Revisiting crimes of the powerful: a global conversation on capitalism, corporations and crime

Thursday, May 25th, 2017 & Friday, May 26th, 2017

Osgoode Hall Law School
Ignat Kaneff Building
York University
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
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
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

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

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)
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM
GOOD MORNING WELCOME BY STEVEN BITTLE

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

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”

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

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

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM
Coffee Break

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