

The Panopticon

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Message from RC29 President, Biko Agozino

Welcome to the Third issue of our newsletter which you voted to name *The Panopticon* by popular choice.

We will welcome book reviews, fieldnotes, announcements, conference reports and calls for papers for inclusion in the future issues of the newsletter.

Members who are not familiar with our statutes should visit the following site to learn more:

http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/rcs/rc29_st.htm

From the statutes you will find that we need more members to join the board of RC 29. We will welcome nominations and self-nominations to fill the vacant slots on the board.

We also need nominations for the election of a new Second Vice President as we have been informed that the current Second Vice President is not in good standing due to dues owed to ISA

In this issue, you will find a call for proposals for

grants from ISA to support RC activities. We will welcome the inputs of members before we submit the proposal for our RC for future calls but we are yet to receive any funding from the secretariat since 2006.

I wish to commend those members who submitted abstracts and participated in the First World Sociology Forum in Barcelona, Spain.

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Call for ISA Research Grants Proposal

The Secretariat for the ISA periodically circulates a call for proposals for Research Grants from Research Committees to cover some of the expenses for our activities. Please send suggestions for future proposals.

The criteria for awards include the number of members and given the small number of our

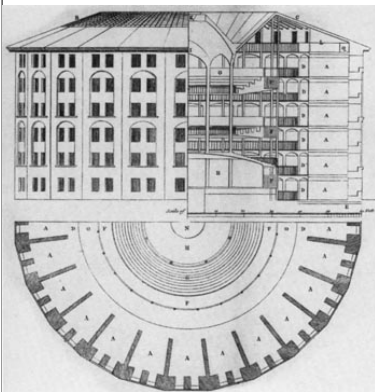
membership, we will only be applying for about \$450.00 for research committees with membership of between 40 and 54. So appeal to your friends to join us and we may qualify for higher amounts in the future.

If you have any suggestions on what we should spend the money on let us have your sug-

gestions as soon as possible. We will ensure that RC29 proposals will meet the deadlines.

Some of the activities suggested by ISA are:

'The grants will be allocated to the Research Committees to support activities, such as conferences, workshops and the production and distribution of



Rosemary Barberet, Report on CCPCJ

(Report on the 17th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

Vienna International Center, 14-18 April, 2008

This report on the meeting of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) is based on the observation of ISA representative Rosemary Barberet (John Jay College of Criminal Justice, USA) who observed the full week of the CCPCJ session.

The Commission is a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council. It was preceded by a more technically focused Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, formed in 1971 to replace an earlier expert advisory committee and tackle a broadened scope of UN interest in criminal justice policy. ECOSOC established the Commission in 1992. Its mandated priority themes are:

- international action to combat national and transnational crime, including organized crime, economic crime and money laundering, and promot-

ing the role of criminal law in protecting the environment;

- crime prevention in urban areas, juvenile crime and violent crime; and

- efficiency, fairness and improvement in the management and administration of criminal justice systems.

The Commission develops, monitors and reviews the implementation of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice programme and facilitates the coordination of its activities. The Commission provides substantive and organizational direc-

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'The Barcelona meeting has already specific dates and a name: it will be the First ISA World Forum of Sociology and will be held from 5th to 8th September 2008.'

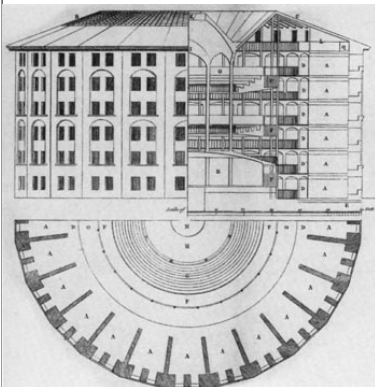
tion for the United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, which are held every five years. The Commission acts as the governing body of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Fund, the United Nations fund that provides resources for promoting technical assistance in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice carried out by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. The CCPCJ

consists of one representative from 40 Member States elected by the Council for three year terms.

The Commission is assisted by the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Program Network, which consists of a number of interregional, regional and national institutes committed to supporting the implementation of the United Nations Crime Preven-

tion and Criminal Justice program. (For example the National Institute of Justice in the United States contributes to the work of the Program Network.)

The thematic discussion for this year's meeting of the Commission was violence against women as it pertains to the work of the CCPCJ. The Program Network Institutes Workshop dealt with this theme, and featured two hours of informative presenta-



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tions, some of which were research-based. The other main agenda item dealt with preparations for the 12th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, to be held in Salvador Bahia, Brazil in 2010. The Commission also discussed its work program and passed resolutions on trafficking in persons, the 12th UN Crime Congress, trafficking in cultural property, the prevention of urban

crime, strengthening public prosecution, trafficking in forestry products, and a draft decision on violence against women. A resolution on private security was tabled to the 18th session of the CCPCJ.

The work of the CCPCJ occurs in two bodies which meet in two different rooms: the Committee of the Whole and the Plenary.

The Committee of the Whole drafts resolutions while the Plenary hears member state reports and finalizes the resolutions drafted by the Committee of the Whole.

The most interesting debates relevant to the interests and role of the ISA this year ensued from the resolutions on crime prevention, the 12th Crime Congress

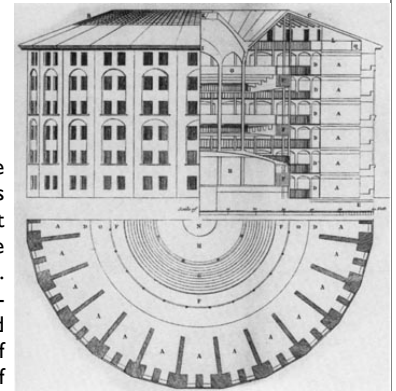


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and violence against women. The resolution on crime prevention attempted to garner more recognition and support for the concept of crime prevention (the role of informal social control, geared to preventing crime as opposed to threatening to punish it). The final version was very much watered down. It is sad to say that although the name of the CCPCJ includes "crime prevention", much of what is understood as crime prevention is deterrence-based. The discussion on the 12th Crime Congress revealed the interests and priorities of the CCPCJ. There was tension in the debate

between 'softer' crime issues (e.g. standards and norms in the administration of criminal justice, crime prevention, youth crime in urban areas) and those 'harder' crime issues (e.g. transnational organized crime, terrorism, money laundering). The NGO community in recent years has made pleas that these latter efforts, very much focused on the idea of "combating" crime, be reconciled with the more traditional efforts of the CCPCJ to encourage the humane treatment of offenders and victims. It is important to note that in the selection of workshops for the 12th UN Congress, "international

criminal justice education for the rule of law" was selected. This will undoubtedly be of interest to those ISA members who are engaged in educational ventures. Finally, the resolution on violence against women revealed the internal inconsistencies of the CCPCJ; after four days of reports of member states on how well they had supposedly dealt with violence against women in their respective criminal justice systems (e.g. new laws, police stations, victims units, specialized courts), the resolution engendered such controversy and disagreement, especially from the Islamic states,



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that in an after hours session on Friday, it could only gain consensus as a draft decision. It will be revisited by the CCPCJ in two years time.

The International Sociological Association is one of very few NGOs that attend this event. Academic NGOs are in the minority among those NGOs in attendance. The Vienna Alliance for NGOs held a meeting during

the CCPCJ. The Vienna Alliance did not seem as organized, active, or informed as the New York Alliance of NGOs in Crime and Criminal Justice. However, very few representatives of the New York Alliance were in attendance. There was very little coordination among NGOs this year in Vienna.

There were a number of side events to the formal delibera-

tions at the CCPCJ. Those summarized here were attended by the ISA representative. Two were sponsored by Thailand. The first was an exhibition entitled "Inspire: The Kamlangjai Project", on display during the entire week. The project is an initiative of Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand aimed at providing adequate care to female inmates and their children. The second was a panel discussion on re-

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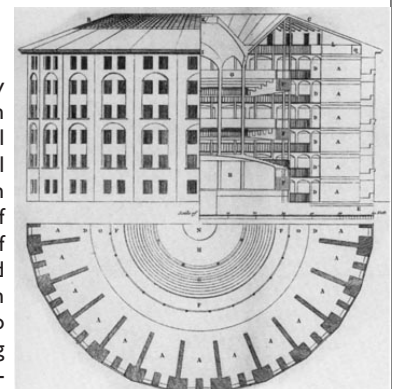
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sponding to the needs of women in prison. Among the members of the panel were Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol, who spoke about the Kamlangjai Project in Thailand; Tomris Atabay, UNODC consultant, who discussed UNODC's work on women in prison in Afghanistan, and Oliver Robertson, Quakers UN Office, who discussed the situation of children of incarcerated mothers. Thailand's initia-

tives are particularly welcome since Thailand has one of the highest proportions of women inmates in the world.

Other side events including the launching of a booklet on safety audits, a tool developed under the coordination of the European Forum for Urban Security and the Department for Safety; a panel discussion on prisoners

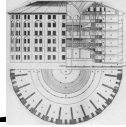
with special needs, organized by the International Commission for Catholic Prison Pastoral Care (in cooperation with Penal Reform International, Human Rights Watch and the Institute of Criminology of the University of Vienna), and an event entitled "Strengthening crime prevention and criminal justice responses to gender-based violence", including the launch of a gender and security sector reform toolkit, organ-



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[http://www.ucm.es/
info/isa/rc29.htm](http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/rc29.htm)

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CCPCJ/session/17.html>

Rosemary Barberet is an Associate Professor at John Jay College in New York. She volunteered to represent RC29 free of charge at UN meetings of relevance to our Research Committee and send in reports to be shared with members. We are very grateful to her.

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ized by the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces.

In conclusion, there are a number of ways that the ISA can contribute to the CCPCJ:

1. The ISA/RC 29 can organize or participate in one or more of the side events at the CCPCJ. Very few of the parallel events are research-based, and there is a clear need to rectify this. In particular, given that violence against women will resurface next year at the CCPCJ, it would be helpful for the ISA/RC 29 to produce (or encourage some of its members to produce) a summary of the literature on this topic and distribute it at the

CCPCJ. This could be done in collaboration with other NGOs.

2. The ISA can present itself to UNODC and Member States as a resource for technical assistance.

3. The ISA can lobby Member States to include research, or research-based policy, in its resolutions and the UNODC work program. It is of particular concern that practically no research is being done at UNODC on violence against women. (Part of the reason for this is institutional; responsibility for the issue is shared with the Commission on the Status of Women; thus it was particularly useful that ISA sent representatives to both of these UN meetings this year.)

4. The ISA can give its official representatives a budget line to

support active participation (travel to the CCPCJ, development of a session, documents for distribution) in the work of the CCPCJ.

5. The ISA/RC 29 can encourage its officers and members of the executive committee to take part in the CCPCJ meeting and the upcoming Crime Congress in Brazil in 2010.

6. The ISA can establish a page on its website (and mention in its news communications) reports on meetings (such as the CCPCJ) where there is ISA representation. At the very least, a link should be posted on the ISA website so that our members can follow the work of the CCPCJ. The link for more detailed information about the 2008 CCPCJ meeting is:



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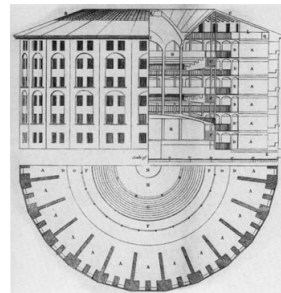
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**ISA Research Committee Activities Report
Reports on activities 2006-2008**

Please submit to ISA Secretariat by **15 July 2008** by e-mail isa@isa-sociology.org. This will enable the Research Coordinating Committee to review the Reports before the Research Council Meeting in September 2008.

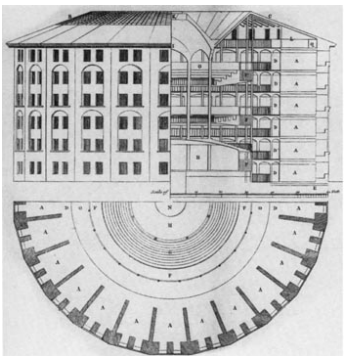
I. Research Committee* number and name:

(* throughout the report, substitute WG or TG if that is the status of your group)



2. Composition of Board for the Research Committee 2006-2010:

Please complete for all positions which apply: leave blank any which do not apply to your RC. List name, employing organization, country, and year of appointment/election to this position. The table template below may be helpful, its length expanded to meet your needs.





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President	Biko Agozino	The University of the West Indies	Trinidad and Tobago	2006-
1 st Vice President and coordinator of next World Congress Programme	Maria Stela Grossi msgrossi@unb.br	UNB, Brazil	Brazil	2006
2 nd Vice President	Maya Ruskova maia@ngostellit.ru		Russia	2006
Immediate Past President	Patrick Jobes		Australia	2006
Board Member	Ahti Laitinen		Finland	2006
Board member	Grazyna Zajdow		Australia	2006
Board Member	Mary Corcoran		UK	2006
Board member	Karen Morgan		UK	2006
Board member	Marcis Trapencieris		Latvia	2006
Board Member	Abdul-Mumin Sa'ad	University of Maiduguri	Nigeria	2006
Board Member	Robert Nash Parker	University of California, Riverside, USA	USA	2008
Board Member	Rosemary Barberet	John Jay College, New York	USA	2008

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7. Publications

Please list any other relevant publications of the RC – not of its individual members - including special journals or special issues of a journal.

8. Feedback to ISA

What services do you expect from ISA, including ones not presently offered?

The RC has not received any funds from ISA since 2006

Thank you for keeping the ISA informed about the activities of your Research Committee.

This form is also available at http://www.isa-sociology.org/about/rc_aims.htm

The same site also includes a useful document about 'Aims and Requirements for Research Committees' which we encourage each RC to download and consult.

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