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.
**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** 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** Anne Hartmann (Bochum): Concepts of the Criminal in the Discourse of “Perekovka”
    Discussant: Leona Toker (Jerusalem)

  - **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)

**12.30 – 13.00** FINAL DISCUSSION

Coffee break