

Determinismo, criminologia, neuroscienze

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Abstract: This paper aims at analysing the complex relation between Determinism and Criminology. The enduring diatribe between the deterministic view of human life and the evolution theories, if applied to the criminological field, leads to the question whether the human beings were born criminal or they become criminals. Nowadays, the answer to this question seems to be more difficult since Neuroimaging Techniques came out in the forensic field and further issues arise and need a detailed investigation: Which role could have a Positron Emission Tomography (PET), or any other neuroimaging techniques, in the tortuous analysis of a psychiatric examination? Could Forensic Psychopathology have found a precious or a bitter enemy that, thanks to its scientific methodology, could give no room for criminological surveys? In the paper the Author tries to answer these questions on the base of scientific sources, and on criminological literature.

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