



*The Institute for Criminal Policy Research
at Birkbeck, University of London*

invites you to an event on:

FEMALE IMPRISONMENT WORLDWIDE

Thursday 9 November, 2017 from 16.00 to 18.30

Drinks reception to follow

At the offices of Clifford Chance
10 Upper Bank St, Canary Wharf, London E14 5JJ

RSVP by 4 October to: H.Fair@bbk.ac.uk

Since 2000, the number of women and girls in prison worldwide has increased by 50% (and the number of male prisoners, by 18%). Most women in prison have suffered trauma, abuse and poverty. Prison takes a heavy toll on women, families and wider society, in developed and less developed countries alike.

At the event, we will launch the fourth edition of the World Female Imprisonment List, a comprehensive set of data on the numbers of women and girls imprisoned globally, by country and region, showing trends since 2000.

We will hear from experts on the main drivers of high female imprisonment, including representatives from NGOs engaged in ICPR's research and policy project, *Understanding and reducing the use of imprisonment*. This project examines patterns of imprisonment in ten contrasting jurisdictions across five continents: Kenya, South Africa, Brazil, the USA, India, Thailand, England & Wales, Hungary, the Netherlands and Australia.

Programme

16.00 Welcome and introduction by Catherine Heard, ICPR

16.05 Keynote address by Lady Edwina Grosvenor

16.15 The scale and profile of female prison populations

- Roy Walmsley, ICPR: World Female Imprisonment List: highlights
- Olivia Rope, Penal Reform International: What characteristics predominate among women prisoners?

16.45 Break

17.00 Over-use of female imprisonment: drivers, harms, solutions

- Marie Nougier, International Drug Policy Consortium: Drugs, poverty, coercion: evidence from Latin America
- Teresa Njoroge, Clean Start, Kenya: Minor crime and poverty in Africa
- Madhurima Dhanuka, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, India: Pre-trial detention and its impact on women
- Dr Jo Peden, Consultant, Health and Justice Team, Public Health England: Mental ill health and female (re)offending

18.00 Discussion chaired by Juliet Lyon CBE

18.30 Reception (to close by 19.30)