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**Michel Foucault despre istoria nebuniei și  
dezvoltarea psihiatriei modern  
Michel Foucault's history of madness and the  
development of modern psychiatry**

**Abstract:**

In my paper I present and comment the French philosopher and social scientist Michel Foucault's approach to the relation between psychiatry and penal practices in the modern era. Some links with the anthropologic school of criminology and depenalization of crime are also discussed.