SPACES OF ABUSES

Torture and Carceral Geography

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THE DIALECTICS OF PRISONS

DISCIPLINE AND SOCIAL CONTROL

CITY  CITY  PRISON
PRISONS TODAY

• Social dumping (WACQUANT);
• Removed from society;
• *Three strikes and you are out*;
• **EXCLUSION** as a State of permanent deprivation of rights;
• **SPOILING** personal identity;
• *Zoon vs. bios: BARE LIFE*
• *Removal and denial.*
THE LEGAL SPACE FOR TORTURE

STATE OF EXCEPTION: prisoners as enemies

LAW Special laws following the demand of security

LIFE prisoner as bare life to be abused
THE PHYSICAL SPACE FOR TORTURE

• A *triple* space for TORTURE:
  
• 1) SOCIETY prison hidden away from the view of its members;

• 2) PRISON bare cells, isolation rows;

• 3) LAW prison staff squads, special corps (Italy, GOM);

• A *Second layer of exception* society + prison misconduct.
THE SPACE FOR DENIAL

INTERNAL DENIAL: hidden from prisoners and other staff

EXTERNAL DENIAL: Hidden from public opinion

DENIAL OF TORTURE