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‘Hearing Voices’ The Violence of Women’s Incarceration

5.30-7.45pm, Thursday 12 March
Sydney Law School
F10, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney

About the Speaker
Phil Scraton PhD is Professor of Criminology in the Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice, School of Law, Queen’s University, Belfast where he is Director of the Childhood, Transition and Social Justice Initiative. Widely published, his recent books include: ‘Childhood’ in ‘Crisis’?; Hillsborough: The Truth; Beyond September 11; Power, Conflict and Criminalisation. He is a founding member of INQUEST and Action Prisons. With Jude McCulloch he is co-editor of ‘The Violence of Incarceration’

About the Topic
Based on in-depth primary research with women in prison in the North of Ireland and ahead of publication of The Incarceration of Women (with Linda Moore, Palgrave Macmillan) this talk focuses on key issues regarding women’s imprisonment. These include: prison as an institutional manifestation of women’s powerlessness and vulnerability; prison understood in the context of a ‘continuum of violence’ (Kelly) and a ‘continuum of unsafety’ (Stanko); ‘agency’ and resistance; gender specificity and abolitionism. These theoretical considerations will be explored in the contexts of the day-to-day experiences of women and girl prisoners, their voices and the legacy of conflict in Ireland.

Chair: Professor Julie Stubbs, Sydney Law School

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