



Prison life behind and beyond bars

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In Portugal, due to mass incarceration, the prison and a handful of heavily penalized urban neighborhoods became tightly interlocked. Drawing on ethnographic fieldwork in a Portuguese prison over two decades, before and after the rise of mass incarceration, Prof. Manuela Cunha explores the systemic transformations that took place both inside and outside prison. Based on a comparison between two historical moments, which are defined by contrasting social configurations, behind and beyond bars, she highlights the specific conditions through which the everyday life in prison and urban communities become interwoven. By considering both individual pathways and social scenes, she shows that the life of imprisoned and imprisonable populations unfolds in a continuum between these places.

Zur Referentin: Manuela Cunha ist Professorin für Sozialanthropologie an der Universität Minho in Braga, Portugal. Ihre Forschungsschwerpunkte sind Gefängnisse und Drogenmärkte. Dabei erforscht sie das Zusammenwirken von Strafrecht, sozialer Ungleichheit und kulturellen Unterschieden. Derzeit leitet sie ein Projekt zur Justizforschung: «Inclusive Courts: Equality and cultural difference in the practice of Portuguese courts».