

International Seminar LGBTI+ People in Deprivation of Liberty

Date: 2nd July 2019

Venue: Galpão Bela Maré - Rio de Janeiro/RJ, Brazil

Presentation

Deprivation of liberty constitutes a challenge to protect and implement the human rights of those who are under the custody of the State. The widespread knowledge that human rights violations have been perpetuated in prisons and other institutions of deprivation of liberty constitutes a challenge that involves not only the design and effective implementation of policies, but also the overcoming of stigma and stereotypes that *monsterise* the prison population and, by extension, sustain representations and practices that contribute to the perpetuation of the violation of human rights. With regard to the LGBTI+ population in prisons, the challenge seems to be even more complex, because it involves groups whose identity carries with it additional marks of prejudice and discrimination, which tend to be intensified in the microcosm of the relations established in context of deprivation of liberty. In fact, mobilizing the different sectors of society that has historically fought for the guarantee and promotion of direct in the prison system and the LGBTI+ population is extremely necessary. The construction of an interface mobilization between deprivation of liberty and LGBTI+ is an urgent work front that should involve the production of researches that support the work of advocacy and social mobilization. The recent challenges faced by a new wave of conservatism, both in Brazil, India and internationally, give us a warning sign of the relevance of the issue of LGBTI+ incarceration, and the multiple dimensions of criminalization that add up, with the Overlapping of expensive social brands the socio-political history of countries marked by extreme inequalities, such as race, ethnicity, religion and socio-territorial origin.

The **International Seminar LGBTI+ People in deprivation of Liberty** seeks to strengthen dialogues and partnerships aimed at promoting and guaranteeing the human rights of the LGBTI+ population in contexts of deprivation of liberty. The seminar will also be the first opportunity to bring together the *Passagens* project, coordinated by the NGO SOMOS, and the LGBTI+ project in Deprivation of Liberty, coordinated by the University of Dundee, in partnership with UNIPeriferias, Observatório de Favelas and Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative. In Brazil, the initiative relies on the local partnership of the Group Conexão G and Somos organizations and in the United Kingdom with the Scottish Trans Alliance.

The seminar will be divided into two moments. In the morning there will be the presentation of the project *Passagens* and the results of this research carried out with the LGBTI+ population in Brazilian prison units. From this initial perspective, we will develop dialogues in search of a strategic research and advocacy agenda. To do so, in the afternoon we will have roundtables on the dynamics of LGBTI+ incarceration in Brazil and internationally, with contributions from India and from the United Kingdom. The closing celebration will count on cultural activity produced by the Galpão Bela Maré team.

Organisers: UNIPeriferias (Instituto Maria e João Aleixo), Observatório de Favelas, Somos - Comunicação, Saúde e Sexualidade, Passagens - Rede de Apoio a LGBTs nas Prisões, Grupo Conexão G de Cidadania LGBT nas Favelas, University of Dundee.

Partnership: Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Association for Prevention of Torture, Scottish Trans Alliance.

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PROGRAMME

- 9:00 Registration**
- 9:30 – 10:30 Opening Conference: In pursuit of a strategic agenda for guaranteeing and promoting the rights of the LGBTI+ population in deprivation of liberty**
- Somos - Comunicação, Saúde e Sexualidade
 - UNIPeriferias (IMJA)
 - Grupo Conexão G de Cidadania LGBT nas Favelas
 - Observatório de Favelas
 - University of Dundee (United Kingdom)
 - Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (India)
- 10:30 – 12:00 A sight at the situation of the LGBTI+ population in Brazilian prisons and Presentation of the Project *Passagens***
- Vincent Pereira Goulart – SOMOS
 - Guilherme Gomes Ferreira – Somos and Project *Passagens* – Supporting Network to LGBT people in prisons
 - Caio Cesar Klein –Somos and Project *Passagens*
 - Tamires de Oliveira Garcia – Special Commission for the Analysis of Violence against the LGBT Population of the Legislative Assembly of Rio Grande do Sul
- Chair:* Heloisa Melino – UNIPeriferias (IMJA)
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch**
- 13:30 – 15:00 LGBTI+ incarceration policies in Brazil**
- Natalia Damázio - State Mechanism for Preventing and Combating Torture in Rio de Janeiro
 - Carlos Rodrigo Martins Dias - National Penitentiary Department
 - Letícia Furtado – Diversity Center of the Public Defender’s Office of the State of Rio de Janeiro
 - Marcelly Malta – Igualdade – Association of *Travestis* an Transexuals of Rio Grande do Sul
- Chair:* Gilmara Cunha – Grupo Conexão G
- 15:30 – 17:00 International perspectives on the deprivation of liberty of LGBTI+ Community**
- Sylvia Dias - Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT)
 - Becky Kauffman - Scottish Trans Alliance (United Kingdom)
 - Sai Bourouthu - Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (India)
- Chair:* Fernando Lannes Fernandes – University of Dundee/ UNIPeriferias
- 17:00 – 18:00 Challenges and Ideas for Building Strategic Agendas**
- 18:00 – 21:00 Cultural Activities**
- Voguing Ball with House of Império
 - DJ Wallace Lino
 - Karaokê das Bixas Pretas