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## **Open Seminar Series**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2012 13:00 – 14:00

SEERC Conference Room Strategakis Bldg – 3rd floor

## "Punishment, Penal Policy, and the Enfranchisement of Prisoners"

by

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## ABSTRACT

This seminar will examine developments in prisoner enfranchisement in various jurisdictions to determine the relationship between the rights of prisoners and punishment and penal policy. Prisoner enfranchisement has been a subject of controversy in many countries through-out world, from Israel to the United States and the United Kingdom to Australia. Using prisoner enfranchisement as an indicator of

how a society treats citizens while incarcerated, this seminar will outline the situation in various jurisdictions and considers whether the rights accorded to prisoners while incarcerated may indicate not just a country's penal philosophy, but also influence how well prisoners readjust to society after release.

The seminar series is open to all members of *staff* and *students* of CITY and to *public* that wish to attend.

