

Course Outline

COURSE:		LAWS 3005A - Law and Regulation
TERM:		Fall 2015
PREREQUISITES:		1.0 credit from: LAWS 2201, LAWS 2202, LAWS 2501, LAWS 2502
CLASS:	Day & Time:	Friday 11:35AM–2:25PM
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term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (*if applicable*). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (*if applicable*) at <http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/>

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<http://www.carleton.ca/law/student-resources/department-policies/>

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is concerned with the relation between law and regulation, broadly construed. More specifically, we will examine the role that power and violence plays in constructing a social, legal, and political order. As a result, we will study general strategies for structuring legal and political power in relation to and by the modern state. The course begins with an overview of the historical sociology of the state and some theoretical reflections on the general relation between state power and violence. The remainder of the course studies how violence, power, and the law are used to organize and structure societies, by both the state and organizations beyond the state. We will discuss concepts such as sovereignty, government, biopolitics, and the state of exception. The course is both reading and writing intensive and the material is intentionally difficult: students should keep this in mind when enrolling in the course.

REQUIRED TEXTS

The following books are *required* and are available for purchase at Octopus Books in the Glebe:

Agamben, Giorgio. *Homo Sacer: Sovereign Power and Bare Life*. Translated by Daniel Heller-Roazen.

Stanford: Stanford UP, 1998.

Chamayou, Grégoire. *A Theory of the Drone*. Translated by Janet Lloyd. New York: The New Press, 2015.

Foucault, Michel. *The Birth of Biopolitics: Lectures at the Collège de France, 1978–1979*. Edited by Michel Senellart and Arnold I. Davidson. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008.

Schmitt, Carl. *Political Theology: Four Chapters on the Concept of Sovereignty*. Translated by George Schwab. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2005.

Wolfe, Carey. *Before the Law: Humans and Other Animals in a Biopolitical Frame*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012.

All other readings available on cuLearn.

EVALUATION

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Department and of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Department and the Dean.

Short Essays	75% (3 x 25%)
Response Papers	25% (10 x 2.5%)

Short Essays (3 x 25%)

Students are required to complete three short papers (about 1750 words each). These short assignments are intended to be exercises wherein the student enquires into the logic of a particular concept, argument, or passage, discussing its strengths and weaknesses, its meaning, its implications, and potential applications. It is expected that papers will extend beyond mere summaries of the readings and will attempt to critically engage with the concepts. Students must focus on the assigned texts---i.e., those which are discussed in class---rather than relying upon secondary sources. Papers must be written in standard English, with proper citations and a bibliography. Any recognized style (APA, MLA, Chicago, etc) is acceptable. The text should be set in a standard font (e.g., Times New Roman, Helvetica, Palatino) with 1" margins on all four sides. A title page is not necessary, but your name, student number, and the course code should appear in the header of all the pages. The word count for the assignment must be included. Assignments must be submitted via cuLearn in PDF format.

First assignment due September 27

With reference to Walter Benjamin, Max Weber, and Carl Schmitt, analyze the following passage taken from *Political Theology*:

Therein resides the essence of the state's sovereignty, which must be juristically defined correctly, not as the monopoly to coerce or to rule, but as the monopoly to decide.

Second assignment due November 2

Answer the following question:

What does Michel Foucault understand to be the specific differences between the liberalism of eighteenth century England and the neo-liberalism of twentieth century United States insofar as both are modes of governmentality?

Third assignment (note: take-home exam) due December 21

With reference to Foucault's concept of biopolitics, Agamben's elaboration of biopolitics in *Homo Sacer*, Wolfe's critique of Agamben, and Chamayou's application of biopolitics to drone warfare, discuss the following passage from Agamben's *Homo Sacer*:

Along with the emergence of biopolitics, we can observe a gradual displacement and gradual expansion beyond the limits of the decision on bare life, in the state of exception, in which sovereignty consisted. If there is a line in every modern state marking the point at which the decision on bare life becomes a decision on death, and biopolitics can turn into thanatopolitics, this line no longer appears today as a stable border dividing two clearly distinct zones. This line is now in motion and gradually moving into areas other than that of political life, areas in which the sovereign is entering into an ever more intimate symbiosis not only with the jurist but also with the doctor, the scientist, the expert, and the priest.

Response Papers (10 x 2.5%)

Students are required to write ten short response papers. Each response paper is due at the start of class the week in which the readings are done and the responses should address the entire set of readings where there is more than one reading. Responses should be about 500 words long. While it is understandable that some summary will be required in these assignments, the expectation is that students will use response papers as an opportunity to reflect upon the readings. For instance, students might relate one set of readings to a prior set, or they might relate the concepts developed in the readings to a current event, or students might demonstrate how the readings relate to their own life experiences. Responses are not marked on the basis of whether the student gets the readings right, but on the basis of whether or not the student has made an effort to understand the readings and to think about the readings. Late response papers will not be accepted and response papers must be submitted in class (unless otherwise authorized).

SCHEDULE**September 11, 2015**

Benjamin, Walter. "Critique of Violence." In *Reflections*, edited by Peter Demetz, 277–300. New York: Schocken, 1978.

Weber, Max. "Politics as a Vocation." In *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*, edited by H.H. Gerth and C. Wright Mills, 77–128. New York: Oxford UP, 1946. (Selections)

September 18, 2015

Schmitt, Carl. *Political Theology: Four Chapters on the Concept of Sovereignty*. Translated by George Schwab. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2005.

September 25, 2015

Foucault, Michel. “‘*Omnes et Singulatim*’: Toward a Critique of Political Reason.” In *Power: The Essential Works of Michel Foucault, 1954–1984*, edited by James D. Faubion, 298–325. New York: The New Press, 2000.

Foucault, Michel. *Security, Territory, Population: Lectures at the Collège de France, 1977–1978*. Edited by Michel Senellart and Arnold I. Davidson. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007. (Chapter 4)

October 2, 2015

Foucault, Michel. *The Birth of Biopolitics: Lectures at the Collège de France, 1978–1979*. Edited by Michel Senellart and Arnold I. Davidson. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008. (Chapters 1–3)

October 9, 2015

Foucault, Michel. *The Birth of Biopolitics: Lectures at the Collège de France, 1978–1979*. Edited by Michel Senellart and Arnold I. Davidson. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008. (Chapters 4–8)

October 16, 2015

Foucault, Michel. *The Birth of Biopolitics: Lectures at the Collège de France, 1978–1979*. Edited by Michel Senellart and Arnold I. Davidson. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008. (Chapters 9–12)

October 23, 2015

Foucault, Michel. *Discipline & Punish: The Birth of the Prison*. New York: Vintage, 1995. (170–228, 293–308)

October 30, 2015 — No class**November 6, 2015**

Foucault, Michel. “The Politics of Health in the Eighteenth Century.” In *The Foucault Reader*, edited by Paul Rabinow, 273–89. New York: Pantheon, 1984.

Foucault, Michel. *The History of Sexuality: An Introduction*. Translated by Robert Hurley. New York: Vintage, 1990. (135–59)

November 13, 2015

Agamben, Giorgio. *Homo Sacer: Sovereign Power and Bare Life*. Translated by Daniel Heller-Roazen. Stanford: Stanford UP, 1998. (Parts 1 and 2)

November 20, 2015

Agamben, Giorgio. *Homo Sacer: Sovereign Power and Bare Life*. Translated by Daniel Heller-Roazen. Stanford: Stanford UP, 1998. (Part 3)

November 27, 2015

Wolfe, Carey. *Before the Law: Humans and Other Animals in a Biopolitical Frame*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012.

December 4, 2015

Chamayou, Grégoire. *A Theory of the Drone*. Translated by Janet Lloyd. New York: The New Press, 2015.