Prison Voices: Draft Schedule

We list here the four sessions, with samples of some of the questions with which each of them might deal (though other questions will no doubt emerge).

Session 1: 10:00–11:15 Epistemic Injustice in the Criminal Law

- How are people silenced in the criminal justice system? How are we to conceptualise the epistemic injustice that is done when someone's voice is not heard in the legal context?
- How can these injustices be rectified? What models for discourse could be provided instead, and how are they to be structured, provided, promoted?

Speakers: Miranda Fricker, New York Philosophy; Kirstine Szifris, MMU Criminology

Session 2: 11:45–13:00 Voices Inside

- How are people silenced within the prison estate? How are we to understand the differences between justice (paying the penalty) and injustice (voices unheard) within the prison?
- What proposals for prison management could help to rectify the injustices? What proposals for prison education would be effective to manage the emotional content of silencing (fear, anger, resentment)?

Speakers: Alison Liebling, Cambridge Criminology; Sally Taylor, Koestler Arts

Session 3: 14:00–15:15 Imprisonment and Silence

- Is the very institution of prison an instrument of silencing (over and above the silencing contingently suffered by those incarcerated in particularly adverse conditions)? How should we think about incarceration as an instrument of the state, if it is a practice in which the injustices of silencing cannot but be perpetuated?
- If we must punish, need we imprison? Need we imprison so much?

Speakers: Paula Harriott, Prison Reform Trust; Fergus McNeill, Glasgow Criminology

Session 4: 15:45–17:00 Voices Outside

- What are the prospects after prison? How are they affected by epistemic injustice? How are we to understand the role of the emotions of ex-prisoners, the emotions of their families, of their victims, and of those who judge them on the outside? Is a negative emotional response to an ex-prisoner another epistemic injustice?
- What proposals for post-prison welfare and reintegration would improve the prospects of ex-prisoners having both a voice and a future?

Speakers: Shadd Maruna, QU Belfast Criminology; Jason Warr, Nottingham Sociology

Session 5: 17:00–18:00 Recapitulation and Looking Forward

Drinks reception: 18:00–19:00