it takes a border to escape

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blurring

- the border helps to think the prison...
- and to oppose it
  - theoretically (critical criminology)
  - or practically (escape)
- but what if its borders get blurred?
law

- Belgian penitentiary law (2005)
- an open prison, socially and physically
- a "no time to loose" prison
- a new legitimacy: mobilitarian ideology
  (example of the detention plan)
    - activity
    - activation
    - participation
    - adaptation
carceral

- diversification
  - new prison
  - new ways of serving a prison penalty (EM)
  - new punishments (EM, probation, community serv.)
- from painful immobilisation to mobility tests
- the prison, as building, institution and punishment becomes too narrow
- > the carceral, a mobility-based system
- > carceral mobilities as new approach
spaces

- a mobility approach of the carceral necessitates a multispatial analysis
- the carceral is not only about physical space, but also about social spaces: the position in the family, in the professional sphere, in the social hierarchies,...
- mobility has to be analyzed in all these spaces
(im)mobility

- the prison was thought as pure immobilisation
- despite this focus, the prison also imposes mobilities in multiple spaces, for instance downwards social mobilities
- it is even more the case in the new prison and in the carceral, largely promoting mobilities
- constraints can immobilise and mobilise. EM both demands physical mobility to foster social immobilities and limits physical mobility to secure society
entanglement

- the carceral can be seen as a complex of multispatial and entangled (im)mobility constraints
- the (im)mobilities in different spaces should be studied, not only separately, but also in their relationships
freedom

- for all these reasons we must cease to think freedom in terms of physical mobility
- we must consider
  - imposed immobilities and mobilities
  - individual evaluations of the concrete situations
  - evolutions of the situations and of their evaluation
questions

- how do you escape a borderless carceral?
- how do you oppose a carceral largely build on the critics of the prison?
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