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„Frontiers in Geographical Research”

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Everyday Carcerality: Rethinking control beyond confinement

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While existing research extends carcerality beyond prison walls, the limits of this extension remain unclear. This seminar explores everyday carceral geographies – how forms of control, surveillance and restriction circulate through the ordinary spaces, practices, and emotions of daily life. Drawing on research in institutional contexts such as schools and care homes, as well as broader sites of mobility and border enforcement, the seminar develops “everyday carcerality” as an emerging theoretical lens, considering how confinement operates through mundane routines, banal environments, and interpersonal relations that subtly or overtly shape freedom. But, if the everyday is carceral, how might that reshape our understanding of prison space itself? Can the routines and spaces of daily life truly be carceral? By exploring these questions, the seminar reopens debates about the boundaries of carcerality, positioning everyday experiences as a lens through which control is lived, reproduced, and sometimes resisted.

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