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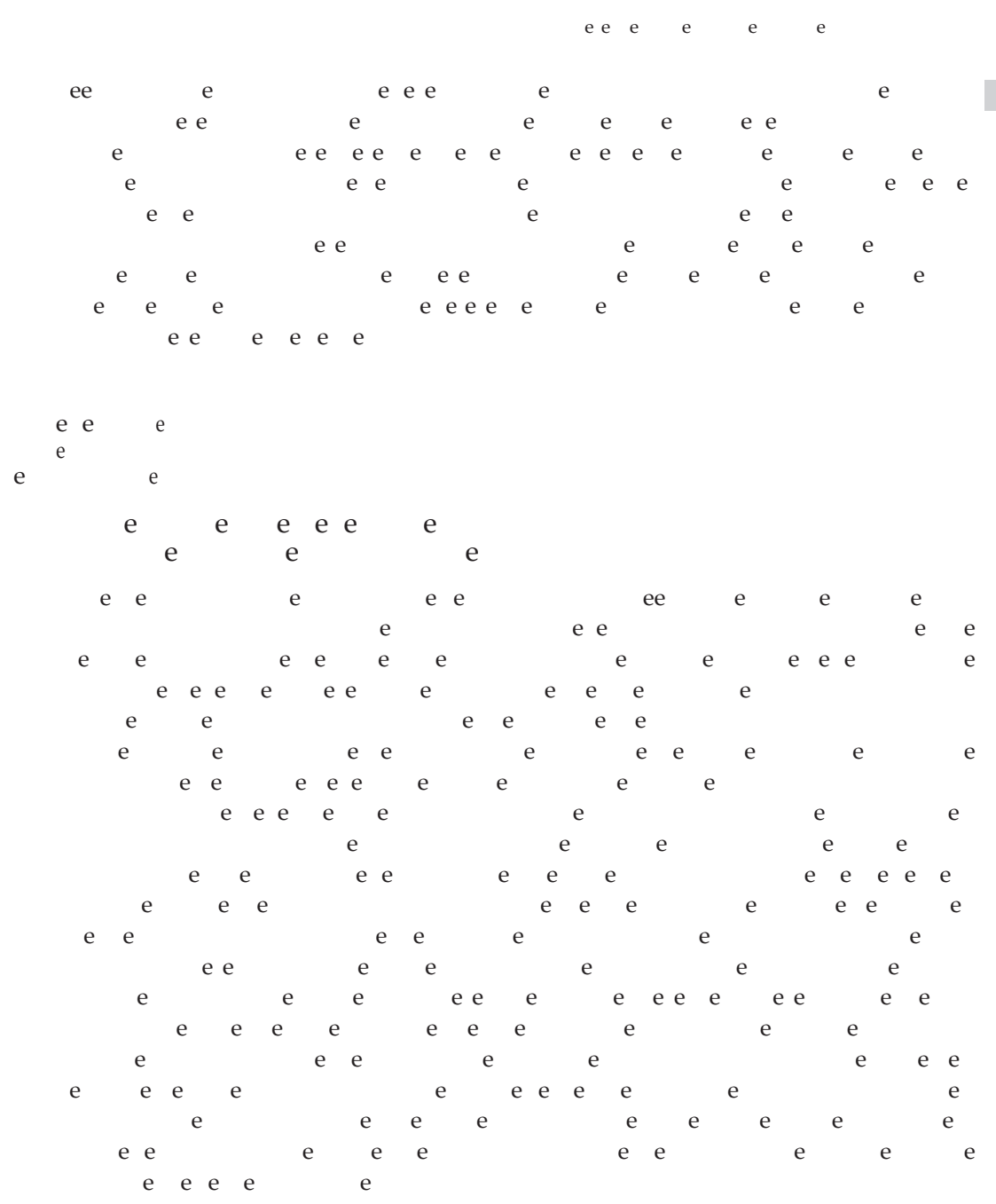
# ABSTRACTS

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**Young women in prison: Life trajectories, meanings of crime and identity construction**

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A theoretical and empirical approach to female criminality is presented. It focuses life trajectories, meanings of crime and the process of identity construction of young women in prison. The study was based on the theoretical assumption that social construction of gender is crucial on these women's trajectories and is reflected on the social answers to their deviant behaviours. The methods used in the empirical research were also influenced by gender construction perspectives. In a qualitative approach to young female offenders' discourses, we valued the perspectives of the female protagonists of deviant behaviour.

