Prisons and the Useable Past: Britain and the Commonwealth

Location: Leicester Institute for Advanced Studies, 128 Regent Road, LE1 7PA
Date: 16 January 2019

There is a rich history of imprisonment – across Britain and the British Empire - that dates back over two hundred years. What is this history? How might it be brought to bear on issues surrounding prisons, prisoners and prison regimes in Britain and the Commonwealth today?

This event seeks to link the past to the present. Historical research presentations will be followed by a roundtable discussion of the issues of contemporary relevance that they raise. Refreshments will be served.

Arrival: Background Slideshow of Historic Images

Dr Mellissa Ifill, University of Guyana: Chair

4.00: Empire of Prisons: Mapping, measurement and opportunities
Professor Barry Godfrey, University of Liverpool

4.20: Prisons and Penal Colonies; A critical history
Professor Clare Anderson, University of Leicester

4.40: Coffee/Tea break

5.00: Rules and Regulations in a Colonial Prison: British Guiana
Dr Kellie Moss, University of Leicester

5.20: Victorian convicts and the prisoner health conundrum
Dr Kim Price, University of Liverpool

5.40: Roundtable Discussion

6.00: Close

For catering purposes please register for this event by the 10th January 2019 by emailing Dr Kellie Moss: km345@leicester.ac.uk