Can the Incarcerated Subaltern Speak – and Who’s Listening?

DISQUALIFIED STORIES AND THE PROBLEM OF PRISONER KNOWLEDGE

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It matters when people can’t tell their stories. It also matters when stories are told, but no one wants to hear them. In her presentation, Professor Colvin will discuss the uncomfortable stories told by German prisoners and more broadly the prisoner storytellers’ concerns about the disqualification of their knowledge. She will consider the place of prisoner experience in cultural knowledge and memory and set hopes for redemption against fear of contagion.

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