Course Code: SLGC2LP201

Title: Law, Society and Crime

Type of Course: Elective

Cohort for which it is compulsory:

Cohort for which it is elective: MA Law Politics and Society

No of Credits: 4

Semester and Year Offered: 2nd semester, 1st year students

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Pre-requisites: none

Aim: Criminology emanated from psychology, sociology, political science and related social science disciplines. However, it did not receive ample attention as a dedicated subject in the Indian Universities. This course aims to offer a dedicated course to the study of the notion of ‘crime’ and the figure of the ‘criminal’. Hence it will offer a broader perspective on the criminal justice system as a whole. The course will introduce students to the concepts of crime and its etiology and take them through the development of different schools of criminology from the classical to the radical. It would help them understand the types of crime in a changing and developing socio-economic and political context.

Brief description of modules/ Main modules with readings:

This introductory course in criminology/ Law, Crime and Society, will introduce students to the complex factors that contribute to criminal behaviour and to the range of strategies for addressing crime. It is ideal for students who wish to explore the range of issues and the key debates raised by crime and the criminal justice system. The course will help students make sense of current trends and patterns in crime and criminal justice, introduce them to contemporary psychological approaches to, sociological theories of, criminal behaviour, and explain how the criminal justice process works, including the roles and responsibilities of the various agencies and institutions involved.

Module 1: Understanding Crime

Module 2: Sociology of Crime
Module 3: Psychology of Criminal Behaviour

Module 4: The Criminal Justice Process

**Week 1**

The nature of Criminology

1. A Brief History of Criminology, Ben Bowling 2006.
2. Criminology: a sociological introduction, Carrabine, Eamonn 2009 (chapter 7)
3. Criminology, Social Theory and the challenge of our times, D. Garland, R. Sparks, 2000
5. The Oxford Handbook of Criminology Maguire, Mike, Rod, Reiner, Robert, 1994 (chapter 1 by David Garland)

**Week 2**

Classicism and Justice

3. Two hundred and fifty years since the publication of crimes and punishments: The currency of Cesare Beccaria’s thought- L. Ferrajoli (2014 article)

**Week 3**

Crime prevention

3. The oxford Handbook of criminology- Mike Maguire, Rodney Morgan, Robert Reiner, 2012 (chapter 26 by Crawford and Evans)

**Week 4**

Beyond Justice, beyond deterrence

Texts on Punitiveness (irrationality)

1. The return of the wheel barrow Men; or, the arrival of postmodern penalty?- J. Pratt, 2000
2. Penal Populism: key ideas in criminology – J. Pratt 2007 (chapter 1 &2)
3. Criminological perspectives- MacLaughlin Eugene 2013 (chapter 43 by Feeley and Simon)
4. The futures of criminology- David Nelken 1994 (chapter 8 by Feeley and Simon)
5. Crime, risk and Justice: the politics of crime control in liberal democracies- Kevin Stenson, Robert r. Sullivan, 2001 (chapter 7 by Simon and entitlement to cruelty)
6. Against prediction: profiling, policing and punishing in an actuarial age- Harcourt Barnard E., 1963

Texts on Risk (rationality)
1. Preventive justice- Andrew Ashworth, lucia Zedner, 2014
2. The Sage Handbook of punishment and Society- Jonathan Simon, Richard Sparks 2013 (see chapter 6 by Hannah-Moffat, Punishment and Risk)

Week 5

Governance, Risk and Security
1. Governing through crime: how the war on crime transformed American democracy and created a culture of fear- Simon Jonathan, 2006
2. Government and Control- N. Rose, 2000
3. The Sage Handbook of criminological theory- (chapter 17 by Pat O’Malley ‘Governmental criminology’)
4. Fighting crime together: the challenges of policing and security networks- Fleming, jenny, wood, Jennifer Dawn, 2008 (read chapter by Wood ‘Dark Networks, Bright Networks and the Place of the Police.)
6. Policing before and after the police: The historical antecedents of Contemporary crime control- L. Zedner 2005

Week 6

Scientific responses to crime
1. The criminal brain: understanding biological theories of crime- Nicole Hahn Rafter, Chad Posick, Michael Rocque, 2016.
3. Criminal Man-Ombroso, Cesare, Gibson, Mary, Rafter, Nicole Hahn, 2006
4. The criminal body: Lombroso and the anatomy of deviance- Horn, David 2003

Week 7 & Week 8

Crime Science

2. Crime science- Ken Pease 2004
3. Crime, science and evaluation- Gloria Laycock, 2005
4. Technology, crime and crime science- Ronald V. Clark 2002

Criticisms of Crime Science

1. What is criminology?- Bosworth Mary 2011 (read chapter 30 by Tim Hope)
2. The novelty of crime science, 2007

Week 9

Anomie, Social Disorganisation and Strain: Past & Present

2. read chapter 3, The university of Chicago sociology &
3. chapter 4- Functionalism
4. The Chicago school diaspora: epistemology and substance- Gary Bowden, Jacqueline Low, 2014

Week 10 & 11

Sub cultures & Post Subcultures

Subculture

1. The subcultures reader- Ken Gelder, 2005
4. Delinquent boys: the culture of the gang- Cpholen, Albert Kircidel, 1955
6. The delinquent solution: a study in subcultural theory- David Downes, 1966

Post-subcultures
8. The post-subcultural turn: some reflections 10 years on- Andy Benett, 2011
9. Youth subcultural theory: A critical engagement with the concept, its origin and politics from the Chicago school to postmodernism- Shane Blackman, 2005
11. Violent night: urban leisure and contemporary culture- Simon Winlow, Steve Hall- 2006

Assessment Details with weights:

  Book Review: 10 
  Mid Semester Exam: 30 
  Term Paper (Essay): 20% 
  Presentation: 10% 
  Final written exam: 30 %