

The aim of this workshop is to develop new perspectives on the study of criminality in late Tsarist Russia and in the early Soviet Union by focusing on two criminal figures that have not been sufficiently researched until now: the *born* and the *common* criminal. In this way, new light will be shed on both continuities and disjunctions between the pre- and the post-revolutionary periods. The workshop will discuss the potential that these trends carry for the reconceptualization of the Russian and Soviet history of criminality.

For this purpose, we intend to bring together two areas of research at the workshop that so far have been examined independently from each other: the *discourse on criminality*, that is, the conceptualization of criminality in a range of different disciplines and discourses – criminology, criminal anthropology, psychiatry, journalism, and literature – and the *practice of punishment*, that is, the laws and policies of punishment in all their aspects, from the code of law to the practice of prisons and penal camps. The workshop will assemble specialists from various disciplines (history, sociology, cultural and literary studies) in order to obtain new results through the interaction of different methodological approaches.



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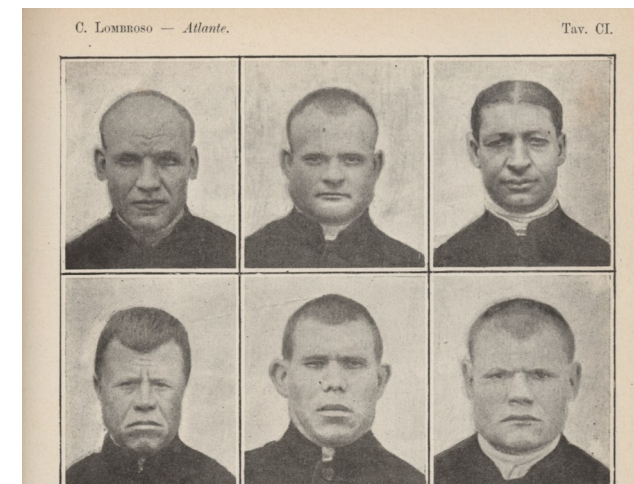


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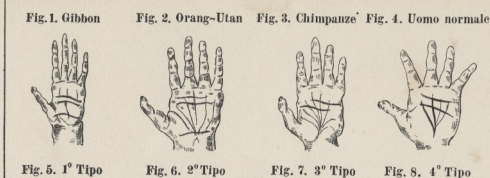
The Born and the Common Criminal



The Discourse of Criminality and the Practice of Punishment in the Late Russian Empire and the Early Soviet Union (1880-1941)

Workshop

13./14. Februar 2015



February 13th

10.00 Welcome and Introduction
(Riccardo Nicolosi / Marc Junge / Anne Hartmann)

10.15-13.45 CRIMINALS AND IMPERIAL RUSSIA

Chair: Anne Hartmann/ Marc Junge (Bochum)

10.15 Marina **Mogilner** (Chicago): Russian Imperial Narratives of “Inborn Criminality”: Medicalizing Hybridity and Rationalizing Diversity

Discussant: Anne **Hartmann** (Bochum)

Coffee break

11.45 Riccardo **Nicolosi** (Munich): Criminality, Deviance, and Anthropological Diversity. Narratives of Atavism in Russian Literature (c.1880-c.1900)

Discussant: Louise **McReynolds** (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

12.45 Daniel **Beer** (London): The Graveyard of Sakhalin: Discipline and Rehabilitation in a late Imperial Penal Colony, 1880-1905

Discussant: David **Shearer** (Delaware)

13.45 – 15.00

Lunch break

15.00 – 18.30

Chair: Riccardo Nicolosi (Munich)

15.00 Louise **McReynolds** (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill): P. I. Kovalevskii: Criminal Anthropology and Great Russian Nationalism

Discussant: Marina **Mogilner** (Chicago)

16.00-18.30 CRIMINALS IN THE GULAG

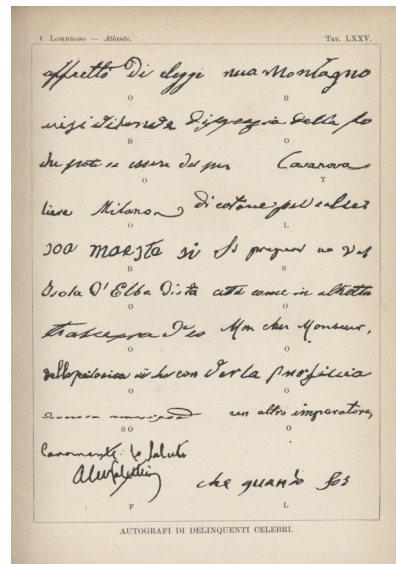
16.00 Anne **Hartmann** (Bochum): Concepts of the Criminal in the Discourse of “Perekovka”

Discussant: Leona **Toker** (Jerusalem)

Coffee break

17.30 Leona **Toker** (Jerusalem): Shalamov’s Sketches of the Criminal World

Discussant: Marc **Junge** (Bochum)



February 14th

10.00 – 12.30 PURGING OF CRIMINALS IN THE EARLY SOVIET UNION

Chair: Marc Junge / Anne Hartmann (Bochum)

10.00 David **Shearer** (Delaware): Mass Purging of Criminals in Soviet Union as a Mechanism of State Security Versus Social or Biological Engineering

Discussant: Riccardo **Nicolosi** (Munich)

11.00 Marc **Junge** (Bochum): Anthropological and Biological Research of Crime Cause and Criminals' Mass Purging in the Spirit of Soviet Enlightenment 1920-1938

Discussant: Daniel **Beer** (London)

Coffee break

12.30 – 13.00 FINAL DISCUSSION

