
**YORK UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE PROGRAM IN SOCIO-LEGAL STUDIES**

**SLST 6030 3.0
Politics of Security and Regulation
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**Mondays, 11:30-2:30
Ross S101**

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Course Description:

This course engages in a critical examination of security and regulation in historical and contemporary settings. Drawing upon interdisciplinary scholarship in history, sociology, criminology and urban geography, this course explores questions and debates about the relationships between security, regulation, state-oriented policing, non-state governance, and the production of modern subjectivities. While many scholars treat security as a new (or newly signified) phenomenon, buttressed by technology, that has dramatically transformed global and domestic affairs since September 11, 2001, this course asks not only what is new about the politics of security and regulation in the twenty-first century but, also, what historical continuities are evident, and what can these long standing patterns tell us about the arrangement of a secure order. Most importantly, the course engages the concepts of 'security' and 'regulation' as expansive, flexible, and often subjective terms through which law and legal ordering meet broader extralegal social concerns about (in)equality, access, freedom and justice to reflect *and* produce particular constellations of identities, possibilities and closures.

Summary of Assignments and Evaluation:

1	Seminar Participation	30%
2	Critical Reflection Papers (3 x 10%)	30%
3	Research Paper (due April 4)	40%

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Course Assignments and Evaluation

Seminar Participation – 30%

Given that this is a graduate seminar course, it is required that everyone maintains regular attendance and contributes meaningfully in the weekly seminars. You must come to class having read all the material, and prepared to discuss it in an engaged, critical manner. In addition, each student will be responsible for taking a leading role in one seminar during the term. This will require you to facilitate a discussion based on the readings and course themes.

Critical Reflection Papers (3) - 30% (10% each)

On any three (3) weeks of the course between January 24 and March 28, you will write a short paper that offers a critical overview of the central theme(s) of that week's readings. Each paper will be approximately 3-5 pages in length, double-spaced, and will engage with the concepts, theories and/or data from the readings in an informed, analytic manner. There is no set way to conduct these: you may speak to the complementarity of the readings, the emerging contradictions, to absences, to insights, or any other form of critical engagement. Descriptive papers - i.e. papers that simply provide an overview of the contents of the readings - are to be avoided at all costs!

Outside/additional resources are not required.

NOTE: you may not do an analytic paper for the week during which you are facilitating the class discussion.

Papers are due at the beginning of class. You must attend class to hand in an analytic paper. Late papers will not be accepted.

Each paper is worth 10%.

Research Essay – 40%

Each student will write an essay on a topic relating to the politics of security and regulation, to be determined in consultation with the instructor. Students are expected to meet with the instructor no later than February 14 to discuss their choice of essay topic. The essay will be approximately 20-25 pages in length. The final paper is due on April 4 and is worth 40% of your grade.

Unless advance arrangements are made, late papers will be penalized by 5% per day (including weekends), and may not receive comments.

Further details about the major research essay will be discussed in class.

POLITICS OF SECURITY AND REGULATION SEMINAR AND READING SCHEDULE

January 10 Introduction to Course/Getting Organized

January 17 Security and Regulation in Historical Context

Mariana Valverde, "Introduction," in her Age of Light, Soap, and Water: Moral Reform in English Canada, 1880-1920 (UTP, 1991):19-32

Alan Hunt, "Introduction: The Theory and Politics of Moral Regulation," in his Governing Morals: A Social History of Moral Regulation (Cambridge University Press, 1999):1-27

Gary Kinsman and Patrizia Gentile, "Spying and Interrogation: The Social Relations of National Security," in their The Canadian War on Queers: National Security as Sexual Regulation (UBC Press, 2010):115-167

January 24 Security and Regulation in the 21st Century

David Garland, "The New Culture of Crime Control," in The Culture of Control: Crime and Social Order in Contemporary Society (University of Chicago Press, 2001):167-192

Adam Crawford, "Networked governance and the post-regulatory state? Steering, rowing and anchoring the provision of policing and security," 10 (4) Theoretical Criminology 2005:449-479

Lucia Zedner, "Too much security?" 31 International Journal of the Sociology of Law 2003:155-184

Mariana Valverde, "Governing Security, Governing Through Security," in Ronald Daniels, Patrick Macklem, Kent Roach (eds), The Security of Freedom: Essays on Canada's Anti-Terrorism Bill (UTP, 2001):83-92

Manning Marable, "9/11: Racism in a Time of Terror," in Stanley Aronowitz and Heather Gautney (eds), Implicating Empire: Globalization and Resistance in the 21st Century World Order (Basic Books, 2003): 3-14

January 31 Commodification, Fear, and Exclusion

Benjamin Goold, Ian Loader and Angelica Thumala, "Consuming Security? Tools for a sociology of security consumption," 14 (1) Theoretical Criminology 2010:3-30

Lee, Murray, "The genesis of 'fear of crime'," 5 Theoretical Criminology, 2001:467-485

Deborah Cowen and Emily Gilbert, "Fear and the Familial in the War on Terror," in Rachel Pain and Susan J. Smith (eds), Fear: Critical Geopolitics and Everyday Life (Ashgate, 2008):49-58

Richard Jones, "Checkpoint Security: Gateways, airports and the architecture of security," in Katje Franko Aas, Helene Oppen Gundhus and Heidi Mork Lomell (eds), Technologies of InSecurity: The surveillance of everyday life (Routledge-Cavendish, 2009):81-101

February 7 Risk (1): Theoretical Developments

David Garland, "The Rise of Risk," in Richard Ericson and Aaron Doyle (eds) Risk and Morality (UTP, 2003):48-86

Richard Ericson and Kevin Haggerty, "The Policing of Risk," in Tim Newburn (ed), Policing: Key Readings (Willan Publishing, 2005):550-564

Alan Hunt, "Risk and Moralization in Everyday Life," in Richard Ericson and Aaron Doyle (eds) Risk and Morality (UTP, 2003):165-192

February 14 Risk (2): Everyday Practices

Josh Lauer, "Driven to extremes: Fear of crime and the rise of the sport utility vehicle in the United States," 1 (2) Crime, Media, Culture 2005:149-168

Cindi Katz "Me and My Monkey: What's Hiding in the Security State," in Rachel Pain and Susan J. Smith (eds) Fear: Critical Geopolitics and Everyday Life (Ashgate, 2008):59-70

Kevin Haggerty and Dawn Moore, "Bring it on home: Home drug testing and the relocation of the war on drugs," 10 (3) Social and Legal Studies 2001:377-395

***** you must have an approved essay topic by this date *****

February 21 READING WEEK

February 28 Securing Visibility: Panopticism and Surveillant Assemblages

Michel Foucault "Panopticism" (Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison 1977):
<http://foucault.info/documents/disciplineAndPunish/foucault.disciplineAndPunish.panOpticism.html>

Kevin Haggerty and Richard Ericson, "The Surveillant Assemblage," 51 British Journal of Sociology 2000:605-622

Kevin Haggerty, "Tear down the walls: on demolishing the panopticon," in David Lyon (ed), Theorizing Surveillance: The Panopticon and Beyond (Willan Publishing, 2006): 23-45

Didier Bigo, "Security, exception, ban and surveillance," in David Lyon (ed), Theorizing Surveillance: The

Panopticon and Beyond (Willan Publishing, 2006):46-68

Randy Lippert and Blair Wilkinson, "Capturing crime, criminals and the public's imagination: Assembling Crime Stoppers and CCTV surveillance," 6 (2) Crime, Media, Culture 2010:131-152

March 7 Regulating the City

Roy Coleman, "Images from a Neoliberal City: The State, Surveillance and Social Control," 21 Critical Criminology 2003:21-42

Mike Davis, "Fortress L.A." in City of Quartz: Excavating the Future in Los Angeles (Vintage Books, 1992):223-263

Evelyn Ruppert, "The Secure City," in The Moral Economy of Cities: Shaping Good Citizens (UTP, 2006):41-88

March 14 Securing Identity

Katja Franko Aas, "'The body does not lie': Identity, risk and trust in technoculture," 2 (2) Crime, Media, Culture 2006:143-158

Benjamin Muller, "(Dis)Qualified Bodies: Securitization, Citizenship and 'Identity Management'," 8 (3) Citizenship Studies 2004:279-294

Torin Monahan, "Identity theft vulnerability: Neoliberal governance through crime construction," 13 (2) Theoretical Criminology 2009:155-176

Sheryl N. Hamilton, "Identity Theft and the Construction of Creditable Subjects," in Sean P. Hier and Josh Greenberg (eds), Surveillance: Power, Problems, and Politics (UBC Press, 2009):116-131

March 21 Regulating Gender and Sexuality

Sheila Browne, "What's the problem, girls? CCTV and the gendering of public safety," in Clive Norris, Jade Moran, Gary Armstrong (eds), Surveillance, Closed Circuit Television and Social Control (Ashgate, 1998):207-220

Amanda Glasbeek, "'My wife has endured a torrent of abuse': Gender, Safety, and Anti-Squeegee Discourses in Toronto, 1998-2000," 24 Windsor Yearbook of Access to Justice 2006:55-76

Toby Beauchamp, "Artful Concealment and Strategic Visibility: Transgender bodies and U.S. state surveillance after 9/11," 6 (4) Surveillance and Society 2009:356-366

Kevin Walby, "'He asked me if I was looking for fags...': Ottawa's National Capital Commission Conservation Officers and the Policing of Public Park Sex," 6 (4) Surveillance and Society 2009:367-379

March 28 Resisting Security and Regulation

David Bell, "Surveillance is Sexy," 6 (3) Surveillance and Society 2009:203-212

Kirstie Ball, "Organization, surveillance and the body: towards a politics of resistance," in David Lyon (ed) Theorizing Surveillance: The panopticon and beyond (Willan Publishing, 2006):296-317

Gary Kinsman and Patrizia Gentile, "From the Canadian War on Queers to the War on Terror: Resisting the Expanding National Security State," in their The Canadian War on Queers: National Security as Sexual Regulation (UBC Press, 2010): 429-458

Surveillance Camera Players: <http://www.notbored.org/the-scp.html>

April 4 ESSAYS DUE
