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**3rd INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
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First Circular Letter

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Introduction

The Group for the Study of History of Prison and Punitive Institutions organises the 3rd International Conference on the History of Prison and Punitive Institutions, under the title *Control and punishment devices*, following up the 2nd Conference held in Albacete in September 2019.

The aim of the Conference is to articulate a space for fruitful exchange, for sharing lines of research recently carried out in the field of punitiveness, taking into account the control and disciplinary logics that are projected in different institutions and geographies. As in previous editions of this Conference, there is a clear intention of bringing closer contributions both from the historiographical field (from the Middle Ages to Contemporary History and even immediate history) and the analyses most concerned with current modulations of the punitive, which are being promoted from other disciplines such as Sociology, Anthropology or Law. This will be a great opportunity to update the state of the historical investigation on control and punishment experiences and institutions from a multidisciplinary perspective. Furthermore, in a context marked by a growing presence of warfare, projecting itself onto different social dimensions, we deem necessary and urgent to reflect again with a critical eye on the ways in which the notion of punishment can be rethought and the forms it has taken and takes in different social spheres.

The conference has been organised in the framework of a research project:
“Historia y presente del control social, las instituciones punitivas y los cuerpos de seguridad en España (siglos XX-XXI): Prácticas, discursos y representaciones culturales”
(PID2021-123504NB-I00)

Thematic structure of the sessions

The internal structure of the conference and the final organisation of the sessions will be made public after the proposals are received and accepted, in a second circular. However, two axes have been foreseen regarding the organisation of the sessions: one chronological and one thematic. Each proposal will be integrated into a slot on each axis, so every submission must specify the time axis and the thematic axis in which the communication is to be included:

- Chronological axis: When submitting proposals, researchers must indicate in which historical period they prefer to frame their communication. To this end, the scientific committee proposes five major periods, which may be grouped or broken down according to the proposals received:
 - Ancient history
 - Middle Ages
 - Early modern history
 - Contemporary history
 - 21st century

- Thematic axis: With a view to the organisation of the conference, different thematic axes have been proposed, around which, depending on the proposals received, different round tables or sessions may be organised. The decision on these issues will be taken by the scientific committee of the conference:
 - Geography, architecture, materiality and archaeology of spaces of punishment
 - Punishment and war regimes
 - Experience, punishments, bodies and torture
 - Spaces of control and punishment around borders
 - Coercion and Punishment in the Work World
 - Gender and Punitive Institutions
 - Police and the management of order, security and coexistence
 - Spaces for the management of inequalities and poverty
 - Anti-punitivist Praxis
 - Analytical Reflections on Punishment
 - Order and Disorder in Contemporary Cities
 - Strategies of resistance and anti-repressive movements
 - Memory and musealisation of the punishment spaces
 - Genealogies, problematisations and avatars of the 'dangerous subject'
 - Justice systems, gender and inequality

Proposal submission

Proposals for interventions at the conference may take two forms, each of which has its own peculiarities.

- **Written communication:** A first version of the texts will be distributed among the participants of each table or session before the conference, and a final version will be published in a collective book, if the authors are interested in doing so. The proposal should include:
 - Title
 - Short introduction of the author (5 – 10 lines)
 - Abstract (200 words)
 - Chronological and thematical axis in which is included

- **Talk:** In this case there is no commitment to publication by the organising committee, although the proposal will be distributed in advance to the participants of each round table. The proposal must include:
 - Title
 - Short introduction of the author (5 – 10 lines)
 - 2.000-word text explaining the broad outline of the intervention
 - Chronological and thematical axis in which is included

The scientific committee, taking into account the number of proposals received and the logistical capacity of the conference, will be responsible for accepting the proposals and placing them in the different sessions according to what it deems most appropriate. As a general rule, priority will be given to interventions accompanied by a written communication.

The conference will have a face-to-face format, although at some tables, depending on the proposals received and logistical issues, there will be the possibility of on-line participation by speakers from other continents.

With regard to language, written communications will be accepted in any of the official languages of the Spanish state, as well as in English and Portuguese. The sessions will generally be held in Spanish, although those responsible for each session may facilitate the participation of speakers in other languages, depending on the proposals received.

Fees and registration procedure:

Regarding registration for the conference, it is necessary to bear in mind that:

- Registration to the conference is required for the definitive acceptance and incorporation of the papers into the structure of the conference.
- The date and procedure for registration will be detailed in the second circular and online: <https://www.unavarra.es/congreso-historia-prision>
- The registration fee will be 25 euros
- Enrolment in the conference may be recognised with 1 ECTS credit for UPNA students

Schedule and registration

With a view to the preparation and spreading of the conference we would like to make known from now on what will be some reference dates:

- Submission of communication proposals:
 - Deadline: 14 March 2025.
 - Proposals will be sent to the following e-mail address: congreso.historiaprision@unavarra.es
- Second circular letter:
 - Publication date: May 2025
 - The second circular will indicate the structure of the conference sessions and the papers accepted in each of them.
 - Depending on the proposals finally received, this structure may be slightly modified in the third circular.
- Submission of the texts of the communications:
 - Texts may be submitted until 20 October 2025.
 - The scientific committee will evaluate the texts and reserves the right to request corrections before the final acceptance of the papers.
- Access to the texts of the communications:
 - During the month of November 2025, the submitted texts will be sent to those registered for the conference.
- Publication of the proceedings:
 - In the course of 2026 the GEHPIP will publish a book in digital format with the final proceedings of the conference.

Organisation:

- Scientific committee:
 - Esther Aldave Monreal (UPNA-NUP), Begoña Aramayona Quintana (UNED), Javier Armendáriz Martija (UPNA-NUP), Débora Ávila Cantos (UCM) Laura Escudero Zabala (Università di Bologna, Italy), Paz Francés Lecumberri (UPNA-NUP), Adela Franzé Mudanó (UCM), Juan Carlos García Funes (UPNA-NUP), Sergio García García (UCM), Jordi Guixé i Corominas (Eurom), Fernando Hernández Holgado (UCM), Roldán Jimeno Aranguren (UPNA-NUP), Javier Márquez Quevedo (ULPGC), Ignacio Mendiola Gonzalo (EHU-UPV), Fernando Mendiola Gonzalo (UPNA-NUP), Amaia Nausia Pimoulier (UPNA-NUP), Jorge A. Nuñez (CONICET, Argentina), Pedro Oliver Olmo (UCLM), Ángel Organero Merino (UCLM), Daniel Oviedo Silva (UPNA-NUP), María del Carmen Peñaranda Cólera (UCM), Nerea Pérez Ibarrola (UPNA-NUP), Marta Pérez Pérez (UCM), Gemma Piérola Narvarte (UPNA-NUP), Eloísa Ramírez Vaquero (UPNA-NUP), Núria Ricart Ulldemolins (UB), Diego Ruedas Torres (UNED), David San Martín Segura (UNIRIOJA), Josu Santamarina Otaola (UPNA-NUP), Tiago da Silva César (Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, UFPE, Brazil), Aarón Suárez Pérez (ULL), Edurne Turrillas Bueno (UPNA-NUP), María João Vaz, (ISCTE-Instituto Universitario de Lisboa, Portugal), Lisabe Velasco Zozaya (NUP-UPNA), Fernando Vicente Albarrán (USAL), Lohitzune Zuluaga Lojo (NUP-UPNA).
- Organising committee:
 - Juan Carlos García Funes, Fernando Mendiola Gonzalo, Ángel Organero Merino, Daniel Oviedo Silva, Nerea Pérez Ibarrola, Gemma Piérola Narvarte, Edurne Turrillas Bueno, Lisabe Velasco Zozaya (all in UPNA, except Ángel Organero, UCLM)
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 - Fernando Mendiola Gonzalo (UPNA – NUP)

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- Partner organisations



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