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# The Production and Penalization of the Precariat in the Neoliberal Age



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Drawing on Bourdieu's theory of social space and symbolic power, Professor Loïc Wacquant builds a bridge between his books *Urban Outcasts* and *Punishing the Poor* to bring into a single model the emergence of the "precariat" and shifts in public policies aimed at managing problem populations and territories in the dualizing city. He tracks the rise of a new regime of "advanced marginality", and shows how states have responded to the objective and subjective social insecurity this regime has spawned through "punitive containment".

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