

ENGLISH ABSTRACT

Title : Inside and outside : the ambivalence of juveniles detainment

A branch of new custodial institutions for juveniles was developed in the last 20 years in the French legal landscape. Recent sociological studies show how some new ideology of juvenile care is emerging. While there is a privatization and a diversification of custodial institutions, forms of confinement are changing. I observed those institutions with an ethnographic methodology in attempt to understand the deprivation of liberty of juveniles.

This presentation will reveal an ambivalence appearing about closed institutions' policies: between coercion and protection, immobilization and mobility, openness and closeness, securitization and humanization. The first role of the deprivation of liberty is the isolation of the body from society. At the same time, we observed a tendency towards the opening up and humanization of closed institutions, mostly by renovation of spaces, access to rights, individualization and extramural intervention.

This new principle of confinement is enforced in an attempt to reduce coercion and involve the juveniles in their detention and judicial path. To that end, individualization of detention, autonomy and responsabilization of juveniles are in the center of interventions. However, results of our survey show how this humanizing process does not reduce spatial coercion, and can even create a new form of control operating extramurally, on the subjects' minds, biographies, and paths.

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