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Gender ARC and Global Women's Studies at NUI Galway are pleased to invite you to the following research seminar:

The Experience of Imprisonment for Incarcerated Mothers and their Children in Ireland

Sinead O'Malley, PhD Candidate, UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre at the National University of Ireland – Galway

Date: Wednesday 11 November

Time: 4.00-5.00 pm

Venue: The Hardiman Research Building, R1001

Abstract: This presentation will give an overview of a participatory research project with mothers in prison in Ireland, peppered throughout with testimonies from incarcerated mothers about their involvement thus far. Being the first participatory research project to be embraced by the Irish Prison Service, it has experienced many joys but its complexities are continuous and yet the project is only at the latter stages of fieldwork interviews.

Sinead O'Malley began her research in the area of maternal incarceration in Ireland in 2012 and joined UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre in October 2013 as a doctoral fellow. Her current project uses mixed methods to identify the profile of mothers in prison in Ireland, the care and visiting arrangement of their children, and the storied lives of the incarcerated mother in relation to her separation from her children and her sense of motherhood. Sinead has Social Work professional experience in Child Protection and Welfare and Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS), and experience working with both the homeless and the traveller communities over a number of years.

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