

Our next Social Penalties Across Boundaries online workshop will take place on Tuesday 14 November, 4pm (UK time).

We will be joined by Dr Sacha Darke, Reader in Criminology, University of Westminster, who will talk about his paper

'Beyond the State and Without Police'.

Abstract:

Brazilian APAC prisons operate at a distance from the state and without correctional officers. In contrast to Northern community prisons, APAC prison inmates not only oversee daily routines, but also disciplinary and security norms and procedures.

Of particular interest from the perspectives of decolonial, southern and interpretivist comparative criminology, APAC prisoners are also tasked with managing conflict. Such housekeeping powers and responsibilities are formally devolved to APAC prisoner councils as part of a wider focus on dignity, harmony and civil engagement.

The main subject of this paper is conflict resolution procedures; more specifically, the question who decides when and how to intervene. It is based on fieldwork at two prisons in the southern state of Paraná in 2022. Central to the findings presented in this paper was the importance research participants attached to those in positions of authority “keeping problems between us” and “leading without gossip.”

Register to attend Dr Darke's talk here: [Beyond the State and Without Police Tickets, Tue 14 Nov 2023 at 16:00 | Eventbrite](#)