



**Wednesday, December 9th**  
**3:30pm**

**Luz Dragotto: *Second Chances, Rugby in Jail***

The "Fundacion Espartanos" is a non-profit organization that teaches how to play rugby to prisoners in various prisons. They teach this sport because of the values it has, which will be useful for life outside the prison. As they evolved, other activities were incorporated. Now, in addition to playing rugby, prisoners learn trades and pray the rosary every week. Thanks to these activities, they are now better people and violence does not predominate in the prison. They try to lower the rate of criminal recidivism by promoting the integration, socialization, and accompaniment of people deprived of their liberty through rugby, education, work and spirituality. This study aims to change the negative thoughts about sport, that new companies are willing to give jobs to those with criminal records, that everyone can know about the history of this Foundation, know that sometimes a crazy idea can end up in a project that helps many people and raise awareness about second chances. This work is based on some questions like: is "Espartanos" implemented only in Argentina? Or, is it implemented in other countries as well? How was this foundation created? How do they implement the values of rugby in prisons? How did they start? Why did they give it the name of "Espartanos"? To obtain all this information apart from consulting websites and conducting surveys, it was obtained through the book that this organization has, called "No permanecer caido". To conclude you can see that even if you believe that this sport is violent, it is not and it can change the lives of many people who were without hope. People who lived surrounded by violence and abuse, can go free and have a normal life.