



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ALTERNATIVES TO IMPRISONMENT

CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE PENAL SYSTEM ASSOCIATION / TURKEY'S CENTER FOR PRISON STUDIES invites you to submit abstracts for papers and poster presentations at the 3TH CISST/TCPS CONFERENCE: ALTERNATIVES TO IMPRISONMENT 24-25 November 2018, İstanbul.

The number of persons in Turkish prisons is on the rise along with the total capacity of these prisons. Between the years 2005 and 2015, the total prison population increased from 55.000 to 176.000. Today, it has reached over 246.000. Turkey has the fastest growing prison population among European Council member countries and it is the eighth country with the highest prison population around the globe. As we take newly built prisons into account, we are foreseeing that this number will continue to increase.

In the current global context where prisons are becoming more widespread and preferred, it is imperative to search for critical and alternative crime policies that do not focus on imprisonment. With this conference, we aim to create a platform that will foster dialogue and discussion about alternatives to imprisonment. We are inviting academics, researchers, students, prison workers, policymakers, lawyers, representatives of civil society organisations, human rights defenders to participate the conference.

Objectives of the conference are:

1. To gather local and international agents together and create the grounds of information sharing.
2. To enhance knowledge regarding the theory and practice of alternatives to imprisonment through discussions and collecting the previous experiences, studies and newly developed approaches.
3. To encourage different stakeholders to think, discuss and take actions about alternatives to imprisonment in Turkey.

We invite studies or researches on topics including but not limited to, Alternatives to Imprisonment AND:

1. Imprisonment and Crime & Punishment Policies
2. Prisoners with Special Needs (such as gender, sexual identity, sexual orientation, disability, age, health, life without possibility of parole, isolation, nationality, right to education, work and etc.)
3. Restorative and Transformative Justice
4. Good Examples (especially on decreasing prison population, preventing reincarceration, the collaboration between different agents such as state, civil society or academia)
5. Risks of Alternatives to Imprisonment.

***Language of the conference will be Turkish and English. Simultaneous translation will be provided for two days.**

Please submit abstracts of no longer than 500 words. Please do not forget to include your name, institutional affiliation and a short biography of up to 100 words. Authors are invited to submit an abstract in Turkish and English, (as an MS Word file).

The deadline for submissions is Sunday, **26 September 2018** and submissions should be sent via e-mail: info@tcps.org.tr All presenters will be notified of acceptance by Sunday, **30 September 2018**. Admitted presenters will be expected to submit their full papers and poster presentations by Sunday, **15 November 2018**. All accepted papers will be published.

This organisation will be realised within the scope of the project titled Advocacy for People in the Penal System funded by European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights Programme of Delegation of the European Delegation to Turkey. Presentations in the conference are prepared by the speakers. Civil Society in the Penal System Association / Turkey's Center for Prison Studies is not responsible for the content of the presentations. The conference doesn't represent European Union's official opinion.



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