



## Austere times, unstable punishment: a grounded reflection on imprisonment, punitivity and inequality

Public lecture with Manuela I. da Cunha, CRIA, University of Minho (Portugal)

### Time

13 November 2017, 13:00 – 15:00

### Description

How do the limits and scope of different policies dealing with marginality and social vulnerability lead to **steep** variations of incarceration tendencies in a Southern European context? What does longitudinal ethnographic inquiry **conducted** in a **Portuguese** carceral site say about policy-making processes impacting the criminal justice system? And how can we probe the complex interplay of institutional, cultural, and structural aspects involved in the production of punitivity?

Join us at this public lecture, where Manuela I. da Cunha will answer and discuss these questions based on her own ethnographic research in Portugal.

Manuela I. da Cunha holds a PhD in Anthropology and an Habilitation in Sociology. She has emerged as one of the prominent scholars of the sociology of incarceration. Manuela has done ethnographic research on prisons, drug markets, and the penal management of inequality, and has received the Sedas Nunes award for Social Sciences based on this work. She has also focused on informal economies, and on the intersections between criminal justice, inequality (class-gender-race/ethnicity) and cultural difference. Manuela is a senior research fellow at

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Host

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