

**RESISTING CARCERAL NATION STATES:
THE FIFTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PENAL ABOLITION
(ICOPA 15)**

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**UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA
ALGONQUIN TERRITORY / OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA**

Prisoners on Prisons
Prison Justice
Victims Still
Jails, Prisons and Penitentiaries
Races to Incarcerate
Criminalizing Women
Reproducing Heteronormativity
Mental Health Behind Bars
A Plague of Prisons
Prohibition Failure
Protecting Sex Workers
The Prison Industrial Complex
Another Brick in the Wall
No One is Illegal
(In)security Detention and Killings
Policing and Criminalization of Dissent
Eyes Everywhere
The Revolution Will Not Be Funded
Alternatives to Violence
Abolition Democracy



Voices from the Inside
Solidarity Work Inside and Outside the Walls
Away from Punishment to Meet Human Needs
The New Residential Schools
Legacies of Colonialism
Patriarchy and Gendering Punishment
The Repression of Queers and Trans
Asylums Today
Human Warehousing and Public Health
Ending the 'War on Drugs'
Towards Safety, Rights and Options
Exposing Profiteers of Cannibalism
The School to Prison Pipeline
Contesting Migrant Detention and Deportation
Guilty Until Proven Dead
The G20 in Toronto and Beyond
Privacy and the Surveillance Society
Moving Beyond the Non-profit Model
Safety through Community Building
Working Towards Social Justice

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Carceral nation states across the world know no bounds as they work to sustain economic, gender, sexual and racial inequality. In the Canadian context, the carceral nation state has used exclusionary practices in a stated effort to keep 'us' safe from 'them' – the 'criminals', Indigenous peoples 'in need of civilizing' and 'assimilation', 'problem' drug users, 'bogus' refugee claimants, 'threats' to national security, political 'dissidents', and other dehumanized and demonized populations.

People currently or formerly imprisoned, victims of state and personal harm, activists, advocates, artists, academics, journalists, professionals, along with others from around the world are invited to take part, in person or by proxy, in ICOPA 15 on Algonquin Territory / Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. During this international conference participants will come together to: 1) share their first-hand experiences of state brutality and tactics of resistance; 2) exchange ideas on how to think about and respond to complex community issues that are often met with costly, unproductive, unjust, and violent interventions; and 3) build international alliances and develop strategies to struggle against state repression and work towards social justice in our world.

The organizing committee invites proposals for individual submissions and sessions at ICOPA 15 featuring art, film, music, photography, plays, poetry, short stories, spiritual and healing activities, essays, papers, reports, workshops, proposals for ICOPA policy positions and resolutions, and everything in between. Proposals can address any theme related to imprisonment, the penal system, other forms of carceral control and the prison industrial complex, including those listed above.

Please include in your package your name, address, contact information, proposal title and a summary of 150-250 words describing the proposed contribution. The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2013. Please send your submissions via email to icopa.canada@gmail.com or by mail to:

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