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WORKSHOP ON

# "Activism and the criminalisation continuum: from labelling to criminal justice"

21-22 May 2026

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**MEETING ROOM** [Geolocation of the Historical Archives from the Antia Residence and passing through the Old University building](#)

## Programme

### Wednesday 20 May 2026

Arrival  
21:00 Welcome dinner for the participants  
*[Oñatiko Batzokia Jatetxea - Street: Foruen Enparantza, 9]*

### Thursday 21 May 2026

08:30 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 09:30 **Welcome and introduction**  
**Camilo Umaña**, IISL Scientific Director  
**Leire Kortabarria**, IISL Publications officer  
**Anna Di Ronco, Brunilda Pali, Federica Rossi and Elian Weizman**, coordinators

09:30 - 09:50 **PANEL 1: NON/HUMAN ANIMAL PROTEST AND REPRESSION**  
**Tracey Davanna**  
*'It sounds like they're under siege!' Implications & attitudes towards new repressive measures against animal rights protests in England & Wales*  
09:50 - 10:10 **João Raphael da Silva**  
*The Criminalization of the U.S.-based Radical Environmental and Animal Rights Movement (1970-2022)*  
10:10 - 10:30 **Anna Di Ronco and Brunilda Pali**  
*The weaponization of non-human animals for repression and oppression*

10:30 - 11:15 **Discussion**

11:15 - 11:45 **Coffee break**



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## Thursday 21 May 2026

### PANEL 2: CRIMINALISING CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTEST

- 11:45 - 12:05 **David Whyte**  
*Criminalisation as economic regulation: class, climate and social control*
- 12:05 - 12:25 **Angus Nurse**  
*Environmental Activism as a form of insurgency: Criminalisation, Politicisation and the Politics of Dissent*
- 12:25 - 12:45 **Oscar Berglund, Christina Pantazis, Roxana Pessoa Cavalcanti, Chris Rosedale**  
*The global criminalisation and repression of climate and environmental protest – A Repertoire of Repression*

12:45 - 13:30 **Discussion**

13:45 - 15:15 **Lunch break** [Cantina Zapore]

### PANEL 3: PRACTICES OF MICRO-REPRESSION AND POLICING

- 15:15 - 15:35 **Diana Malaj**  
*Labeling environmental activism as a socially dangerous act: from informal tactics to formal practices of criminalizing local communities in Albania*
- 15:35 - 15:55 **Murray Lee**  
*A Bridge Too Far: Policing, Authorisation, and the Limits of Peaceful Protest in Sydney*
- 15:55 - 16:15 **Vitoria Oliveira Monteiro**  
*Narratives of Resistance Against Police Violence in the Brazilian Amazon Region: An Intersectional and Criminological Approach*
- 16:15 - 17:00 **Discussion**  
**Closing remarks on the first day**

## Friday 22 May 2026

### PANEL 4: CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AS SITES OF SECURITIZATION AND REPRESSION

**Coffee & welcome from 8.30am**

- 09:00 - 09:20 **Aitor Jiménez**  
*Infrastructures of capital, Infrastructures for resistance*
- 09:20 - 09:40 **Jayne Mooney**  
*Fracking, Feminism, Resistance: The Impact of and Response to Women's Activism Against Natural Resource Extraction*
- 09:40 - 10:00 **Mariam Salameh-Puvogel**  
*Repressing Resistances to Settler-Colonial Violence through Educational Reform*

10:00 - 10:45 **Discussion**

10:45 - 11:15 **Coffee break**



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**Panel 5: CRIMINALISATION OF SOLIDARITY MOVEMENTS**

11:15 - 11:35 **Mickhaella Ermita**

*Social Cohesion as Settler Colonialism: Repressing Pro-Palestine Protest in Australia*

11:35 - 11:55 **Brunilda Pali and Polly Pallister-Wilkins**

*From police violence to (self) censorship: Mapping the continuum of criminalization of student-led Palestine solidarity activism in the Netherlands*

11:55 - 12:40 **Discussion**

13:00 - 14:15 **Lunch break** [*Cantina Zapore*]

**SHIFTS AND THRESHOLDS OF CRIMINALISATION**

14:15 - 14:35 **Federica Rossi, Elian Weizman and Katherine Miller**

*Palestine Action: a case study into the harms of proscription*

14:35 - 14:55 **Joanna Gilmore**

*Political Activism in British Courts from the Public Order Act 1986 to the Public Order Act 2023: Repression and Resistance*

14:55 - 15:40 **Discussion**

15:40 - 16:45 **Conclusion of the workshop and short discussion on future projects**