

**UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
Department of Sociology**

**Selected Topics in Criminology:
Criminology and Genocide**

**Sociology 077.745 (L01)
(Term 2, 2004)
Slot, Thursday, 9am-12pm
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Course Objectives:

The purpose of this course is to explore the possibility of a criminological approach to genocide. Genocide and war crimes are two of the most destructive forces of the last century. The death toll from the mass violence they have unleashed surpasses that of all forms of street crime combined. Yet criminology has paid scant attention to the commission and attempted resolution of genocidal crimes. We will examine this glaring absence in criminological theory through an overview of the sociological, social psychological, historical and anthropological literatures of genocide and war crimes, through an evaluation of specific instances of genocide in Nazi Germany, the former Yugoslavia, and Rwanda, and through an assessment of the legal and quasi-legal mechanisms available for addressing the genocidal past. However, criminology is not simply a tool for ‘understanding’ genocide; it can also be complicit in genocide when criminological ‘science’ is misused to criminalize and dehumanize targeted populations. Students are asked to bear in mind the “Janus-faced” nature of criminology as they approach the assigned readings.

Assignments and Grades:

Participation: You are expected to complete the required readings prior to the class so you can participate intelligently in the discussion. Each week two students will be responsible for presenting the readings to the class (approximately 20 minutes) and facilitating the class discussion. These presentations are intended as an opportunity for you to improve your teaching and conference presentation skills. Therefore, your presentation(s) should be structured around a guiding theme or thesis statement, and questions should be prepared for class discussion based on this theme/thesis.

Participation grades are assessed based on the combination of your in-class participation and your seminar presentation(s). Missed classes, failure to read the assigned texts, and disruptive or negative classroom behaviour will all result in lower participation marks. Class participation is worth 25% of your final grade.

Weekly Précis: These are two-page critical commentaries or analytical synopses of weekly readings. They will be evaluated and commented on for their pertinence to the texts addressed. A minimum of 5 must be handed in during the semester (you can opt to write more, although you may not write more than *one* per week. Précis will not be accepted after April 8, 2004). This assignment is worth 25% of the final grade.

Essay(s): You have the choice of writing either two short 9-12 page essays (one due following reading break the other at the end of the term), or one long term paper, 20-25 pages, due April 15, 2004. The essay(s) will be on a topic selected by the student, but must relate to one of the main parts of the course. The essay(s) assignment is worth 50% of your final grade. (Note: students who opt to write the long term paper can choose to hand in an outline which will count for up to 10% of the total essay grade – see instructor to discuss this option). Late essays will be penalized 2% (out of 100%) per day unless an extension has been obtained from the professor prior to the due date.

Grading:

A+	90-100	Exceptional
A	80-89	Excellent
B+	76-79	Very Good
B	70-75	Good
C+	66-69	Satisfactory
C	60-65	Adequate
D	50-59	Marginal
F	49 & below	Failure

Academic Integrity: Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on 'Examinations: Personations' (p. 23) and 'Plagiarism and Cheating' (p. 24) found in the University of Manitoba Graduate Calendar.

Voluntary withdrawal deadline date is March 17, 2004.

Course Outline:

Week One: What is Genocide?

Required Readings:

- Samantha Power, selections from *A Problem From Hell*, pages (pp. 1-85.)
 - Helen Fein, "Genocide: A Sociological Perspective" (pp. 74-90)
- (These readings are available in the photocopy room)

For further exploration (but not required...):

- Leo Kuper (1981) *Genocide: It's Political Use in the Twentieth Century*
- Raphaël Lemkin (1944) *Axis Rule in Occupied Europe*.
- Frank Chalk & Kurt Jonassohn (1990) *The History and Sociology of Genocide: Analyses and Case Studies*
- Horowitz, Irving Louis 1982 *Taking Lives: Genocide and State Power*, Third Edition. New Brunswick, N.J.: Transaction Books.

Week Two: Explaining the Inexplicable: Part 1

Required Readings:

James Milgram, selections from *Obedience to Authority* (pp. 1-26, 32-43 and 123-134)
Keith Tester, "Guilt" (pp. 82-112)
(These readings are available in the photocopy room)

For further exploration (but not required...):

- Herbert C. Kelman and V. Lee Hamilton (1989) *Crimes of Obedience*
- Erving Staub (1989) *The Roots of Evil: The Origins of Genocide and Other Group Violence*
- Dave Grossman (1995) *On Killing: The Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and Society*.
- James Waller (2002) *Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Killing*.

Week Three: Explaining the Inexplicable: Part 2, The Historical Record

Required Readings:

- Christopher Browning, selections from *Ordinary Men: Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland* (pp. 1-8, 55-70, and 159-189)
 - Daniel J Goldhagen, selections from *Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust* (3-48)
- (These readings are available in the photocopy room)

For further exploration (but not required...):

- Robert R Shandley (1998) *Unwilling Germans? The Goldhagen Debate*
- Norman G. Finklestein and Ruth Bettina Birn (1998) *A Nation on Trial: The Goldhagen Thesis and Historical Truth*.

Week Four: Sociology and Genocide: The Holocaust

Required Readings:

Zygmunt Bauman, selections from *Modernity and the Holocaust* (pp. preface, 1-30, 83-116)
(These readings are available in the photocopy room)

For further exploration (but not required...):

- Matthias Junge (2001) "Zygmunt Bauman's Poisoned Gift of Morality" *British Journal of Sociology*, 52, 1, March: 105-119.
- Jack Zipes (1990-91) "The Holocaust, Modernity, and Tough Jews" *Telos*, 86, Winter: 170-183.
- Michael Freeman (1995) "Genocide, Civilization and Modernity" *British Journal of Sociology*, 46, 2, June: 207-223.
- Ivor Oxaal (1991) "Sociology, History and the Holocaust" *Theory, Culture & Society*, 8: 153-166.
- Rosemary H. T. O'Kane (1997) "Modernity, the Holocaust and Politics" *Economy and Society*, 26, 1, February: 43-61.

Week Five: Sociology and Genocide: The Former Yugoslavia

Required Readings:

- Keith Doubt, selections from *Sociology After Bosnia and Kosovo* (pp.1-32, 67-88, and 137-162.)
(These readings are available in the photocopy room)

For further exploration (but not required...):

- David Rieff (1995) *Slaughterhouse*.
- Tim Judah (2000) *Kosovo: War and Revenge*
- Norman Cigar (1995) *Genocide in Bosnia*
- Akbar S. Ahmed (1995) "'Ethnic Cleansing': A Metaphor for Our Times" *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 18, 1: 1-25.

Week Six: Sociology and Rwanda

Required Readings:

- Mahmood Mamdani, selections from *When Victims Become Killers* (pp. 3-39 and 185-233).
(These readings are available in the photocopy room)

For further exploration (but not required...):

- Philip Gourevitch (1998) *We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will be Killed with Our Families*. New York: Picador.
- Gérard Prunier (1995) *The Rwanda Crisis: History of a Genocide*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Réne Lemarchand (1994) *Burundi: Ethnocide as Discourse and Practice*. Cambridge University Press.
- Julian R. Pierce (1999) *Speak Rwanda*. New York: Picador.

Week Seven: Criminology and Genocide 1

Required Readings:

- Alex Alvarez, *Governments, Citizens and Genocide* (pp. 1-85)
(These readings are available in the photocopy room, copies of this book are also available from the book store)

Week Eight: Criminology and Genocide II?

Required Readings:

- Alex Alvarez, *Governments, Citizens and Genocide* (pp. 86-152)
(These readings are available in the photocopy room, copies of this book are also available from the book store)

For further exploration (but not required...):

- L. Edward Day and Margaret Vandiver (2000) "Criminology and Genocide Studies: Notes on What Might Have Been and Still Could Be" *Crime, Law & Social Change* 34.
- Afflitto, Frank M. 2000 "Victimization, Survival and the Impunity of Forced Exile: A Case Study from the Rwandan Genocide" *Crime, Law & Social Change* 34: 77-97.
- Friedrichs, David O. 2000 "The Crime of the Century? The Case for the Holocaust" *Crime, Law & Social Change* 34:21-41.
- Yacoubian, George S. Jr. 2000 "The (In)significance of Genocidal Behaviour to the Discipline of Criminology" *Crime, Law & Change*, 34: 7-19.
- Brannigan, Augustine 1998 "Criminology and the Holocaust: Xenophobia, Evolution and Genocide" *Crime and Delinquency* 44, 2: 257-276.
- Cohen, Stanley 2001 *States of Denial: Knowing About Atrocities and Suffering*. Cambridge, UK: Polity.
- Steiner, John M. 2000 "The Role Margin as the Site for Moral and Social Intelligence: The Case of Germany and National Socialism" *Crime, Law & Change* 34: 61-75.

Week Nine: Criminology in Genocide

Required Readings:

Richard F. Wetzell, selections from *Inventing the Criminal: A History of German Criminology* (pp. 179-305)

(These readings are available in the photocopy room)

Week Ten: Rape as a Crime of War

Required Readings:

- Claudia Card, “Rape as a Weapon of War” (pp. 5-18)
- Ruth Jamieson, “Genocide and the Social Production of Immorality” (pp. 131-146)
- Doris Buss, “Prosecuting Mass Rape: Prosecutor V. Dragoljub Kunarac, Radomir Kovac and Zoran Vukovic” (pp. 91-99)
- Catherine N. Niarchos “Women, War, and Rape: Challenges Facing the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia” (pp. 649-690)

(These readings are available in the photocopy room)

Week Eleven: Law, Justice and Genocide I: Retributive Responses

Required Readings:

- Martha Minow selections from *Between Vengeance and Forgiveness: Facing Genocide and Mass Violence* (pp. 25-51)
- Hannah Arendt, selections from *Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil* (pp. 91-109)
- George S. Yacubian Jr. “Evaluating the Efficiency of the International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the Former Yugoslavia: Implications for Criminology and International Criminal Law” (pp. 132-143).

(These readings are available in the photocopy room)

For further exploration (but not required...):

- Conot, Robert E. 1983 *Justice at Nuremberg*. New York: Harper & Row.
- Lael, Richard L. 1982 *The Yamashita Precedent: War Crimes and Command Responsibility*. Wilmington, Delaware: Scholarly Resources Inc.
- Ruosso, Henry 2003 “Justice, History, and Memory in France: Reflections on the Papon Trial” pp. 277-294 in John Torpey (ed.) *Politics and the Past: On Repairing Historical Injustices*. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield.
- Rieff, David 2002. “Fables of Redemption in an Age of Barbarism” *Social Research*, 69, 4, Winter, pp1159-1170.
- Bass, Gary Jonathan 2000 *Stay the Hand of Vengeance: The Politics of War Crimes Tribunals*, Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Week Twelve: Law, Justice and Genocide II: Restorative Responses

Required Readings:

- Martha Minow, selections from *Between Vengeance and Forgiveness: Facing Genocide and Mass Violence* (pp. 118-147)
 - Priscilla Haynor, selections from *Unspeakable Truths* (pp. 1-31)
 - Elizar Barkan, “Restitution and Amending Historical Injustices in International Morality” (pp91-102)
 - John Torpey, “Making Whole That Which Has Been Smashed” (pp. 133-158)
- (These readings are available in the photocopy room)

For further exploration (but not required...):

- Balabkins, Nicholas 1993. *West German Reparations to Israel*. Piscataway, NJ: Rutgers University Press.
- Barkan, Elizar 2000 *The Guilt of Nations: Restitution and Negotiating Historical Injustices*. New York: W. W. Norton & Company.
- John Torpey, ed. (2003) *Politics and the Past: On Repairing Historical Injustices*. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield.
- Falk, Richard A. 2000 *Human Rights Horizons: The Pursuit of Justice in a Globalizing World*. New York: Routledge
- James, Matt 1999 “Redress Politics and Canadian Citizenship” pp. 247-281 in Harvey Lazarud and Tom McIntosh (eds.) *Canada: The State of the Federation 1998/99 – Exploring the Ties that Bind*. Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen’s University Press.
- Jaspers, Karl 2000 (c1947) *The Question of German Guilt*. New York; Fordham.
- Kritz, Neil J. 1995 *Transitional Justice: How Emerging Democracies Reckon with Former Regimes*. Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press.
- Krog, Antjie 1998 *Country of My Skull: Guilt, Sorrow, and the Limits of Forgiveness in the New South Africa*. New York: Three Rivers Press.
- Long, William J. and Brecke, Peter 2002 *War and Reconciliation: Reason and Emotion in Conflict Resolution*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: The MIT Press.
- Maier, Charles S. 1988. *The Unmasterable Past: History, Holocaust, and German National Identity*, Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press.
- Minow, Martha 2002 *Breaking the Cycles of Hatred: Memory, Law, and Repair*, Introduced and with commentaries edited by Nancy L. Rosenblum. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press.
- Robinson, Randall 1999. *The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks*. New York: Dutton.
- Tutu, Desmond 1999 *No Future Without Forgiveness*, New York: Image, Doubleday.
- Zweig, Ronald W. 1987. *German Reparations and the Jewish World: A History of the Claims Conference*. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press.
- Novick, Peter 1999 *The Holocaust in American Life*. Boston: Houghton-Mifflin.
- Brooks, Roy L. (ed.) 1999 *When Sorry Isn’t Enough: The Controversy Over Apologies and Reparations for Human Injustice*. New York: New York University Press.

Week Thirteen: Summary and Essay Discussion

No required readings