History of Policing & Alternate Models

Discussion Colloquium
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146 pages

**Reader Abstract:** This reader centers around the history of policing and explores criticisms of contemporary policing models while looking forward at possible reforms. It draws heavily from Radley Balko’s, *Rise of the Warrior Cop* but takes influence from a range of sources.

**Session 1: The History of Policing (49 pages)**


- Chapter 1, “From Rome to Writs,” pages 1-10.

**Session Abstract:** This first session lays out the timeline of historical facts that lead to policing in its contemporary form. It centers around sections in *Rise of the Warrior Cop*. This book will be returned to twice more in this reading list.

**Session 2: The Ethics of Policing (16 pages)**


**Session Abstract:** This session explores the Ethics of Policing. The first work lays out the legal definition and justification of policing by consent. This serves as the foundation in which the following two pieces can be contrasted and compared with.

**Session 3: Studies on Policing Models (29 pages)**


Session Abstract: This third session uses analytical tools to consider the overall outcome and effectiveness of policing in its present form. The first piece looks at the effect of "broken window policing" and its impact on crime rates by targeting specific communities. The second work explores the impact of efforts to centralize policing and how it leads to a disconnect between the needs of citizens and law enforcement.

Session 4: Remedies (52 pages)


Session Abstract: This final session explores the potential remedies for the issues laid out in the previous sessions. Included in this session are two pieces by Radley Balko, one from his book which is drawn on heavily in other parts of this reading list and another exploring the policy suggestions of Black Lives Matter. Finally this session ends with an analysis from the U.S. Department of Justice.