Crime, Politics & Society – Sociology 308

This course will meet on Tuesdays for Lectures in Parkes 223 and Thursdays for Discussion Groups in Annenberg G30 (last names A-L) and Annenberg G32 (H-Z). The first class on Thurs-September 27 will meet in Annenberg G30&G32.

Discussion group material will be covered on exams and participation will influence borderline decisions about final course marks.

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Office Hours: 11-12 TU/TH

Texts:


Additional Readings on Blackboard

Evaluation: Optional ten page paper on politics of crime

(10%, reducing exam weight by 5%)

Exams: Mid-Term (40%) & Final (60%)

Readings & Lectures

Sept 27(TH) Introduction – Meets in Annenberg Discussion Group Classrooms

Oct 2 (TU) Washington Stories/President’s Report (WC1-30)(Rockefeller)

Lecture: Is Don Draper a Criminal?

4(TH) Street Crimes & Suite Misdemeanors (WC31-68; Story of a Suicide)

9(TU) Crime, Age of Roosevelt (WC69-100; MFY, President’s Committee)
Lecture: “If the President Does It, … It’s Not a Crime”
11(TH) Crime, Age of Reagan (WC101-136; The Iran-Contra Affair )
16(TU) Fears of the Street (WC138-167; Brown v. Plata; Women Street Stops)

Lecture: The California Prison Crisis
18(TH) Freeing the Suites (WC168-212; Insider Trading Part of the Fabric?)
23(TU) The Age of Obama? (WC257-266/Afterword; The Street Fighter)

Lecture: A Perfect Storm of Financial Crime

25 (TH) Mid-Term Exam
30 (TU) Darfur Crime Scenes (DG1-30; A Darfur Primer)

Lecture: The Atrocities Documentation Survey
Nov 1 (TH) The Crime of Crimes (DG31-56; Dying in Darfur)
6 (TU) While Criminology Slept (DG57-78; Raphael Lempkin)

Lecture: Rape and Displacement in Darfur
8 (TH) Flip-Flopping Darfur (DG79-104; Death & Displacement in Darfur)
13 (TU) Eyewitnessing Genocide (DG105-136; A History of Violence)

Lecture: Iraq & Crimes of Pre-Emptive War
15 (TH) Rolling Genocide (DG137-60); Crime Wars/War Crimes (WC213-56)
20 (TU) The Racial Spark (DG161-193; TBA)

Lecture: Hidden Sentences
Nov 22-27 Thanksgiving
Nov 29 (TU) No Charges … Deaths involving CIA; Secret ‘Kill List’
Dec 4-6 Reading Week

Dec 10-14 Final Exam