Lessons from Sentencing and Law and Order in Cyprus in the 1880s and Today

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

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Following a very brief introduction to the state of crime and policing in Cyprus at end of the Ottoman occupation of Cyprus, attention will focus on the introduction by the Britain, the new colonial power in 1878, of the common law legal system, para-military police and policing methods as part of Britain’s strategy aimed at social and political control of the island’s population, the criminalisation of a host of behaviours and their harsh punishment in the name of deterrence. This will be done against the backdrop of crime at the time, as evidenced by the official statistics. Finally, the focus will shift to Cyprus today, documenting the contradictions in the Cyprus Supreme Court’s stated aims of sentencing, the lack of offender rehabilitation programmes and the excessive emphasis on imprisonment, comparing and contrasting sentencing practices in the 1880s and today.

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