

REVISITING CRIMES OF THE POWERFUL: A
GLOBAL CONVERSATION ON CAPITALISM,
CORPORATIONS AND CRIME

THURSDAY, MAY 25TH, 2017 &
FRIDAY, MAY 26TH, 2017

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YORK UNIVERSITY

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY MAY 25, 2017

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

OPENING REMARKS

Lorne Sossin (Dean, Osgoode), **François Tanguay-Renaud** (Director, Nathanson Centre; Osgoode)

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

INTRODUCTION OF FRANK PEARCE BY STEVE TOMBS

KEYNOTE ADDRESS : FRANK PEARCE “CRIMES OF THE POWERFUL – AN ENDURING FRAMEWORK”

9:45 AM - 11:00 AM

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PANEL 1: THEORETICAL / CONCEPTUAL EXCURSIONS

Chair: **Steve Tombs**

David Whyte “International Reflections of Corporate Power”

Dawn Rothe and Victoria Collins “Reproducing the ‘real and imaginary social order’ through consent, commodification and consumption”

Onwubiko Agozino “Imperialism: the general theory of crimes of the powerful”

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Coffee Break

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11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

PANEL 2: ORGANIZED CRIME, CORRUPTION, AND THE STATE

Chair: **Margaret Beare**

Alexandra Orlova "Challenging entrenched social norms around corruption within an authoritarian regime"

Michael Woodiwiss "Al Capone as Servant of the Powerful"

Sanaa Ahmed "Fighting OC and Corruption: Globalized responses – Unequal Cost"

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Lunch

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1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

PANEL 3: RESEARCHING CRIMES OF THE POWERFUL – WORKSHOP

Chair: **Steven Bittle**

Roundtable focused discussion with active participation from graduate students together with established academic researchers

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM

Coffee Break

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3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

PANEL 4: ENABLING LAWS AND LEGISLATION

Chair: **David Whyte**

Steve Bittle "Criminalizing corporate violence: Fixing capitalist crises or producing new contradictions?"

Al Rosen "Easy Prey – Accountants and the easy manipulation of numbers"

Robert Cribb "Snowwashing – Canada, Open for Business"

(TAXIS TO GO DOWNTOWN TO RESTAURANT: DINNER FOR PRESENTERS)

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY MAY 26, 2017

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

GOOD MORNING WELCOME BY STEVEN BITTLE

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9:15 AM - 10:30 AM

PANEL 5: FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR CRIMES

Chair: **Laureen Snider**

Dean Curran "Toxic Capitalism in an Age of Financial and Environmental Risks: Exploring Contemporary Harm and Irresponsibility of the Powerful"

David Friedrichs "Asian Dam Projects and Crimes of Globalization: Powerful institutions and slow violence"

Paul Datta "Hegemony and Obligatory Economic Sacrifices: Zombie Capitalism, Class Struggle and the Primitive Accumulation of Future"

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Coffee Break

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10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

PANEL 6: STATE-CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

Chair: **Sarah Pedigo**

Nick Hardy "Atomic Capitalism: Separating the Imaginary and the Real in the Age of Neoliberal Science"

Hanna Malik "The Emergence and Development of Quasi-Criminal Liability of Legal Entities in Poland"

Ray Michalowski "Power, Crime and Enclosure: Capital Accumulation in the Twilight of the Neoliberal SSA"

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12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

PANEL 7: LABOUR THEFT

Chair: **Jasmine Herbert**

Laureen Snider "Bad Bosses: Stealing Leisure, Wages and Time from Employees"

Paul Leighton "Why is There No Criminology of Wage Theft? Why Is There No Criminology of a \$50 Billion Annual Problem that Affects Our Students?"

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch

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2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

PANEL 8: STATE LIABILITY – FAILURE TO PROTECT

Chair: **Hanna Malik**

Liisa Lahteenmaki & Anne Alvesalo-Kuusi “Corporate criminal liability and the imaginary social order”

Laura Finley “Failure to Protect: State Obligations to Victims and State Crime”

Jose Atilas “Frank Pearce and Colonial State Crimes: Contributions to a research agenda”

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM

Coffee Break

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3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

PANEL 9: CO-MINGLING OF LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

Chair: **Sanaa Ahmed**

Steve Tombs “The Real and the Imaginary Social Order: state-corporate symbiosis ‘after’ the crisis”

Vincenzo Ruggiero “Networks of greed”

Margaret Beare “Shadow Boxing against the Crimes of the Powerful”

4:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Closing Remarks: Margaret Beare & Friends

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

CLOSING RECEPTION: Everyone welcome – possibly with ‘Guests’ from the across campus “Marx’s *Capital after 150 years*” conference
