



UC Center Sacramento

“Has California Figured Out How To End Mass Incarceration?”

A Zócalo/California Wellness Foundation Event, Co-Presented with UC Center Sacramento

Wednesday, February 24th

12:00 - 1:00pm

In light of the community concerns regarding COVID-19, this talk will be given as a webinar. The link will be provided on February 23rd to those that have registered by 5:00 pm on Monday, February 22nd at uccs.ucdavis.edu.

Between 1975 and 2007, incarceration rates in the United States increased nearly fivefold. But over the last decade, California has slowly turned away from mass incarceration, reducing its prison population and changing criminal sentencing and other law enforcement practices to give more people more second chances. What has California done right in this transformation, and where has it fallen short? How are criminal justice system reforms changing our economy, our schools, our housing markets, our health systems, and our politics? And what would a truly just criminal justice system look like? UC Berkeley public policy professor Steven Raphael visits Zócalo to examine criminal justice reform in California and how ending mass incarceration might change our communities.



Dr. Steven Raphael is a Professor of Public Policy at UC Berkeley and holds the James D. Marver Chair at the Goldman School of Public Policy. His research focuses on the economics of low-wage labor markets, housing, and the economics of crime and corrections. His most recent research focuses on the social consequences of the large increases in U.S. incarceration rates and racial disparities in criminal justice outcomes. Raphael also works on immigration policy, research questions pertaining to various aspects of racial inequality, the economics of labor unions, social insurance policies, homelessness, and low-income housing. Raphael is the author (with Michael Stoll) of *Why Are so Many Americans in Prison?* (published by the Russell Sage Foundation Press) and *The New Scarlet Letter? Negotiating the U.S. Labor Market with a Criminal Record* (published by the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research). Raphael is research fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research, the California Policy Lab, the University of Michigan National Poverty Center, the University of Chicago Crime Lab, IZA, Bonn Germany, and the Public Policy Institute of California. Raphael holds a Ph.D. in economics from UC Berkeley.

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