

## Course Outline

**COURSE:** LAWS 5306F / SOCI 5305F – Police and Capital

**TERM:** Fall 2010

**CLASS:** Day & Time: Monday 2:30-5:30 pm  
Room: D492 LA (Loeb)

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**DESCRIPTION**

This course critically examines the idea of 'police' as a general historical project aimed at the fabrication of social order; as a response to risk and crime; and as a foundational theoretical concern for the development of eighteenth century liberal political philosophy, political economy and security. These formative theoretical notions about police are extended to a consideration of trends in contemporary public and private security provision including the influence of commodification, militarization, class conflict, and the effect of risk thinking.

**COURSE TEXTS**

Rigakos, George S., John L. McMullan, Joshua Johnson and Gulden Ozcan, Eds., *A General Police System: Political Economy and Security in the Age of Enlightenment*. Ottawa: Red Quill Books.

[Available at: Octopus Books: 116 Third Ave., Ottawa Ont., 613-233-2589]

+ All additional articles and course materials available on WebCT.

**NOTE: Laptops are not allowed in class.**

**EVALUATION**

Participation is a key requirement of graduate courses. This course is structured in as a seminar which requires active involvement from students.

<u>Participation:</u> Due throughout course	<b>50%</b>	1. Presentation(s) 2. In-class discussion
Two Papers (15 pages each):	<b>50%</b>	1. First paper is due October 25 <sup>th</sup> . 2. Second paper is due end of term

Presentation:

1. Make sure to cover all of the key points and arguments made in each of the articles you are assigned;
2. Do not feel obliged to give a verbatim account of the assigned readings and especially try to avoid reading from your notes for a prolonged period of time;
3. Construct topics for discussion as well as questions that may prompt or stimulate debate;
4. You have 15-20 minutes to present;
5. It is always helpful to provide an outline or notes for fellow classmates.

Papers:

Students will write two papers of equal worth (25%) on a topic or reading discussed in the course. I would suggest that you consider making the papers relate to your presentation. Information about the paper requirements will be posted on WebCT.

**COURSE TOPICS BY WEEK****1. What is 'Police and Capital'?**

An introduction to the course. No assigned readings. Reflections on the recent Toronto G20.

**2. Surveillance and Consumption – Some Links.**

"The way the brain buys", *Economist*. December 20th, 2008, pp. 105-107.

Bentham, Jeremy. 1787. *The Panopticon Writings*, pp. 222-244 and pp. 19-20 in ***A General Police System***.

Film: *(In)security: The New Age of Policing*. CBC Witness. (Aired January 22, 1998).

**3. General Tendencies of Capitalist Production.**

Marx, Karl. 1976, orig. 1867. *Capital, vol.1*. Chapter 9: "The Rate of Surplus Value". New York: Penguin.

Uno, Kozo. 1977, orig. 1964. *Principles of Political Economy: Theory of a Purely Capitalist Society*. Sussex: Harvester Press. (Parts 1: The Doctrine of Circulation and 2: The Doctrine of Production)

Mandel, Ernest. 1962. *Marxist Economic Theory, vol. 1*. trans. Brian Pearce. New York: Merlin Press. (Chapter 3: Money, Capital, Surplus-Value)

Marx, Karl. 1976, orig. 1867. *Capital, vol.1*. Chapter 9: "The Rate of Surplus Value". New York: Penguin.

Marx, Karl. (1977, orig. 1933). *Wage-Labour and Capital* & Karl Marx (1977, orig. 1933) *Value, Price and Profit*. New York: International Publishers. (Selections from both pamphlets)

**4. The Idea of 'Police' I: Cameralism**

von Justi, Johann H.G. 1756. *Staatwirthschaft*, pp. 52-91 and pp. 7-9 in ***A General Police System***.

von Justi, Johann H.G. 1756. *Grundsätze der Polizeywissenschaft*, pp. 92-93 and pp. 7-9 in ***A General Police System***.

Sonnefels, Joseph von. 1765. *Grundsätze der Polizei, Handlung und Finanzwissenschaft*, pp. 104-138 and pp. 9-10 in ***A General Police System***.

## 5. The Idea of 'Police' II: Liberalism

- Smith, Adam. 1896. *Lectures on Justice, Police, Revenue and Arms*, pp. 152-163 and pp. 13-15 in **A General Police System**
- Beccaria, Cesare. 1764. *On Crimes and Punishments*, pp. 166-187 and pp. 15-18 in **A General Police System**.
- Von Humboldt, Wilhelm. 1792. *The Limits of State Action*, pp.189-220 and pp.18-19 in **A General Police System**.
- Hegel, G.W.F. 1821. *Philosophy of Right*, pp.277-302 and pp. 25-26 in **A General Police System**.

## 5. "The Supreme Concept of Bourgeois Society."

- Marx, Karl. 1844. *On the Jewish Question*. (Part 1: Bruno Bauer)
- Neocleous, Mark. 2008. *Critique of Security*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. (Chapter 1: "The Supreme Concept of Bourgeois Society: Liberalism and the Technique of Security")
- Rigakos, George S. 2007. »Polizei konsumieren...« – Beobachtungen aus Kanada ('The commodification of policing: Field-notes from Canada'), in Volker Eick, Jens Sambale, Eric Töpfer, eds., *Kontrollierte Urbanität: Zur Neoliberalisierung städtischer Sicherheitspolitik*. Pp. 29-54 Bielefeld: transcript.
- Couch, Stephen R. 1981. Selling and reclaiming state sovereignty: The case of the coal and iron police. *Critical Sociology*, Vol. 10-11, No. 4-1, 85-91

## 6. Is policing unproductive labour?

- Marx, Karl. 1978 *Capital, vol.2* and 1972 *Theories of Surplus Value, vol.1*. London: Penguin. (Selections)
- Laibman, David. 1999. Productive and Unproductive Labor. *Review of Radical Political Economics*, 32(2):61-73
- Leadbeater, David. 1989. The consistency of Marx's categories of productive and unproductive labour, *History of Political Economy*, 17(4): 591-618.
- Productive and unproductive labour: Smith, Marx, and the Soviets, in Donald A. Walker (ed.) *Perspectives on the History of Economic Thought*. Aldershot: Gower.

## 7. Security fetishism.

- Marx, Karl. 1976, orig. 1867. *Capital, vol.1*. and 1973 *Grundrisse*. New York: Penguin. (Selections).
- Spitzer, S. (1987). Security and control in capitalist societies: The fetishism of security and the secret thereof. In J. Lowman & R. J. Menzies & T. S. Palys (Eds.), *Transcarceration: Essays in the Sociology of Social Control* (pp. 43-58). Aldershot: Gower.
- Rigakos, George S. 2008. Ch.6 "Getting Noticed" from: *Nightclub: Bouncers, Risk and the Spectacle of Consumption*. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press.
- Neocleous, Mark. 2007. Security, commodity, fetishism. *Critique*, 35(3): 339-355.

## 8. The problem of the lumpen, "vagabonds" and other "masterless men."

- Colquhoun, Patrick. orig. 1806. *Treatise on Indigence.*, pp.261-276 and pp. 21-25 in **A General Police System**.
- McMullan, J. L. (1998). Social surveillance and the rise of the 'police machine'. *Theoretical Criminology*, 2(1), 93-117.
- Weiss, Robert. (1987) The Emergence and Transformation of Private Detective Industrial Policing in the United States, 1850-1940. *Crime and Social Justice* 9: 35-48.
- Bovenkerk, Frank. 1984. The rehabilitation of the rabble: How and why Marx and Engels wrongly depicted the lumpenproletariat as a reactionary force. *The Netherlands Journal of Sociology/Sociologia Neerlandica*, 20(1): 13-41.

**9. Ordering the 'Polis': Part I – A Plan.**

- Petty, Sir William. 1927a., orig. circa 1660. *Economic Manuscripts and The Petty Papers*, pp. 34-49 and pp. 5-7 in **A General Police System**.
- Colquhoun, Patrick. orig. 1795. *Treatise on the Police of the Metropolis.*, pp.261-276 and pp. 21-25 in **A General Police System**.
- Fielding, Sir John A. 1775. *Plan for Preventing Robberies*, pp. 140-150 and pp. 11-13 in **A General Police System**.
- Wilson, J. Q., & Kelling, G. L. (1982). Broken windows: The police and neighbourhood safety. *Atlantic Monthly*, March, 29-38.
- Gladwell, Malcolm. 1996. *The Tipping Point*. The New Yorker

**10. Ordering the 'Polis': Part II – A Critique.**

- Davis, Mike. 1998. Ch.7 Beyond Blade Runner. In *Ecology of Fear: Los Angeles and the Imagination of Disaster*. New York: Metropolitan Books.
- Young, Jock. 1999. *The Exclusive Society: Social Exclusion, Crime and Late Modernity*. Pp. 121-147. Thousand Oaks: Sage. (Selections)
- Hayward, Keith. 2004. *City Limits: Crime, Consumer Culture and the Urban Experience*. London: Glasshouse Press. (Selections)
- Eick, Volker. 2006. Preventive urban discipline: Rent-a-cops and neoliberal glocalization in Germany. *Social Justice*, 33(3):1-19.

**11. Trends in Policing I: Paramilitarism, Parapolicing and zero tolerance.**

- Kraska, Peter B. and Victor E. Kappeler. 1997. Militarizing American police: The rise and normalization of paramilitary units. *Social Problems*, 44(1):1-18.
- Rigakos, George S. 2002. Ch. 6 Solidarity, Fear and Subculture in *The New Parapolice: Risk Markets and the Commodification of Social Control*. Pp. 119-146. Toronto: University of Toronto Press
- Manning, Peter K. 2001. Theorizing policing: The drama and myth of crime control in the NYPD. *Theoretical Criminology*, 5(3), 315-344.

**12. Trends in Policing II: Risk management, simulation, and decentralization.**

- Ericson, R. and K. Haggerty. 1997. Policing as risk communications. In *Policing the Risk Society*. Pp. 17-38. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
- Bogard, W. 1996. Ch. 3 Social control for the 1990s. In *The Simulation of Surveillance: Hypercontrol in Telematic Societies*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Bayley, David. H. and Clifford Shearing. 1996. The future of policing. *Law and Society Review*, 30(3): 585-606.