



CALL FOR PAPERS

Information technologies in prison: reality, potential, ambivalence.

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The spread of tools and applications for remote communication ranks among the most significant innovations induced by the pandemic. This revolution, if not in technologies at least in uses, has reached prisons, where for the first time - at least in Italy - the broadcast of video calls and the use of the network for education and training activities has become common, although the use of the latter is still rather marginal.

It was a breakaway change from the traditional distrust of the penitentiary institution towards the network and information technologies, explicitly motivated by generic crime prevention measures, implicitly by the principle of less eligibility, so that inmates cannot be allowed this, which is commonly used in external life.

These openings to the use of the network and information technologies for the benefit of inmates have been counterbalanced by limited face-to-face relationships with family members, lawyers, volunteers and teachers, as well as in the further spread of remote participation in judicial procedures, which has provoked a greater segregation and isolation of the detainees.

Our magazine, aiming to consolidate the presence of ICTs in the penitentiary domain, is interested in investigating the strategic and / or cultural reasons for the distrust of operators and the administrations of justice towards them, their ambivalences between communication and control opportunities / isolation of prisoners, their applicative potential for the benefit of prisoners (from telemedicine to procedures for accessing social and personal services, from the use of the Internet in training,

education and knowledge courses, to that of e-mail for correspondence, the possibilities of participating in videoconference hearings).

This monographic issue of *Antigone* aims to collect essays that address the issue of information technologies in prison from various disciplinary angles. We therefore intend to enhance both theoretical and practical contributions, linked to the Italian, European and extra-European context. In this regard, contributions in Italian, English, French or Spanish are accepted.

Authors who intend to submit a contribution to the monographic issue are invited to send an abstract - between 300 and 500 words - no later than 31/03/2021 to the following email addresses: perla.allegri@unito.it; stefano.anastasia@unipg.it; vincenzo.scalia@winchester.ac.uk; redazione@associazioneantigone.it;

Papers must be submitted to the editors by 15/04/2021: they must not exceed the total length of 40,000 characters and must be delivered by 31/08/2021 to the addresses indicated above. Each paper after the submission will be subjected to blind peer review, with the possibility of requesting changes or additions, or of refusal in the state of its formulation.

Timeline

Deadline for submitting abstracts:	31/03/2021
Answer from the editors:	15/04/2021
Contribution submission:	31/08/2021
Acceptance / rejection or request for changes following blind peer review:	30/09/2021
Contribution delivery following any request for changes:	31/10/2021