

Parental Incarceration and Child Development: Cross-national comparative studies

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

Over 10 million people are held in prisons worldwide and about half of prisoners are parents. Children with incarcerated parents are exposed to multiple forms of stress and have considerable risk for committing crime themselves in adulthood. This seminar summarises findings from four large, longitudinal studies of the effects of parental incarceration on children in England, Sweden, the Netherlands and the United States. Cross-national differences suggest that some social and penal contexts might protect children from harmful effects of parental incarceration.