

# Reframing the 'Pains of Imprisonment': Solidarity, Justice, and Incarcerated Women in the Philippines

「投獄の苦しみ」を再定義する：  
フィリピンにおける連帯、正義、そして収監中の女性たち

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This special lecture examines the lived experiences of unsentenced women in the Philippine jail system, arguing that Western theories such as Gresham Sykes' "pains of imprisonment" fail to capture the gendered realities of the Global South. For Filipino women, incarceration affects not only themselves but also the families and kinship networks that depend on them as mothers and primary economic providers. Prolonged pretrial detention therefore extends punishment beyond prison walls. Despite these hardships, qualitative findings show that incarcerated women demonstrate remarkable resilience through collective solidarity and cultural practices such as *damayan* and *bayanihan*. These practices help resist social isolation and support stronger reintegration into society after release.

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