



UCD School of Geography Seminar Series

On the Practice of Police Abolition

Prof Luis Fernandez

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Since the Black Lives Matter movement in the United States presented police abolition as a central claim in 2020, many activists, scholars, and practitioners spent time designing, imagining, and attempting to implement ways to abolish the police. This talk will trace theoretical differences between prison and police abolition, along with implications. Further, the talk will present an analysis of current practices and responses to social movement demands for racial equality in policing. Finally, it will conclude with a general classification of approaches to help us understand the types of actions possible.

Biography

Luis A. Fernandez is Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Northern Arizona University. His teaching and research focus on social control, social movements, and globalization in late modernity, and he is active in various community-based efforts related to immigration and policing in the United States. He is the author and editor of several books, including *Policing Dissent: Social Control and the Anti-Globalization Movement*, *Contemporary Anarchist Studies*, and *Shutting Down the Streets*. His most recent research focuses on the alt-right and the emergence of neo-fascism.