



5TH

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Presented
by
Sisters Inside

IS PRISON OBSOLETE?



REGISTRATION OPEN

Sisters Inside's 5th International Conference on the criminalisation of women and imprisonment will be held at the Mercure Brisbane 2009. The conference focuses on :

Service Provision

Advocacy

Alternatives to Prisons

The 'Is Prison Obsolete' Conference will initiate and support the development of innovative and creative responses to issues affecting women in prison throughout the world. It will provide an opportunity for individuals, organisations and governments from across the globe to come together and share information. The conference will focus on professional development opportunities for stakeholders in this specific marginalised sector.

Call for Papers <http://www.sistersinside.com.au/form.htm>

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA—2, 3 & 4 SEPTEMBER 2009



is prison obsolete?

Forget reform. It is time to talk about abolishing prisons in society. So what's the alternative? This puzzling question often interrupts further discussion of the prospects for abolition. Why is it so difficult to imagine alternatives to the current system of imprisonment? What about building the kind of society that doesn't need prisons with the redistribution of power and income, and a decent sense of community that can support every member. This conference will explore and encourage discussion about abolition and alternatives to prison over three days. We look forward to your participation.

Conference venue

Experience the spirit and style, enjoy the service, love the absolute convenience and comfort of Brisbane's best riverside location - Mercure Hotel Brisbane. This Brisbane city hotel is just steps from the Queen Street Mall - Brisbane's best shopping, the central business district, Treasury Casino and Queensland Performing Arts Centre. For accommodation bookings call 1300 65 65 65.

Conference dinner

An opportunity to network and catch up with friends whilst dining on the edge of the Brisbane River at the South Bank Cultural Forecourt. Dinner Tickets are available at \$40per/person and bookings are essential.

Keynotespeakers



Bree Carlton **Monash University**

Bree Carlton has undertaken extensive research and published widely in the area of history and prison studies nationally & internationally. Her current research is focused on prisoner survival after release in Victoria. Her book, *Imprisoning Resistance: Life and Death in an Australian Supermax*, was published by the Sydney Institute of Criminology Series in 2007 and nominated in the True Crime category of the 8th Davitt Awards in 2008.



Angela Davis **University of California**

A graduate student of political philosopher Herbert Marcuse at Brandeis University, Davis became a member of the Communist Party and a controversial activist. In 1971, she was charged with the Soledad Brothers murders in Marin County. The trial sparked an international campaign in support of her innocence and she was acquitted. A distinguished teacher and writer, author of recently released book "*Are Prisons Obsolete*"



Gina Dent **University of California**

Gina is Assistant Professor of Women's Studies at UC Santa Cruz, having previously taught at Princeton, Columbia, and UC Berkeley. She has published on African American literature and art, and also works on African American women and the prison-industrial complex.



Kim Pate **Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies**

Kim is the executive Director of the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies (CAEFS). The CAEFS is a federation of autonomous societies which works with, and on behalf of, women involved with the justice system, particularly women in conflict with the law.



Debbie Kilroy **Sisters Inside Inc.**

Deb Kilroy, BSocWk, Former Prisoner, Psychotherapist, LLB, Order of Australia Medal, Director of Sisters Inside, a community organisation that advocates for the human rights of women in the Criminal Justice System. Debbie continues to be a strong activist, both Nationally and Internationally, on issues relating to the abolition of prison. Debbie is the first former prisoner in Australia to be admitted to practice Law.

8.00	Registration Opens: Pre Function Room	8.00	Registration Opens: Pre Function Room	9.00	Registration Opens: Pre Function Room	
8.30	Arrival Tea & Coffee: Pre Function Room	8.30	Arrival Tea & Coffee: Pre Function Room	9.00	Arrival Tea & Coffee: Pre Function Room	
9.00am CONFERENCE OPENS						
CHAIR Anne Warner	Keynote Presentations: Chelsea Room Acknowledgement of Traditional Owner: Auntie Valda Coolwell Official Opening: Anne Warner, President Sisters Inside <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debbie Kilroy Sisters Inside Kim Pate Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies Prof Angela Davis Activist & Writer 	CHAIR Anne Warner	Keynote Presentations: Chelsea Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eileen Baldry University of NSW Gina Dent University California Santa Cruz Gracelyn Smallwood, James Cook University 	CHAIR Anne Warner	Keynote Presentations: Chelsea Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bree Carlton Monash University Heather Douglas University QLD Cassandra Shaylor Critical Resistance USA 	
						9.15
11.00	Morning Tea: Pre Function Room	10.30m	Morning Tea: Pre Function Room	11.00	Morning Tea: Pre Function Room	
CHAIR Debbie Kilroy	Indigenous Keynotes: Chelsea Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jackie Huggins University of QLD Pat Turner National Indigenous Television Annie Braybrook Aboriginal Domestic & Family Violence Legal Service Melissa Lucas, Sisters Inside Inc 	CHAIR Debbie Kilroy	Keynote Presentation: Chelsea Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris Christopherson Jacqui Katona Rachel Herzing Critical Resistance/Creative Interventions Vicki Roach Survivor of the Criminal Justice System Phoebe Barton Centre for HR of Imprisoned People 	CHAIR Mel Cumino	Health Workshop: Chelsea Room Jenny Speed Sisters Inside Inc. Michelle Howard Public Advocate Michelle VanNatta & Sabrina Hampton Dominican Uni	
						11.30
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						CHAIR Charmaine Schaefer
2.00	2.00	3.00				
4.00pm CLOSE						
CHAIR Kate Black	Legal Workshop: Taldora Room Anne Tilley Sisters Inside Magistrate Christine Roney Dr Terry Bartholomew Deakin University	CHAIR Kate Black	Pre & Post Release Workshop: Glansworth Suzette Glasby Women in Prison Advocacy Network Brook Shearer & Sharon Villanueva FlatOut Alyssa Fooks CHRIP Louise Clark RedBear Consultancy	CHAIR Anne Warner	Young People in Detention: Legends Bar Charmaine Schaefer & Kate Black Sisters Inside	
						7.00
Conference Dinner: South Bank Parklands						



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TAX INVOICE - PLEASE RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

Name _____

Organisation _____

Address _____

City _____ **State/Prov** _____

Country _____ **Zip/PCode** _____

Phone _____ **Fax** _____

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Women who have been in Prison FREE

Registration Fees	Government	Community	Student <i>(Fulltime Only)</i>
Normal	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 AUD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450 AUD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300 AUD
Daily Day/s: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175 AUD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140 AUD	<input type="checkbox"/> \$120 AUD

Conference Dinner – *Dinner costs are not included in the Registration Price*

- I wish to purchase _____ tickets at \$50 per person
- NO, I will not be attending the conference dinner

Dietary Requirements - _____

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