**Rise of the Carceral State as an Unintended Consequence of the Post-Cold War Liberal Policy of Securitization**

Two and a half decades ago an American academic Francis Fukuyama hailed the “end of history”. It took less than a decade for the very same person to claim that “history had restarted”. As the post-Cold War euphoria proved to be too intoxicating, the world’s only and lonely superpower tried to convert what was perceived as a total victory into a new system of global security based on a mixture of old-style idealism and institutional liberalism inspired by economic globalization. However, instead of enjoying a huge “peace dividend” the world now puzzles over a series of threats ranging from proliferation of weak and failing states accompanied by tides of illegal migrations to “misconduct” of states seeking statuses different from their current ones and thus in need of “containment”. The expanse of liberal policies of securitization has been consistently building up the “double trouble” of marginalization and exclusion*de-facto*. Internationally, the marginalized territories and states perceived as threats of various kinds are to be contained and punished by sanctions to alter their patterns of behavior (as in the case of “resurgent and revisionist” Russia) or direct interventions. Domestically, the marginalized population groups are to be closely watched and policed to prevent large-scale riots or home-grown terrorist activities. This process takes the shape of what is called “the carceral state” and may have profound implications for the states acting as an “international police”.