

Legal and carceral geographies

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Legal and carceral geography are established sub-fields of geography in the Anglo-American world. In the Nordic context they have emerged more widely only in recent years. This session addresses the constitution of legal and/or carceral spaces, and the ways of researching them in various contexts. We have adopted a widened understanding of both the legal and the carceral. Legal geographies concern law/space -relations, but equally the ways in which rights, duties, norms, desires and resistances are spatially performed, and how legal spaces are thus constituted. The carceral, on its part, appears in daily practices, acts of governing, and in the ways of behaving towards other people both in institutional and more-than-institutional contexts. Both legal and the carceral are related to various forms of governing, controlling, and policing at various spatial scales and contexts.

We invite both theoretical and empirical presentations (in English) that are linked with legal and/or carceral question at various spatial scales and contexts. The research topics may be related to, for instance, public/private spaces, properties, institutions, normalizing processes, mobilities, and spaces of care. In order to have time for discussion and networking, we will have short presentations (10 min) following comments and conversation. After acceptance to present at the session, to help the commentators work, the participants will deliver the written versions of their papers to the organizers before 15. October.