Women Prisoners’ Sexual Victimisation Histories, Pathways to Offending and Possible Responses

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A drinks reception in the basement foyer will follow this seminar for attendees

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In this seminar I will explore the incidence and impact of exposure to sexual victimisation for women prisoners. Key vulnerabilities such as mental and substance abuse, and their contribution to women’s offending, will be examined. I will then discuss treatment responses to address these women’s trauma in custodial settings, and the challenges of delivering such treatment in custody.

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