

The Center for Health Justice and Bioethics &
The Criminal Justice Department
present

COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON DESISTANCE FROM CRIME

with

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Barriers are a normal part of the route out of crime, but how these are experienced and met varies across different national and penal contexts. In this presentation, the notion of structural desistance ladders – conceptualized as allegorical apparatuses that aid the overcoming of barriers – are presented and exemplified. Dr. Österman will draw comparative analytical perspectives the Nordic and the UK contexts to demonstrate. The discussion will center on a contemporary Nordic penal context, where shifts in criminal justice policy and practice are currently forcing critical questions of progression and regression linked to desistance and associated structural ladders.



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