**SC 4880D**

**Policing and Security: Past, Present and Future**

**Wednesday 12 noon, AS1-02-12**

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Today ideas and practices of security are everywhere – in politics and media, circulating globally in images of threats, debates over conflicts, and in desires for peace, order, and stability. While some think we need more policing for safer societies, some think police and military institutions need reform or radical rethinking. No matter the debate, at borders, in metropolitan cities, in post-conflict areas, in vast rural parts of the world: we live in a heavily securitized world. What are the different histories, institutions, logics, and experiences of security regimes globally?

This seminar surveys anthropological approaches to security, broadly taken to be one of the fundamental logics underlying the governmental functions of the modern state as well as several other institutions in our contemporary world. In seeking to understand this big question, we will read ethnographic studies of policing, national security, militarism, and surveillance, (1) paying particular attention to colonialism and imperialism, (2) tracing the connections between security, law and order in society, and (3) tracking the transnational expansion and connections of policing and security in the current moment. In looking at questions of policing and connections with militarism through an anthropological lens, we will address broad questions about power and inequality and issues such as citizenship, crime, law, social order, racial capitalism. Questions such as - who polices who, for whose sake, at what scales and sites, what is militarism, what ideas of national security have become normalized in our everyday lives - will recur throughout the semester.

Students will select a contemporary topic in security and policing and research the topic for a written paper or make a podcast. Students will learn to critically unpack binaries of public/private, war/peace, Global South/Global North, domestic/political and so on by following how policing and security operate at different scales, historically and in the contemporary.

**Assessment**

* Participation 15%
* Reading response 20% (4 x 5% each)
* Discussion lead 15%
* Visual Analysis 20%
* Research paper or podcast 30%

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| Week | Date | Topic |
| 1 | 11 Jan | Introduction |
| 2 | 18 Jan | Colonial Foundations |
| 3 | 25 Jan | Securing the City |
| 4 | 1 Feb | Police Labor: Inside Institutions |
| 5 | 8 Feb | Intimate Policing and Surveillance |
| 6 | 15 Feb | Media Power |
| ~~ | ~~ | Recess Week |
| ~~ | *26 Feb* | *Submit Visual Analysis* |
| 7 | 1 March | Distributing Monopoly on Violence |
| 8 | 8 March | Connecting Policing, Security, Militarism |
| 9 | 15 March | Security, Citizenship, Masculinity |
| 10 | 22 March | Geopolitics and Gendered Labor |
| 11 | 29 March | Security Emotions |
| 12 | 5 April | Digital Security and Surveillance |
| 13 | 12 April | Where do we go from here? |
|  | *24 April* | *Submit Final Paper/Podcast* |

**READINGS**

1. **11th Jan -- anthropological approaches to policing, militarism, security**

* Peter K. Manning. “The Police: Mandate, Strategies, and Appearances.” *Policing: A view from the Street*. (Santa Monica, CA: Goodyear Publishing, 1978): 97-125.
* E Grassiani and Tessa Diphoorn, “Introducing Security Blurs”, *in Security Blurs: The Politics of Plural Security Provision*, Routledge 2019.

(Further Reading) The Police Anthropologist -- <https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/research-subject-groups/centre-criminology/centreborder-criminologies/blog/2016/04/police>

1. **18th Jan -- Colonial foundations – race & space & social control**

* Eck K. The origins of policing institutions: Legacies of colonial insurgency. *Journal of Peace Research*. 2018;55(2):147-160
* Michel Foucault. "The body of the condemned" (3-31); "Docile Bodies" (135-169); "the exam" (187-194). *Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison,* translated by Alan Sheridan. Vintage Books 1977/1995.

(Further Reading) Jean and John Comaroff. Criminal Obsessions, after Foucault: Postcoloniality, Policing, and the Metaphysics of Disorder. *Critical Inquiry*. 30(4), 2004: 800-824.

1. **25th Jan – Urban risks and threats**

* Stuart Hall et al, *Policing the Crisis: Mugging, the State, and Law and Order*, 1978 – “The Social History of a Moral Panic” and “The Origins of Social Control”, pgs 1-52.
* Setha Low, “The Edge and the Center: Gated Communities and the Discourse of Urban Fear”, *American Anthropologist*, 2001.

(Further Reading) Monroe, K. V. (2017). Tweets of surveillance: Traffic, Twitter, and securitization in Beirut, Lebanon. *Anthropological Theory*, 17(3), 322–337. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1463499617729296>

Watch: *The Wire*

1. **1st Feb -- Police labor – inside police institutions**

* Confessions of a Former Bastard Cop. *Medium*, Jun 6, 2020: <https://medium.com/@OfcrACab/confessions-of-a-former-bastard-cop-bb14d17bc759>
* Jinee Lokaneeta – *The Truth Machines*, 2020, chs 3 & 4 (EBOOK)

(Further Reading) Beatrice Jauregui, “Beatings, Beacons, and Big Men”, *Law & Social Inquiry*, 38 (3), 2013.

Watch: *Delhi Crime, Episode 5 in class*

1. **8th Feb -- Intimate Surveillance, Citizenship**

* Farhana Ibrahim *From Family to Police Force*, Cornell University Press, 2021 (EBOOK)

Watch: *The Lives of Others*

1. **15th Feb -- Media power and militarism**

* Narges Bajoghli – *Iran Reframed*, Stanford University Press – Intro + Ch 2 + 5. (EBOOK)

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1. **1st March -- Is it only the police policing? Distribution of the state’s monopoly on violence**

* Kevin O’Neill, *Hunted,* UC Press (p 1-69) (EBOOK)
* Max Weber (1918) Exercpt from "Politics as a Vocation"

Watch – *A Thousand Cuts*

1. **8th March -- How are policing, militarism, and war connected?**

* Madiha Tahir, “Violence Work and Police Order”, *Public Culture*, 2019
* Cynthia Enloe, “How Does National Security Become Militarized?” in *Globalization and Militarism: Feminists Make the Link*, 2016 (2nd edition).

(Further Reading) ACLU Report, 2014. “War Comes Home: The Excessive Militarization of American Policing” <https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/assets/jus14-warcomeshome-report-web-rel1.pdf>

Explore: [Everyday Cultures of Militarism](https://everydaymilitarisms.squarespace.com/research)

1. **15th March – -- Security, Citizenship, and Masculinity**

* Leslie Gill, “Creating Citizens, Making Men: The Military and Masculinity in Bolivia”, *Cultural Anthropology*, 1997.
* Hyun, Sinae. "Building a Human Border: The Thai Border Patrol Police School Project in the Post–Cold War Era." *Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia* 29, no. 2 (2014): 332-363.

(Further Reading) Carol Cohn (2000). “How Can She Claim Equal Rights When She Doesn't Have to Do as Many Push-Ups as I Do?” The Framing of Men's Opposition to Women's Equality in the Military. *Men and Masculinities*.

(Further Reading) Cynthia Enloe, “Paying Close Attention to Women *Inside* Militaries” in *Globalization and Militarism: Feminists Make the Link*, 2016 (2nd edition).

Watch: Clips from *D.P.* episodes

1. **22nd March -- Geopolitics and Gendered Labors**

* Elisabeth Schrober, *Base Encounters: The US Armed Forces in South Korea,* Pluto Press – skim Intro, read Chapters 4
* Negar Razavi, “Golden Boys, Bros, and Barbecues: Gendered Occidentalism and the Shaping of US Policy in the Middle East”, *Political and Legal Anthropology*,

(Further Reading) Schrober, *Base Encounters*, ch 5.

1. **29th March – Security Emotions and Moral Panics**

* Nosheen Ali, “Grounding Militarism: Structures of Feeling and Force in Gilgit-Baltistan”, in *Everyday Occupations: Experiencing Militarism in South Asia and the Middle East.*
* Maria Rashid, *Dying to Serve,* Stanford University Press. excerpts

(Further Reading) Leah Zani, “Blast Radius”, in *Bomb Children: Life in the Former Battlefields of Laos*, Duke University Press.

1. **5th April -- Digital Security and Surveillance**

<https://today.duke.edu/2021/06/rebecca-stein-war-smartphone-age>

* Darren Byler, *Terror Capitalism*, 2021, Duke University Press, excerpts.

Watch: Clips from *Black Mirror* episodes

1. **12th April -- Where do we go from here? Reform, abolition, anti-militarism activism**

* Defund Police because reform won’t happen -- <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/12/opinion/sunday/floyd-abolish-defund-police.html>
* Need for internationalism <https://internationalcomparative.duke.edu/news/heartland-hong-kong-case-global-abolition-striking-parallels-between-policing-hong-kong-and-us>