

COURSE:	LAWS 3306 A / V - Crime, Law, Process and Politics
TERM:	Winter 2014
PREREQUISITES:	1.0 credit from LASS 2004 [1.0] (no longer offered), LAWS 2301, LAWS 2302
CLASS:	Day & Time: Section A – Thursday 18:05 – 21:00 Room: Please check Carleton Central for current room location Broadcast: Section T –
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OBJECTIVES & CONTENT:

This course focuses on the politics inherent in the use of the criminal justice system to maintain social order. Students will explore the nature of "political crimes", including the use of conventional criminal sanctions against the politically motivated offender – 'terrorism' is prominent in this current discussion. The course will identify current issues focusing on the shift of mores and power in western society, and examine approaches to 'reform' of the criminal justice system and the 'dominant discourse' of media and politics. Frequent comparison with American judicial and political experience will be explored.

REQUIRED READING:

There is **NO COURSE PACK** - Please check course web site for sources, resources, articles, editorials, and items expanding on lectures. As well, other readings will be referred to or suggested in class on a regular basis. ** The more reading and independent pursuit of topics covered in lectures, the better prepared students will be, both to participate in lecture discussions and to provide informative content in essay responses on the exams.

Pocket Criminal Code. [any current edition] would be useful reference.

Suggested supplement to course: Verdun-Jones, Simon. Criminal Law in Canada: Cases, Questions and the Code, 5th ed. Toronto: Harcourt Canada, 2002.

EVALUATION: Midterm Exam - 30% Final Exam - 70%**Midterm Exam** - closed book, 1.5 hrs - scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 7

1. Please double-check the CUTV web site for the location. Exam will consist of an essay chosen from several topics.

Please note: It is your responsibility to pick up from the Law dept. or arrange to receive from CUOL your midterm exam. I cannot tell a student his or her mark over the phone or by email.

2. **Final Exam** - The final exam will be a university scheduled closed book exam of 2.5 hrs. The final exam may consist of a fact situation and also contain essay-style questions, with choices. Details will be discussed in the class. Final exams are not returned to the student but are retained by the Department. If you wish to see your exam after it has been marked, please contact the department and you can arrange a time to do so.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Failure to complete any portion of the required evaluation will result in an F grade. Students who fail to meet this course's requirements, ie. complete the midterm exam, may be assigned an **FND** grade on the FGR. A deferral granted by the Registrar's Office *prior* to receipt of the FGR may be rescinded if this grade is assigned.

PLEASE NOTE: Reading is considered a foundation source which enables class discussion, and is not required to be done in any particular sequence, but you are entrusted with doing that reading. I do not provide electronic notes; please pay attention to the class lectures & discussions to absorb the key themes. HAVE FAITH! Apparent vagueness in material discussed or referenced will resolve itself as lectures progress; **you will be invited to think, analyze, and be critical, rather than regurgitate notes.**

COURSE OUTLINE

1. **Introduction:** the *political state of things*, media impact on perceptions, national security & the rule of law, the current government's 'tough on crime' branding and its related 'omnibus' crime 'reform'; this will shape a core discussion-focus of the course as there are immediate rippling impacts.
2. '*common sense*' vs *sociology*, ideology vs evidence/expertise, politics vs street logistics. Judicial 'activism', ethics, role of Minister of Justice, the media – the apparent folly of '*Wars on... (drugs, terror, crime, etc.)*'. More detailed examination of legal 'reform': mandatory minimums, victim surcharges,

corrections, mental health inside prison

3. **Two flashpoint issues illustrating the ‘politics’ of criminal law administration: *start/ end of life issues* (assisted suicide/euthanasia); & *gun control* (Canada & U.S. experience)**

3. ***Prostitution and marijuana*: can Canada ignore the world around it ? legalization vs decriminalization, affirmative action & protections vs (in)effective addressing of societal back-alleys**

5. **‘Political’ Offences : Treason Seditio, Louis Riel, the FLQ**

Suggested Readings: Criminal Code of Canada, s. 46.

Toni Pickard and Phil Goldman, *The Trial of Louis Riel in Dimensions of Criminal Law*, 2d ed. Emond Montgomery, 1996.

6. **State Crime, War Crimes, ‘Just War’ – Nuremburg, Vietnam, the former Yugoslavia, the**

U.N., international ethics, the advent of drones, interventionism, torture, child soldiers

7. **Women & the Law- historical & contemporary perspective, ‘battered spouse syndrome’ implications**

8. **Videos, guests**

9 **Corrections—end of the road (cutbacks, nobody cares, double-bunking) or new directions (eg. Scandinavia) ?**

11. **The war on terrorism. State Surveillance: shifting the Balance Between Citizen and State, the slippery slope, national security vs civil liberty, shifting status of the rule of law, whistleblowers & wikileaks (Snowden—traitor or hero ?)**

Suggested Readings: **Privacy and New Media**, Valerie Steeves, in *Mass Communication: A Reader*. Edited by Leslie Shade and Paul Attallah. Nelson, 2002.

On the Duty of Civil Disobedience, Henry David Thoreau,. New American Library, 1960.

“A Tale of Two Hoffmans: The Decorum Decision and the Bill of Rights”, in *The Trial of the Chicago Seven*, John Cuddihy

The Lesser Evil: Political Ethics in an Age of Terror, Michael Ignatieff, Princeton University Press, 2003

[Weapons of Mass Persuasion : Marketing the War Against Iraq](#), Paul Rutherford, U. of Toronto Press, 2004

12. **Review/Exam Preparation**

‘ECLECTIC’ READING LIST

A Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam, Neil Sheehan, Vintage, 1988

Augusto Pinochet and International Law, Wedgewood, R., (2000) 46 McGill Law Journal 241

Beyond Jihad vs McWorld, Benjamin Barber, *The Nation*, 2002 Issue, January 21

[Christians and War: Thomas Aquinas refines the "Just War" Theory](http://olympia.anglican.org/churches/B/stdunstan/Beliefs/Christians_War/Christians_War_2.htm)

http://olympia.anglican.org/churches/B/stdunstan/Beliefs/Christians_War/Christians_War_2.htm

Dark Days: The Story of Four Canadians Tortured in the Name of Fighting Terror, Kerry Pither, Penguin, 2006

Global Organized Crime and International Security, Viano, E, ed. Vermont: Ashgate Publishing Co, 1999.

Guantanamo's Child: The Untold Story of Omar Khadr, [Michelle Shephard](#), 2008, John Wiley & Sons

Human Rights and Terrorism, Paul Hoffman, *Human Rights Quarterly*, vol. 26, Number 4, Nov. 2004, pp.932-955

International Justice and the International Criminal Court: Between Sovereignty and the Rule of Law, Bruce Broomhall, Oxford Monographs, 2003

Jihad vs McWorld, How Globalism and Tribalism are Reshaping the World, Benjamin R. Barber, New York, Ballantine, 1996

Keynote Address presented at the Campus Progress National Student Conference. Clinton, Bill. (2005). Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA. CampusProgress.org Online transcript: <http://campusprogress.org/common/388>

Media Ethics: Cases and Moral Reasoning, Christians, Clifford G.; et al. (2004). *7th edition*. Allyn & Bacon. [ISBN 0-205-41845-7](#).

Nemesis: The Last Days of the American Republic, Chalmers Johnson, Metropolitan Books, 2007

Nuremberg and Vietnam: an American Tragedy, Telford Taylor, New York Times Books, 1970
(also) Quadrangle 1970

Policing the Crisis: Mugging, the State and Law and Order Stuart Hall, Chas. Critcher, Tony Jefferson, John Clarke and Brian Roberts, Macmillan Press, 1978.

Reflections on the Prosecution of War Crimes by International Tribunals, Meron, T., *American Journal of International Law*, July 2006, Vol. 100, No. 3

Responsibility to Protect or Trojan Horse? The Crisis in Darfur and Humanitarian Intervention after Iraq. Bellamy, Alex. 2005, in *Ethics and International Affairs* 19(2), 31-53.

Roundtable: Humanitarian Intervention after 9/11. Farer, Tom et al. 2005. *International Relations* 19(2), 211-250.

September 11: Consequences for Canada, Kent Roach, Queen's/McGill U. Press, 2003

[The Just War Theory: A traditional Catholic moral view](#), [Benson, Richard](#), The Tidings (2006).

The Lesser Evil: Political Ethics in an Age of Terror, Michael Ignatieff, Princeton University Press, 2003

(Excerpts from) **The Prince**, c. 1505, Nicolo Machiavelli,. The Modern Library, 1950

The Return of History and the End of Dreams, Robert Kagan, Random House, 2008

The Sun Climbs Slow: Justice in the Age of Imperial America, Erna Paris, Random House, 2008

The Trial of Henry Kissinger, Hitchens, Christopher (2002) Verso. [ISBN 1859843980](#)

The United States and the International Criminal Court: The ICC's Jurisdiction Over the Nationals of Non-Party States: A Critique of the US Position, Scharf, M., 64 *Law & Contemporary Problems* 67 (2001) (also internet) <http://www.law.duke.edu/journals/lcp/>

Uncle Sam and Us, Globalization, Neoconservatism, and the Canadian State, Stephen Clarkson, U. of Toronto Press, 2000,

Universal Jurisdiction: Clarifying the Basic Concept , O'Keefe, R., *Journal of International Criminal Justice*, 2004 2 (3): 735 http://www.oxfordjournals.org/jicjus/awards_inlannual.html

Violence and the Media, Karim Karim, in **Islamic Peril: Media and Global Violence**. Black Rose Books, 2000.

War Crimes Law, as Applied in Canada, Joseph Rikhof , in **Modern Global Crises and War Crimes: Canada, Peacekeeping and International Humanitarian Law**. Edited by Richard Wiggers and Ann Griffiths. Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, 2002.

[**Weapons of Mass Persuasion : Marketing the War Against Iraq**](#), Paul Rutherford, U. of Toronto Press, 2004

DOCUMENTS / MATERIALS

Canadian Criminal Code – provisions either proposed or recently amended regarding sentencing, time served pending trial, drug activity re 'mandatory minimums' issues—to be referenced on course site

Extradition Act (Canada)

International Criminal Court *site; note under 'Highlights' that some hearings are streamed video...*
<http://www.icc-cpi.int/home.html&l=en> (also) **Rome Statute of the ICC**

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict -

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/OPACCRC.aspx>

London Charter of the International Military Tribunal (Nuremburg)

The National Security Strategy of the United States of America, White House Washington, Sept. 2002,
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nss.html>

CASES

A-G of the Government of Israel v Eichmann (1961) 36 *International Law Reports* 5

US v Calley 22 *USMCA* 534 (1973)

Materials on **Omar Khadr** and others to be referenced in class.