

# Punishment & Society: Politics & Culture An International Conference

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Why do societies punish as they do? What drives change in styles and levels of punishment over time? How do penalties become, or cease to be, acceptable? What is at stake, morally and politically, in the responses we give to questions such as these? Do the answers lie mainly in the domain of politics, where ideas and decisions are debated and changed, sometimes rapidly? Or do they relate to deeper and more lasting aspects of our cultures?

This event brings together a number of leading contemporary thinkers on these questions with a view to refining and redefining our agendas for research and intervention.

**Speakers include: David Garland, Loïc Wacquant, Shadd Maruna, Lesley McAra, Fergus McNeill**

Conference Rate £120 (full rate), £40 (postgraduates)

Conference delegates are also invited to attend (at no extra charge):

- The Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research Annual lecture, entitled '*Restoring Legitimacy to American Prisons (the view from Castle Rock)*' by **Jonathan Simon** (11 May 2011)
- GERN 'interlab' on '*Civic criminologies for late-modern societies*' (13 May 2011). Speakers include **Ian Loader and Richard Sparks, Alison Liebling**

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