Course: LAWS 5306W/SOCI5305W: Police and Capital

Term: Winter 2011-2012

Class: Day and Time: Tuesdays 11:30-14:30pm
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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:


+ All additional articles and course materials available on WebCT for download. Once they are processed by the Library these will also be available through Ares.

**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.

Participation: 50% 
1. Presentation(s)
2. In-class discussion

Due throughout course

Two Papers (15 pages each): 50%
1. First paper is due February 20th.
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”? (Rigakos)**


2. **Capitalist Production and Policing (Rigakos)**


3. **The Idea of ‘Police’ I: Cameralism**


4. The Idea of ‘Police’ II: Liberalism


7. The problem of the lumpen, “vagabonds” and other “masterless men.”


10. Risk management, simulation, and decentralization.


11. Paramilitarism, Parapolicing and Pacification.

