Reflecting on Abolition Feminism and Transformative Justice Theory and Praxis: Healing, Restoration and Transformation

In cooperation with the GRADE Center Gender

**Objective**

In this workshop, we draw on an Abolition Feminism framework that conceptualizes the prison as part of a network of violence that deflects attention from the root causes of harm and neglects the role of healing, restoration, and transformation. We also explore the role of joy in Transformative Justice and activism.

**Description**

The Covid-19 pandemic has seen a reinforcement of prisons, other institutions in the prison industrial complex, and carceral logics, rather than seizing the moment to invest in community-led initiatives that centre healing and care. The reality that women, men, non-binary, other gender expansive, and diverse people and children continue to be incarcerated means that as a society we support or at best acquiesce to systemic dehumanization (Gilmore 2007, 243). This is something that can and is being challenged in a myriad of ways. Through our Abolition Feminism framework, we reconnect with Black feminist roots that point us to “the development of integrated analysis and practice based upon the fact that the major systems of oppression are interlocking” (Combahee River Collective [1977], 2017, 15).

**Methodology**

This draws on the Kitchen Table method that enables for a relaxed dialogue around aspects of Transformative Justice and its connection with joy and activism. We will incorporate a range of teaching methods e.g., self-reflective exercises, multimedia activities, group work to create a more interactive and collaborative learning environment.

**Conditions**

Everyone with an interest in the topic is welcome to join the workshop. No preparation for this workshop is needed. However, if you would like to undertake some research prior to the sessions, you are welcome engage with the suggestions for the individual sessions listed on the website of the Cornelia Goethe Center.

**Organizational Information**

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| Date              | Wednesday, 19 July 2023, 16:00 – 18:00  
                     Thursday, 20 July 2023, 10:00 – 15:00 |
| Registration      | Previous registration is required. To register, please write an e-mail to Anmeldung_CGCentrum@soz.uni-frankfurt.de, by June 28, 2023, at the latest. Further information: https://www.cgc.uni-frankfurt.de/ |