

# **Effects of Imprisonment on Romanian Offenders' Lives**

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## **RESULTS**

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## **I. Popularization of the research project**

**First result.** Website update with new information regarding the progress of the empirical research and the project' results: <http://www.prisonresearch.ro/>.

## **II. Dissemination of the scientific results**

**Second result.** The attendance of two international conferences:

- 1) *Effects of Imprisonment on Institutional Misconduct of Romanian Male Prisoners*, presented at The 14th Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology “Criminology of Europe: Inspiration by Diversity”, Prague, Czech Republic, **10-13 September 2014**. Organizers: European Society of Criminology, in partnership with Czech Society of Criminology and Charles University:  
<http://www.eurocrim2014.com/>
- 2) *Predictors of Institutional Misbehavior in Romanian Prisons*, paper presented at Lumen International Scientific Conference “*Transdisciplinarity and Communicative Action. Fifth Edition*”, Târgoviște, Romania, **21-22 November 2014**. Organizers: Lumen Research Center in Social and Humanistic Sciences, Lumen Publishing House and Lumen UK, in partnership with Valahia University of Târgoviște, Faculty of Political Sciences, Letters and Communication, Research Center in Political Sciences and Communication, Târgoviște, Romania; Higher Education Research and Consulting Company, USA; Faculty of Philosophy and Social and Political Sciences within “Al. I. Cuza” University from Iasi; Faculty of Law within “Mihail Kogalniceanu” University from Iasi; Faculty of Law and the Legal Research Center within “Petre Andrei” University from Iasi: <http://conferinta.info/>

**Third result.** Scientific publications

- 1) *Predictors of Institutional Misbehavior in Romanian Prisons*, in the International Scientific Conference “Transdisciplinarity and Communicative Action” volume, Medimond International Proceedings, Bologna, 2014, (indexed in ISI Thomson Reuters, Web of Science) (accepted for publication).
- 2) Another article focused on prison violence will be sending for review in an international journal (i.e. European Journal of Criminology) by the end of December.

**Fourth result.** Membership

- 1) Member of European Society of Criminology, *Prison Life and Effects of Imprisonment Working Group*: <http://effectsofprisonlife.wordpress.com/> (2013-2014).
- 2) Member of European Sociological Association, *Quantitative Methods and Qualitative Methods Research Networks* (2014-2015):  
<http://www.europeansociology.org/research-networks>

**III. Results of the empirical research**

**Fifth result.** Two main datasets (*in Romanian*); each contains 280 cases (inmates incarcerated at four prisons: Craiova, Giurgiu, Timisoara and Tulcea). The first one includes approximately 600 variables and is based on self-reported data collected via questionnaires administered to inmates in a face-to-face survey. It includes an array of variables associated to familial background; the offending history; history of drug/alcohol use; experience of current imprisonment; relationships with life partners before and during imprisonment; relationships with children before and during imprisonment; relationships with friends before and during imprisonment; education, employment history and the development of human capital in prison. The second one includes approximately 200 variables and is based on official records drawn from the prisons' administration electronic database. It includes variables associated with the institutional status of inmates. For the purposes of analysis, these two data sets can be easily merged as both include the questionnaire number and also a set of common variables (i.e. the name of prison, the prison regime, type of crime, length of sentence, and the date of inmate birth). A third dataset containing only 24 cases (inmates' life-partners) was also created. It includes over 200 variables (socio-demographics, variables measuring the quality of conjugal relationship before and during men imprisonment, and variables describing the relationship with children).

**Sixth result.** Transcripts of 50 semi-structured, in-depth interviews (over 900 pages; *in Romanian*) with inmates for three prisons (Gaesti, Giurgiu, Rahova), covering various topics related to the impact of imprisonment: how the inmate become involved in crime; the first contact with the prison environment; the experience of current incarceration; perceptions of personal change in prison; the quality of marital relationships before and during imprisonment; the quality of relationships with children before and during imprisonment; the quality of friendships before and during imprisonment; education, employment history and

development of human capital during imprisonment; future plans. Transcripts of the three interviews conducted with inmates' life partners are also available (*in Romanian*).

**Seventh result.** Methodological report

It includes the description of the field research preparation: gaining access to prisons, the exploratory and pilot study; and also the description of prisons in which I conducted the research; the participants; the research instruments; and the ethical principles that guided the research. It also includes six Annexes: the interview guide for inmates (Annex 1), the interview guide for inmates' family (Annex 2), the questionnaire for inmates (Annex 3), the form for the official data collection from the prison electronic database (Annex 4), the questionnaire for families (Annex 5), the socio-demographics of interviewees (Annex 6). The report is available in Romanian (18 pages, plus the aforementioned Annexes).

**Eighth result.** Scientific report

It presents the first results of the quantitative and qualitative data analyses (*in Romanian*).