

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 4701A – Crime & Social Policy Topics
TERM:	Summer 2014
PREREQUISITES:	Fourth Year Honours Standing
CLASS:	Day & Time: Tues. & Thurs., 6:00 - 9:00 pm Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

“The lesson for the twenty-first century is that the fight for security, prosperity and justice can no longer be won on any one nation’s ground. It is international.” (Will Hutton)

Have we arrived at a threshold era in which the 'rule of law', with its fair and open precepts, is fundamentally, perhaps even terminally challenged by our responses, or absence of response, to the global array of nationalistic, or military outrage - 'terrorism', North Korea, Crimea, Guantanamo,

Syria, Mugabe, African war lords and child soldiers, the Taliban, Central Africa, Sudan, etc. ? On both the domestic and global stage, western 'democracies ' appear locked into their respective ideologies, arguably becoming frustratingly selective, self-serving, or just plain impotent in the face of the above crises.

This course will critically examine isolationism, paradoxically reflected in international adventurism, inconsistent Canadian foreign policy, and the ubiquitous and festering politics of faith/ideology, in order to examine our moral and practical capability to champion sound and effective responses to key global issues. How can the full rule of law and the tolerant values of democracy be maintained while confronting these issues ?

We cannot afford to wear blinders towards the lessons of the 20th Century: will the Nuremburg 'legacy' of holding state officials accountable for war crimes inform and inspire an *effective* ICC; will the U.S. ratify the ICC, or discontinue Guantanamo; will Canada clarify its adherence to the international protocol against the use of children in armed conflict, or discontinue cherry-picking issues or perceived crises to 'champion'?

Consider whether our moral compass settings are skewed, when, in the 21st century, for example, the regulation of torture is publicly debated, and Canada's position is that it is acceptable to accept and use information obtained by torture? Can we avoid normalizing violent state intervention (the seductive appeal of *drones*, etc.) without bankrupting both the moral high ground and our economies?

In short, in light of, for example, the use of drones to effect 'executive assassination', one may ask whether, in a tired, sound-byte world seeking instant solutions, ethical and political behaviour has grown mutually exclusive.

REQUIRED TEXTS

There are ***no required*** texts. There is an eclectic, broad, reading list below, which students are encouraged to explore. Assigned weekly reading will either be handed out in class or posted on CUlearn for the course.

EVALUATION

All components must be completed in order to get a passing grade

Research essay (15-20 pp.) - 65% - student choice of topic, with Instructor approval; Due in class at final lecture.

Seminar presentation - 20% - *informal*, approx. 15 mins. Topic *not* to be a duplicate of essay topic – though may be a specific or related aspect of such topic**

Participation - 15%.

SCHEDULE

**** Student class presentations will commence in Week Two and will augment the weekly schedule of topics to be discussed; *sign up early* – ie. pick a date, a specific topic is not necessary though welcome at that time – we will aim at approx. only (3) presentations per date**

Week One

Origins of our democratic value system : ancient (Greek) political/ethical --the city state, democracy, *Magna Carta*, rule of law, *habeas corpus*, our *Charter*, freedom of speech & dissent.

General assessment of the **state of our existing polity** (national & international), interpreting ‘the American Dream’, clues to contemporary western political ethics and political will. Patterns perceived or lessons learned ? The ‘Red scare’, McCarthyism, the Cold War, the Irish ‘troubles’, the FLQ ? We inhabit an era of ‘entitlement’, state-abetted paranoia, ideological factionalism, and abstract advocacy – in Canada and the U.S., political groupings appear more tribal than parliamentary.

Week Two

‘Terrorism’: truly a new phenomenon ? Why such resonance so suddenly/obsessively?- role of media (dominant discourse, political exploitation of societal insecurity) is it time to re-focus national security concerns/costs towards, for example, momentous climate change, water wars, poverty, disease, child soldiering and war-lord fiefdoms ?

Week Three

Necessary evil: how dirty must our hands get (Ignatieff) without killing civil liberties-- surveillance, privacy, detention, rendition, **torture** (serious consideration in the 21st century ?!), ‘child soldier(s)’ or ‘teen terrorist’ (*Omar Khadr*, *Ishmael Beah*); Abu Ghraib, Gitmo, erosion of citizen trust in authority - Watergate, sponsorship scandals, Bush admin. moral crumbling, Geneva Conventions & rule of law expressly ignored ; religious fundamentalism hampering more unified effort ?

Week Four

Series of **topical videos/debates, interviews**

Week Five

The Nuremburg ‘legacy’ (war crimes) of holding state officials accountable and the fledgling ICC; will the U.S. ratify the ICC, discontinue Guantanamo; will Canada become less hypocritical in adhering to the international protocol against the use of children in armed conflict ? Are we ‘cherry-picking’ regimes for intervention, or is there a coherent approach to criminal behaviour internationally (we essentially ignore Zambia and the DRC, but gosh ! we ‘*stand beside the Ukrainians...*’ ?

Week Six

Have **politics and morality** become mutually exclusive? The global community faces new and

immediate challenges, moral, logistical, ecological, structural (evolving spheres of influence – China, India, crumbling EU, Crimea and eastern Europe). Wikileaks, Snowden: heroes or traitors, what should we know or not know—the future of real sovereignty in the face of universally mutual issues (climate, spying, terrorism, information technology).

What *ethical criteria* should apply in the emerging new politics of international ‘policing’ by western democracies, NATO, the EU ? The ‘end justifies the means’ rationale, *extremism in the defence of liberty is no evil*, extraordinary exception, etc.? Can we avoid normalizing violent state intervention (the seductive appeal of *drones*, etc.) without bankrupting both the moral high ground and our economies?

ECLECTIC READING LIST (items marked “ ** ” are highly recommended)

Ayoob, Mohammed. 2001. **“Humanitarian Intervention and International Society.”** *Global Governance* 7(3), 225-230.

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

Brownlie, Ian. 1963. **International Law and the Use of Force by States**. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Burkhart, Ford. **“Sudan,”** New York Times Online, May 31, 2007.
<http://topics.nytimes.com/top/news/international/countriesandterritories/sudan/index.html?inline=nyt-geo>

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

****Dyer, Gwynne. 2004. *Future: Tense*. Toronto: McClelland and Stewart Ltd.**

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Harsch, Ernest. 2004. **“The world reflects on Rwanda genocide”**, *Africa Recovery*, United Nations, New Releases.
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****Johnson, Chalmers. 2004. *The Sorrows of Empire*. New York: Metropolitan Books.**

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****Williams, Ian. 2002. “Righting the Wrongs of Past Interventions: A Review of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty.”** *International Journal of Human Rights* 6(3), 101-113.

Youngs, Tim. **“Sudan: Conflict in Darfur,”** Research Paper 04/51, House of Commons Library, June 23, 2004

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****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

“Canadian Politics: Critical Approaches.” Dyck, Rand. 2004, Fourth Edition. Nelson Thomson Canada Limited.

****Christians and War: Thomas Aquinas refines the "Just War" Theory**
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.

{ **Global Policy Forum** }, *read various topics there, including Defining Globalization, and Globalization of Law* www.globalpolicy.org/globaliz/index.htm

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****Human Rights as Politics and Idolatry**, Ignatieff, Michael (2001) Princeton & Oxford: Princeton University Press. ISBN 0691088934

In Defense of Human Rights: A Non-Religious Grounding in a Pluralistic World, Kohn, Ari (2007). Routledge. ISBN 0415420156 , ISBN 978-0415420150

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Islam: The Straight Path, Esposito, John L. (2005).. Oxford University Press. ISBN 0195182669

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

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

Non-State Actors and Human Rights, Alston, P. (Ed) OUP 2005

****Nuremberg and Vietnam: an American Tragedy**, Telford Taylor, New York Times Books, 1970
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Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature, Richard Rorty, Princeton University Press, 1980

Principles of International Law, Brownlee, I., OUP (Oxford University Press) 2003

"Principles, Publicity, and Politics: Notes on Human Rights Media", McLagan, Meg (2003)
American Anthropologist. Vol. 105 (No. 3). pp. 605-612

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

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

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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

The Retreat of the State: The Diffusion of Power in the World Economy. Strange, Susan, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.

****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/>

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

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****Weapons of Mass Persuasion : Marketing the War Against Iraq**, Paul Rutherford, U. of Toronto Press, 2004

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General Assembly Resolution 95 Affirming the Principles of International law Recognized by the Charter of the Nuremburg Tribunal

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

London Charter of the International Military Tribunal (Nuremburg)

Rome Statute of the ICC

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