



# 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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