

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 4302B – Regulation of Corporate Crime
TERM:	Winter 2016
PREREQUISITES:	LAWS 2302, and one of LAWS 3005, LAWS 3201, LAWS 3800
CLASS:	Day & Time: Mondays, 11:35 – 2:35 Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Drawing on a wide range of empirical and theoretical issues, this course critically examines the nature, scope and impact of corporate crime in Canada and around the world. A key focus of the course is how the modern, for-profit corporation functions as a social institution whose existence and capacity to operate depends upon the law. We will analyze the legal and administrative frameworks that define and regulate corporate crime, and use examples to illustrate the limitations associated with existing laws and regulations against corporate criminality. We will also explore how, in some cases, the law is not only limited in its ability to constrain corporate crime, it actually facilitates it. Throughout the course, we will examine the problem of corporate crime within the context of political and economic power relations, including how corporate managers influence political and legal systems and the policy-making process. Students will be encouraged to think critically about the socio-economic conditions that underlie corporate crime and to identify opportunities for engagement with these issues beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

COURSE TEXTS AND READING MATERIALS

There are three required texts for this course.

- Snider, Laureen. 2015. *About Canada: Corporate Crime*. Halifax: Fernwood.
- Bakan, Joel. 2004. *The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and Power*. Toronto: Viking.
- Glasbeek, Harry. 2002. *Wealth by Stealth: Corporate Crime, Corporate Law, and the Perversion of Democracy*. Toronto: Between the Lines.

These books are available at Octopus Books, which is located at 116 Third Avenue.

Please note that **all other assigned readings** will be available through cuLearn.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND 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.

1. *CLASS PARTICIPATION, ATTENDANCE & PRESENTATIONS* **25%**

This is a reading intensive course. Students are strongly encouraged to keep up with the assigned readings and come to class prepared to discuss them. This is also a student-driven course, meaning that students are expected to be active participants. The grade for this requirement will be distributed over a variety of kinds of participation throughout the term, including class participation (e.g., raising questions and making observations related to the readings, and thoughtful engagement with the ideas expressed by others), attendance and a presentation.

Presentation: Each seminar participant will be expected to present on the readings and facilitate seminar discussions once during the term. The purpose of your presentation is to briefly review and analyze the main arguments and themes in the week's readings, and then encourage class discussion. Oral presentations should be approximately 15-20 minutes. The presentations will begin the second class.

2. *SHORT ASSIGNMENT, DUE FEBRUARY 8TH* **20%**

This short assignment paper will give students the opportunity to analyze a corporation's record as it relates to corporate crime. The paper should be approximately 6-7 double-spaced pages. Additional information will be provided in class.

3. *CRITICAL REACTION PAPER* **20%**

The critical reaction paper will involve writing approximately 6-7 double-spaced pages on all of the readings from one of the weeks during the term. The paper should briefly

summarize the main themes and arguments of the readings and then *analyze* the arguments within them. The point of the paper is to allow for a more sustained engagement with a topic that especially interests you. No other sources are expected to be used in the writing of this paper. Please note that for the critical reaction paper: (i) students are required to choose one of the weeks when they are *not* presenting on the readings; (ii) students are required to choose a set of readings from one of the first 10 weeks (not the last 2 weeks); and (iii) papers are due in class on the selected week.

4. ***FINAL PAPER, DUE APRIL 4TH*** **35%**

Students can select their own topic, understanding that it must be relevant to the issues addressed in the seminar. While the paper can engage with some of the weekly readings, it must also reference additional academic sources. Papers will be graded on the quality of your research and writing, strength of your analysis and arguments, and your ability to situate your arguments within existing debates. Students are encouraged to discuss paper topics with me at any point during the term. Additional information will be provided in class.

Please retain a **copy** of all work that is submitted.

GRADES

In accordance with the Carleton University Undergraduate Calendar (p. 45), the letter grades assigned in this course will have the following percentage equivalents:

A+ = 90-100	B+ = 77-79	C+ = 67-69	D+ = 57-59
A = 85-89	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	D = 53-56
A - = 80-84	B - = 70-72	C - = 60-62	D - = 50-52
F = Below 50			

WDN = Withdrawn from the course

Final grades are subject to the Dean's approval.

COURSE CALENDAR

WEEK ONE – JANUARY 11TH INTRODUCTION

- Introduction to the course: themes, readings and assignments
- Presentation schedule

WEEK TWO – JANUARY 18TH THE COMMONS, PRIVATE PROPERTY AND THE RISE OF THE MODERN CORPORATION

READINGS

- Rifkin, Jeremy. 1991. “A Private Nature” in *Biosphere Politics: A New Consciousness for a New Century*. New York: Crown. pp. 38-47.
- Bakan, Joel. 2004. “The Corporation’s Rise to Dominance” in *The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and Power*. Toronto: Viking. pp. 5-27.
- Grossman, Richard and Frank Adams. 1993. “Taking Care of Business: Citizenship and the Charter of Incorporation.” *Earth Island Journal*, spring. pp. 1-18.
- Hartmann, Thom. 2004. “The Robots Take Over” in *The Last Hours of Ancient Sunlight*. New York: Three Rivers Press. pp. 215-221.

WEEK THREE – JANUARY 25TH THE EXTERNALIZING MACHINE: CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP AND CRIMINOGENIC PERSONHOOD

READINGS

- Bakan, Joel. 2004. “Business as Usual” in *The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and Power*. Toronto: Viking. pp. 28-59.
- Bakan, Joel. 2004. “The Externalizing Machine” in *The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and Power*. Toronto: Viking. pp. 60-84.
- Kovel, Joel. “Capital” in *The Enemy of Nature: The End of Capitalism or the End of the World?* Halifax: Fernwood. pp. 26-47.
- Glasbeek, Harry. 2002. “The Corporations as an Invisible Friend” in *Wealth by Stealth: Corporate Crime, Corporate Law, and the Perversion of Democracy*. Toronto: Between the Lines. pp. 6-14.

WEEK FOUR – FEBRUARY 1ST
GLOBALIZATION, (DE)-REGULATION AND CORPORATE POLITICAL POWER

READINGS

- Ellwood, Wayne. 2010. “The Corporate Century” in *The No-Nonsense Guide to Globalization* (3rd edition). pp. 64-85.
- Bakan, Joel. 2004. “Democracy Ltd.” in *The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and Power*. Toronto: Viking. pp. 85-110.
- Glasbeek, Harry. 2002. “Government in Their Own Image: Corporations and Political Power” in *Wealth by Stealth: Corporate Crime, Corporate Law, and the Perversion of Democracy*. Toronto: Between the Lines. pp. 229-251.
- Chaves, Elisabeth. 2011. “Money’s Been Talking: How *Citizens United v. FEC* Obfuscates the View of the Role of Wealth in Our Democracy.” American Political Science Association 2011 Annual Meeting. pp. 1-22.

WEEK FIVE – FEBRUARY 8TH
THE CORPORATE VEIL: REGULATORY SANCTIONS, CRIMINAL LIABILITY AND THE IDEOLOGY OF MARKET CAPITALISM

READINGS

- Glasbeek, Harry. 2002. “The Small and the Ugly” in *Wealth by Stealth: Corporate Crime, Corporate Law, and the Perversion of Democracy*. Toronto: Between the Lines. pp. 37-60.
- Glasbeek, Harry. 2002. “Corporate Deviance and Deviants: The Fancy Footwork of Criminal Law” in *Wealth by Stealth: Corporate Crime, Corporate Law, and the Perversion of Democracy*. Toronto: Between the Lines. pp. 118-143.
- Glasbeek, Harry. 2002. “‘It’s Not a Crime’: Reclassifying Corporate Deviance” in *Wealth by Stealth: Corporate Crime, Corporate Law, and the Perversion of Democracy*. Toronto: Between the Lines. pp. 144-167.
- Glasbeek, Harry. 2002. “New Corporate Responsibilities – Or More Window Dressing?” in *Wealth by Stealth: Corporate Crime, Corporate Law, and the Perversion of Democracy*. Toronto: Between the Lines. pp. 168-182.

READING WEEK

WEEK SIX – FEBRUARY 22ND
AIDING AND ABETTING: CORPORATE ADVERTISING AND THE PUBLIC RELATIONS INDUSTRY

READINGS

- Karliner, Joshua. 1997. “The Emerald City” in *The Corporate Planet: Ecology and Politics in the Age of Globalization*. San Francisco: Sierra Club. pp. 168-194.

- Rampton, Sheldon and John Stauber. 2001. “Packaging the Beast” in *Trust Us, We’re Experts!* New York: Penguin Putnam. pp. 99-119.
- Stauber, John and Sheldon Rampton. 1995. “Smokers’ Hacks” in *Toxic Sludge is Good for You: Lies, Damn Lies and the Public Relations Industry*. Monroe, ME: Common Courage Press. pp. 25-32.
- Beder, Sharon. 2009. “Turning Children into Consumers” in *This Little Kiddy Went to Market: The Corporate Capture of Childhood*. London: Pluto Press. pp. 6-22.

WEEK SEVEN – FEBRUARY 29TH

UNSAFE PRODUCTS / UNSAFE PRODUCTION: HEALTH AND SAFETY CRIMES

READINGS

- Snider, Laureen. 2015. “Safety Crimes” in *About Canada: Corporate Crime*. Halifax: Fernwood. pp. 50-73.
- Glasbeek, Harry. 2002. “The Westray Story” in *Wealth by Stealth: Corporate Crime, Corporate Law, and the Perversion of Democracy*. Toronto: Between the Lines. pp. 61-66.
- Rampton, Sheldon and John Stauber. 2001. “Dying for a Living” in *Trust Us, We’re Experts!* New York: Penguin Putnam. pp. 75-98.
- Deneault, Alain and William Sacher. 2012. *Imperial Canada Inc.: Legal Haven of Choice for the World’s Mining Industries*. Vancouver: Talonbooks. pp. 1-7, 45-64.
- Engler, Yves. 2015. “Mining Conflict” in *Canada in Africa: 300 Years of Aid and Exploitation*. Halifax: Fernwood. pp. 151; 155-165; 172-176.

WEEK EIGHT – MARCH 7TH

UNDERMINING ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY: ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME AND REGULATION

READINGS

- Karliner, Joshua. 1997. “The Greening of Global Reach” in *The Corporate Planet: Ecology and Politics in the Age of Globalization*. San Francisco: Sierra Club. pp. 30-47.
- Snider, Laureen. 2015. “Environmental Crimes” in *About Canada: Corporate Crime*. Halifax: Fernwood. pp. 23-49.
- Faber, Daniel. 2008. “The Unfair Trade-Off: Globalization and the Export of Ecological Hazards” in *Capitalizing on Environmental Injustice: The Polluter-Industrial Complex in the Age of Globalization*. New York: Rowman & Littlefield. pp. 171-204.
- Hatch, Christopher and Matt Price. 2008. “Canada’s Toxic Tar Sands: The Most Destructive Project on Earth.” Toronto: Environmental Defence. pp. 7-28.

WEEK NINE – MARCH 14TH

CLIMATE CHANGE: ASSESSING THE CRIMINALITY OF DENIAL

READINGS

- Klein, Naomi. 2014. “One Way or Another, Everything Changes” and “The Right is Right: The Revolutionary Power of Climate Change” in *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate*. Toronto: Knopf. pp. 1-28; 31-54.
- Mann, Michael. 2012. “The Origins of Denial” in *The Hockey Stick and the Climate Wars: Dispatches from the Front Lines*. New York: Columbia University Press. pp. 59-77.
- Derber, Charles. 2010. “The Denial Regime” in *Greed to Green: Solving Climate Change and Remaking the Economy*. Boulder, CO: Paradigm. pp. 74-87.
- Monbiot, George. 2009. “Canada’s Image Lies in Tatters.” *The Guardian*, November 30th. pp. 1-4.

WEEK TEN – MARCH 21ST

STATE-CORPORATE CRIME: HUMAN RIGHTS AND MODERN WARFARE

READINGS

- Scahill, Jeremy. 2007. *Blackwater: The Rise of the World’s Most Powerful Mercenary Army*. New York: Nation Books. pp. 3-44.
- Rothe, Dawn. 2006. “Iraq and Halliburton.” In R. Michalowski and R. Kramer (eds.), *State-Corporate Crime: Wrongdoing at the Intersection of Business & Government*. New Jersey: Rutgers University Press. pp. 215-238.
- Sanders, Barry. 2009. “Depleted Uranium” and “Bombs Away, All Day” in *The Green Zone: The Environmental Costs of Militarism*. Oakland, CA: AK Press. pp. 83-92; 95-106.
- Project Underground. 2006. “The Life & Death of Ken Saro-Wiwa: A History of the Struggle for Justice in the Niger Delta.” pp. 1-11.

WEEK ELEVEN – MARCH 28TH

CORPORATE FRAUD, FINANCIAL REGULATION AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS

READINGS

- Rosoff, Stephen, Henry Pontell and Robert Tillman. 2004. “Corporate Fraud” In *Profit Without Honor: White Collar Crime and the Looting of America*. New Jersey: Prentice-Hall. pp. 278-294.
- Snider, Laureen. 2015. “Financial Crimes” in *About Canada: Corporate Crime*. Halifax: Fernwood. pp. 74-99.

- McNally, David. 2011. “The Great Panic of 2008” and “Financial Chaos: Money, Credit and Instability in Late Capitalism” in *Global Slump: the Economics and Politics of Crisis and Resistance*. Halifax: Fernwood. pp. 13-24; 85-112.

WEEK TWELVE – APRIL 4TH

LIFTING THE CORPORATE VEIL: REGULATING CORPORATE CRIME

READINGS

- Snider, Laureen. 2015. “Tackling Corporate Power” in *About Canada: Corporate Crime*. Halifax: Fernwood. pp. 100-125.
- Bakan, Joel. 2004. “Reckoning” in *The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and Power*. Toronto: Viking. pp. 139-167.
- Glasbeek, Harry. 2002. “The Stakeholder/Social Responsibility Movement Goes Private” in *Wealth by Stealth: Corporate Crime, Corporate Law, and the Perversion of Democracy*. Toronto: Between the Lines. pp. 206-228.