ICOPA XIV

International Conference on Penal Abolition

12 – 15 June 2012

Institute of International Relations
The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine
Trinidad and Tobago

Venues: Learning Resource Centre UWI 12-14 June
Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service Training College 15 June

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Opening Ceremony of the ICOPA XIV

Learning Resource Centre
The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

Tuesday June 12th, 2012
5.30 p.m.

Welcome
Professor Clement Sankat, Campus Principal, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

Historicising ICOPA
Dr Harold Pepinsky, Mediator, Worthington, Ohio, USA

Alternatives to Custody in Trinidad
Catherine Ali, ICOPA Coordinator

Greetings from Maximum Security Prison: Poem and Calypso
Calib Frazer and Andrew Douglas. Film and Theatre for the Real World, (Director, Ellen O’ Malley Camps)

Opening Presentation: Control-Freak Criminology and Penal Abolitionism
Professor Onwubiko Agozino (Director, Africana Studies, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)

Closing Remarks
Dr Anthony Gonzales (Director, Institute of International Relations, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine)

Selection of Prisoner Art
Enjoy some original pieces of artwork (Clayton de Freitas, Artist and Art Therapist)

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

For further conference information including abstracts and papers, please see:
http://sta.uwi.edu/conferences/12/icopa/icopa.asp
TUESDAY, JUNE 12

Institute of International Relations, UWI, IIR. Board Room

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  Roundtable - Prison Support Groups and Activists
“Views from New Zealand,” Pat Magill.
“Views from Australia,” Brett Collins.
“Santa Rosa Prison Experiences” Representative, Santa Rosa Residents Association.

Trinidad and Tobago Prisons

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Mediation Training Workshop in Trinidad & Tobago Prisons
Dr Harold Pepinsky, Helen Taylor, Marva DeFreitis Charles, Alloy Youksee.

Opening Dialogues – UWI, Learning Resource Centre

1:30 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.  Film – Introduction, Liz Griffith, Human Rights Activist
Visions of Abolition: From Critical Resistance to a New Way of Life.

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Justice and Faith Perspectives –Chair, Professor Kapil Kumar
“Hindu and Muslim Perspectives on Justice and Peace,”
Pundit Bramdeo Maharaj and Haji Imtiaz Ali, Representatives of Inter Religious Organization.

5:30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.  Opening Ceremony, UWI, Learning Resource Centre
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13
Justice, Law and Abolition
UWI, Learning Resource Centre

8:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. Keynote Speech
“Justice Law and Punishment: Penal Abolition Perspectives,”
Professor Vincenzo Ruggiero, Middlesex University, UK.

9:25 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Criminal to Reparative Law - Chair, Sir Dennis Byron,
President, Caribbean Court Of Justice
“Penal Abolition as a Response to Genocide,” Dr Michael J.
Coyle, California State University, Chico, USA.
“Criminal Law Thwarts Justice,” Dr Frank Dunbaugh,
Maryland Justice Policy Institute Inc Attorney-at-Law.
“Part Heard Matters & Decisions in Favor of Justice,” Frances
Turton-Long and Mauriceia Joseph, San Fernando Supreme Court.

11:05 a.m. – 12:00 noon Caribbean Contexts - Chair, Professor Anthony Harriott
“The Failure of Democracy in the Caribbean,” Horace Levy, UW1,
Mona, Jamaica.
“Trinidad and Tobago State of Emergency: What Works?”
Wilma Kelly, Pastor, Way of Holiness.

12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Panels
(1) “Crime Prevention in Trinidad and Tobago,” Godson Neptune,
Andrew Douglas and Nadia Pooran.
(2) “Part-Heard Matters and Decisions in Favour of Justice,”
Francis Turton-Long and Mauriceia Joseph, San Fernando Supreme Court.
(3) “Panel on Journal of Prisoners on Prisons,” Mike Larsen and
Justin Piche (via SKYPE).
http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL04420B48D74E9A89

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Wrap-up, Adrian Alexander Attorney-at-Law and RJ Activist
Summary and Resolutions:
THURSDAY, JUNE 14  Punishment and Peace: Steps Towards Abolition  UWI, LRC

8:00 a.m.  Registration

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  Keynote Speech— Introduction, Dr. Henry Charles

9:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.  Transformation 1 – Chair, Catherine Ali
“Fostering Human Development,” Dr Theodore Ferguson.
“Forgetness, Reconciliation and Grave Injury,” Dr. Henry Charles.
“Best Practice and Deportees,” Wayne Chance, President, Vision on Mission.

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon  Transformation 2 – Chair, Professor Anthony Bryan
“Harm Reduction,” Damian Hutchinson, UWI, Mona, Jamaica.
“Imagining Better Ways to Organise Society,” Gordon Husbands, Executive Director, Penal Reform and Transformation Unit.
“Communities and Crime Prevention,” Mr John Rougier, Retired Commissioner of Trinidad and Tobago Prisons Service.
“Healing Experiences,” Ruth Greaves

12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m.  Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  Concurrent Sessions:

Gender
“Ubuntu, Gender and Spirituality: Transformative Justice Considerations,” Prof. Mechthild Nagel, SUNY Cortland, Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany (SKYPE).
“Female Prisoners and Colonial Prisons: Case Studies from U.P., India,” Professor Kapil Kumar, Chair, Contemporary Modern Indian Studies, UWI, St. Augustine, Trinidad

Or

Juveniles
“Theoretical Jailbreak for Juveniles: How Possible is the Reality in Developing Countries,” Magistrate Indira Ramnarine Misir-Gosine
“Incarceration: Altering the Lives of Juvenile Offenders in Trinidad and Tobago,” Wendell Wallace, PhD. Student, UWI and Northumbria University, UK.
“Hip Hop and Abolition, and Alternatives to Youth Detention,” Dr Anthony Nocella, Hamline University & Save the Kids.
2:35 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Concurrent Workshops
(2) “Culture, Theatre, Film and Transformation,” Hal Greaves, Wayne Lee Sing and Helen Camps.

4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Central America and the Caribbean
“Drug Legalization,” Professor Hal Pepinsky, Indiana University, USA.
“When Ganja was Legalised: The Repeal of Prohibition Legislation in Trinidad and Mauritius in the Nineteenth Century,”
Dr Peter Hanoomansingh, Independent Scholar, Trinidad
FRIDAY, JUNE 15  Transformation  
Prison Training College, Tumpuna Road South, Bandoo Trace

8:00 a.m.  Registration

8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.  Keynote Speech  
“From Universities of Crime to Communities for Human 
Enrichment” Gordon Husbands, 
Director, Penal Reform and Transformation Unit.

9:25 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.  Transitions and Transformations - Chair, Dr Frank Dunbaugh  
“Babies, Foundational Relationships and Incest Prevention,” Dr. 
Michael Camps, Pediatrician.  
“Investing in Children and Community Responsibility for Harms,” 
Pat Magill, Abolition Activist Napier City, New Zealand.

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  Concurrent Workshop/Panel Facilitator- Mr. Justice Kokaram  
(1) “Exploring Potential for Mediation in a Trinidadian Prison,” Hal 
Pepinsky, Helen Taylor, Marva DeFreitis Charles, Alloy Youksee and Community Mediation Service.  
(2) “Art Therapy and Transformation,” Clayton De Freitas (Artist 
& Art Therapist)

12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m.  Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  Concurrent Panels

Education and Change  
“Navigating the Contentious Role of Activist and Educator in the 
Prison Context,” Professor Angela Harvey, Ohio State 
University, Newark, USA.  
“Witness to Change: Views from Holland,” Jehanne Hulsman, 
Hulsman Foundation.

Or

Reintegration and Resistance  
“Activism for Reintegration and Abolition,” Brett Collins, 
Managing Director, Justice Action, Australia.  
“Reintegration, Sex Offender Registry and Abolition,” Margaret 
Sampson, Brown Police Victim Support.  
“No Bars, No Borders: Penal Abolition and Immigration Control’, 
Liz Griffith, Refugee Action Group, Belfast

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  Response Martin Martinez, Commissioner of Prison of 
Trinidad and Tobago  
Summary and Resolutions:

CLOSE OF CONFERENCE
FRIDAY, JUNE 15  ICOPA Business meeting

The University of West Indies,
Institute of International Relations

4 p.m. – 5p.m.  Looking Ahead to ICOPA 15&16 - Chair, Michael J. Coyle
“ICOPA 2014,” Justin Piche for Canada (via Skype)
“Structuring ICOPA,” Mechthild Nagel, SUNY Cortland, and Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany (Skype)

Other Business.

Issues raised by presenters at ICOPA 14, for consideration as resolutions

- Reparative Law.
- A Regional Group/Centre for Abolition Practice and Research.
- Research on prison gangs in relation to abolition.
- Voluntarism
- Convict Heritage Tourism and Royal Jail Closure.
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