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## **LIFE TRAJECTORIES OF FOREIGN WOMEN IN PORTUGUESE PRISONS**

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A study about foreign women detained in Portuguese prisons is presented. Two arguments validate the development of the project: the recognition of Portugal as one of the European countries with highest proportion of women among the prison population (despite the downward trend of recent years); and the increasing proportion of female foreign prisoners in the country. After a first study where these women were characterized in socio demographic and criminal aspects, we conducted in-depth interviews about their life trajectories. The interviews were transcribed and analyzed using software Nvivo9. The analysis of foreign women's narratives reveals that gender and migration issues are nuclear in most of their life trajectories. Similarities and differences between the narratives of foreign women and the narratives of Portuguese women in prison were also found.