



SC 4880D POLICING & SECURITY

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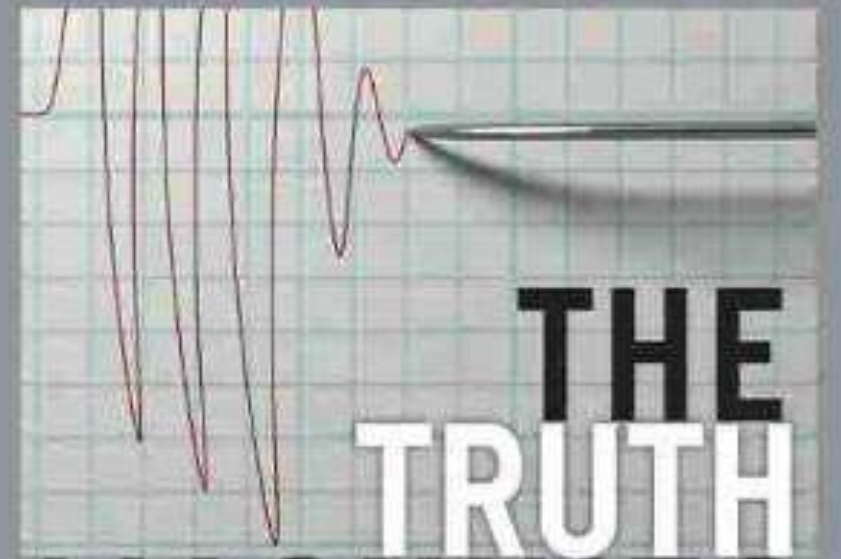
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What is police work? How are the boundaries of what it is and what it is not determined?

1. Jinee Lokaneeta, *Truth Machines* (2020), ch 3 & 4
2. "Confessions of a Former Bastard Cop" (2020)
3. Beatrice Jauregui, "Beatings, Beacons, and Big Men" (2013)

**Week 4 – policing labor: inside
institutions**



THE TRUTH MACHINES

Policing,
Violence,
and Scientific
Interrogations
in India

Jinee Lokaneeta

How can we explain the relationship between state power and legal violence in liberal democracies?

i.e. how do states justify/resolve tension around use of violent power?


“Relying **on a confessional paradigm**, the state attempts to replace physical torture with truth machines that lack scientific validity. The relationship of the police to violence is thus complex. ... truth machines represent **a technical solution** for the ills of the criminal justice system.”

--Lokaneeta, 2020: 2-3.

How do police work and what is policework?

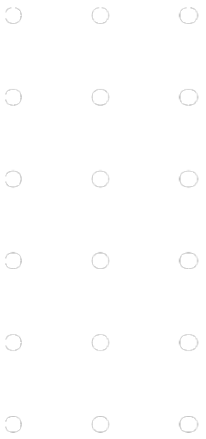
- law?
- Experts?
- “public” expectations & pressures?
- Media? Progressive vs backlash

The view from inside...

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DISCUSSION LEAD

What picture of the state do you get through
an inside view?



<https://www.netflix.com/watch/81076762?trackId=14170286>

Delhi Crime, S1, Episode 5



10 MIN BREAK

“Rather than assume, a priori, a Weberian notion of the state, I analyze how the state is constantly formed in everyday interactions and cultural representations.”

Lokaneeta, Intro, *Truth Machines*

How do police work and what is policework?

The intense focus on police procedurals – police work



BiblioCommons
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Best British Crime & Detective Dramas ...



The New York Times
British Detective Series ...



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Best British Crime & Detective Dramas ...



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Fiction Horizon
15 Best British Detective Series of All ...



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Cosmopolitan
20 Best British Crime Dramas on Netflix ...



IMDb
Reviews: Stranger - IM...



www.preview.ph
10 Best Detective K-dramas If You Love ...



Cosmo.ph
Crime And Mystery K-Dramas That Are ...



Quora
crime, police or politica...



REELYDOPE
The Highs And Lows Of Korean Cop Dramas...



The New York Times
The 30 Best International TV Shows of ...



AsianWiki
Tunnel (Korean Drama)...



Vulture
Korean Dramas: Where To Start With ...



Wikipedia
D.P. (TV series) - Wikip...

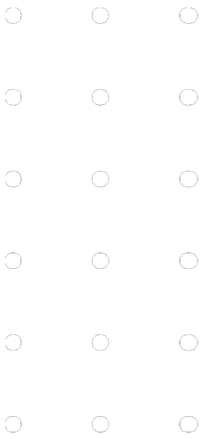


The New York Times
British Detective Series ...

The intense outside focus on police procedurals & results
– **police work**

Police professionalization is not designed to change how policing operates but is meant to change how everyone else perceives police legitimacy.

What do you think?

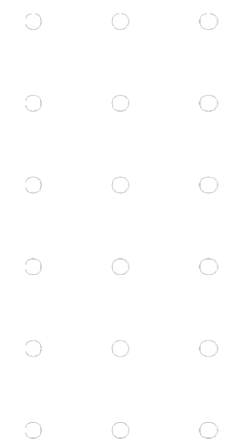


The body in policework

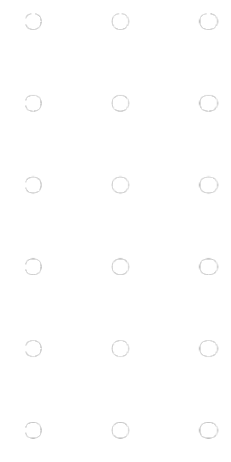
If police work represents state authority and establishes state legitimacy, does the nature/substance of that authority and legitimacy change with WHO is in the role of the police?

If so, in what ways?

Police as social beings

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1. How is the human body viewed in relation to truth from different perspectives of law, science, culture?
 2. If police represents the state, does it matter who is in that role?
 3. What insights/ analysis of police**work** emerge from *inside* the police institution?

Questions to discuss

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1. Powerful institution like the police can be situationally disempowered
 2. The state – and policing institutions – are not fixed in what they do or how they work – everyday acts, words, practices are important sites of making and remaking
 3. Policing and security institutions are highly heterogenous from the inside – it matters whose position we are talking about
 4. The boundaries between the inside and outside of these institutions is real BUT sometimes blurred, changing, and part of everyday contestations

Some conclusions...



Farhana Ibrahim, *From
Family to Police Force* (2021)

- Introduction
- Ch 3

(Further Reading) Ch 5

WEEK 5 READING



FILM SCREENING w pizza!
Fill out poll on course website under Quizzes