes contre la prison* - Gwenola Ricordeau, California State University, Chico (United States)
- *Punished Mothers. Women with children serving sentences* - Francesca Vianello, Università di Padova
- *Gender, race and sentencing in the case of women with children* - Caterina Peroni, CNR; Claudia Mantovan, Università di Padova; Elton Kalica, Università di Padova

### **AFTERNOON (15-18)**

- *Mental health and prison cultures: an ethnography of a women's prison* - Luca Sterchele, Università di Padova
- *Prison staff and gender issues* - Alessandro Maculan, Università di Padova
- *Women and the end of punishment* - Jessica Lorenzon, Università di Padova

**Conclusion** – Giuseppe Mosconi, Università di Padova

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