Making Sense of Penal Change: The Intellectual Life-Course of Four Key Thinkers in the Recent Sociology of Punishment

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In this seminar Tom Daems will discuss the intellectual development of four key theorists in the recent sociology of punishment. The presentation will focus on life and work of David Garland, John Pratt, Hans Boutellier and Loïc Wacquant. It will be argued that such a scholar-oriented approach can give us unique insights into four distinctive ways of thinking about penal change. Moreover, that it allows us to delineate the evolution of the four selected authors as distinct types of public intellectuals.

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