

## AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

### **HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AGE OF TOTAL WAR: THE NORTH AMERICAN EXPERIENCE SINCE 1914**

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### **SEMINAR SCHEDULE**

#### **PART 1: GENERAL THEMES AND DISCUSSION**

WEEK ONE: JANUARY 17

#### **INTRODUCTION TO NORTH AMERICAN SECURITY AND HOMELAND DEFENCE: Theoretical and Historical Issues**

- Definition of Security
- Changing Meaning of Terrorism
- Historical Methodology and Security Studies
- Comparative Approach: North American paradigm?
- Challenge of Inter-disciplinary Studies
- Academic Scholarship and Government Policy

#### **READINGS:**

\* Elinor Sloan, Security and Defence in the Terrorist Era: Canada and North America. (Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2005), pp. 1-29.

\* Russell Howard et al, Homeland Security and Terrorism: Readings and Interpretations. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2006, pp. 1-42.

WEEK TWO: JANUARY 24

#### **BORDERLANDS, BOUNDARIES AND BORDER ENFORCEMENT**

- Analysis of Borderlands Theories (Global)
- North American Borderlands—Overview

- Canadian-American Borderlands
- United States-Mexican Borderlands
- Canadian-Mexican linkages

### **READINGS:**

\* Peter Andreas & Thomas Biersteker (eds), *The Rebordering of North America: Integration and Exclusion in a New Security Context*. New York: Routledge, 2003). Chapters 1 &2 (1-45)

Mary Dudziak & Leti Volpp (eds), *Legal Borderlands: Law and the Construction of American Borders* (2006), Introduction (1-18. (Blackboard).

Paul Ganster, “On the Road to Interdependence? The United States-Mexico Border Region,” in *Borders and Border Regions in Europe and North America*, edited by Paul Ganster et al (San Diego, 1997), 237-266. (Blackboard)

\* Daniel Drache, *Borders Matter: Homeland Security and the Search for North America* (Halifax, Fernwood Publishing, 2004), Chapter 1 (1-21) & Ch.5 (88-109)

## **PART 2: CONTEMPORARY DEBATE**

WEEK THREE: JANUARY 31

### **Major Security Issues in North America in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

- Different Responses to Terrorism
- Myth of Canada Border and 9/11 Terrorism
- Impact of US Border Security Measures
- Civil Liberties and Counter-Terrorism-

\* Elinor Sloan. *Security and Defence in the Terrorist Era: Canada and North America* (2005), Chapter 3,4,5 (30-94).

\* Russell Howard et al, *Homeland Security and Terrorism: Readings and Interpretations* (2006), Chapters 7-8-9 (104-66).

Raul Benitez Manaut, “Sovereignty, Foreign Policy and National Security in Mexico, 1821-1989,” in *Natural Allies? Canadian and Mexican Perspectives*

on National Security, edited by H.P. Klepak (1996). Chapter 3 (57-87).  
Blackboard.

Victor Konrad & Heather Nichol, Boundaries and Corridors: Rethinking the Canada-United States Borderlands in the Post-9/11 Era. December 2004. (Orono, Maine: Canadian-American Public Policy-Occasional Papers; Number 60), 1-28.) Blackboard

#### WEEK FOUR: FEBRUARY 7

##### **A Common North American Security Policy: Is It Possible?**

- NAFTA and The North American Security & Prosperity Partnership
- The Military Response: NORAD and NATO
- Global Health Security Initiative & WHO
- Counter-Terrorism: Intelligence, Police and Public Health
- Public Opinion and Images of Successful Partnership

#### READINGS:

\* Peter Andreas & Thomas Biersteker (eds), The Rebordering of North America: Integration and Exclusion in a New Security Context (2003), Chapters 3 & 4 (46-89).

Jordi Diez (ed), Canadian and Mexican Security in the New North America: Challenges and Prospects. (Montreal/Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2006). Chapters 2-3-4 (25-68).

Victor Konrad & Heather Nichol, Boundaries and Corridors: Rethinking the Canada-United States Borderlands in the Post-9/11 Era.(2004),pp.29-44.

\* Daniel Drache, Borders Matter: Homeland Security and the Search for North America (Halifax, Fernwood Publishing, 2004), Chapters 3-4-5(43-109).

### **PART 3: HISTORICAL ANALYSIS AND SELECT CASE STUDIES**

#### WEEK FIVE: FEBRUARY 14

##### **Border Concerns During World War One and the Inter-War Period**

- Canadian Concerns of US based attacks: 1914-1917
- Mexico and the Threat to US security 1914-1917

- Redefining Patriotism and Loyalty in Canada and the USA
- The Red Scare: Canadian-US counter-terrorism cooperation, 1917-21
- The 1920's: Redefining North American Borders
- American Workers First: Repatriation of Mexican workers
- The Enemy Within: Communist and Fascists During the 1930's

READINGS:

Donald Avery, Reluctant Host: Canada's Response to Immigrant Workers, 1896-1994. (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 1995). Chapters Three and Four (Blackboard).

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Linda B. Hall and Don M. Coerver, Revolution on the Border: The United States and Mexico, 1910-1920 (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1988), 28-43, 171-73. (Blackboard)

WEEK SIX: FEBRUARY 21

**World War Two and the National Security State**

- The 'Fifth Column Threat' and Canadian-USA cooperation
- The International Joint Commission and the Alaskan Highway
- A North American Labour Market: the Barcero Program
- Internment of Japanese Canadians and Japanese Americans
- Uneasy Partnership: the Soviet Union as wartime ally
- Soviet Espionage and Divided Loyalties

READINGS:

Donald Avery, Reluctant Host (1995). Chapters Five and Six (108-143)

Donald Avery, Donald Avery, The Science of War: Canadian Scientists and Allied Military Technology During the Second World War (1998). Chapter 2 (41-67).

Galen Perras, Franklin Roosevelt and the Origins of the Canadian-American Security Alliance, 1933-1945. (Westport: Praeger, 1998). Chapter 3 (65-93).

Maria Emilia Paz Salinas, Strategy, Security, and Spies: Mexico and the U.S. as Allies in World War II. (Pittsburg: Penn State Press, 1997). Chapters 1 & 12. (9-24, 226-234)

## WEEK SEVEN: FEBRUARY 28

### **Weapons of Mass Destruction: WWII and the Cold War**

- Preparing for Chemical and Biological Warfare
- Canada's Role in the Manhattan Project
- Rejecting International Controls: The WMD Arms Race
- Media Images of Nuclear and Germ Weapons
- Redefining the loyalty of scientists: the Oppenheimer Case
- Pugwash and the Peace Movement
- Fear of Pandemics: Smallpox, Influenza and Polio

#### READINGS:

Donald Avery, The Science of War: Canadian Scientists and Allied Military Technology During the Second World War (1998). Chapter 6 (151-75). (Blackboard)

Jeanne Guillemin, Biological Weapons: From the Invention of State Sponsored Programs to Contemporary Bioterrorism. (New York: Columbia University Press, 2005). Chapter 5 & 6 (92-130). (Blackboard)

Spencer Weart, Nuclear Fear: A History of Images (Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1988), Chapters 6 & 7 (103-151) (Blackboard)

## WEEK EIGHT: MARCH 7

### **The Cold War Culture in North America: 1948-69**

- The US experience: Who was Un-American?
- The Canadian National Insecurity State: McCarthyism Lite?
- Testing the NORAD system: The Cuban Missile and Bomarc B Crisis
- Border Issues: Excluding 'Subversives'
- Canada Rejects the Organization of American States

#### READINGS:

Stephen Whitfield, The Culture of the Cold War. (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1991). Chapter 2 (27-52).

Reg Whitaker, Double Standard: The Secret History of Canadian Immigration. (Toronto: 1987). Chapter 10 (238-274)

Lawrence Herzog, "Border Commuter Workers and Transfrontier Metropolitan Structure along the U.S.-Mexican Border," Journal of Borderlands Studies 5, no 2(Fall 1990), pp.1-20. (Blackboard).

WEEK NINE: MARCH 14 (SPRING BREAK)

WEEK TEN: MARCH 21

**State Security and the Cold War 1970-1990**

- Arms Control: Controlling Nuclear and Biological Weapons
- Domestic Terrorism: FLQ and Weathermen
- Abuse of Power: Critique of the RCMP and the CIA/FBI
- Operation Condor: Implications for Mexico and the USA
- Double Standard: Political Refugees from Latin America vs E. Europe
- Prosecuting and Deporting War Criminals
- Preventing Terrorist Attacks: Safeguarding the Olympics

READINGS:

Reginald Whitaker, Double Standard: The Secret History of Canadian Immigration. (Toronto: 1987). Chapter 11 (275-301) (Blackboard)

Christopher Hewitt, Understanding Terrorism in America: From the Klan to al Qaeda (New York, 1997?). Chapter 2 (10-22), Chapter 3 (23-52). (Blackboard)

Jennifer Welsh, At Home in the World: Canada's Global Vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Toronto: Harper-Collins, 2004.) Introduction & Chapter 6. (Blackboard)

WEEK ELEVEN: MARCH 28

**Terrorism and the Threat of WMD 1990-2001**

- Homeland Security After the Cold War: The Debate
- Images of Islamic Terrorism in Canada and USA
- New Face of Terrorism: Oklahoma City & Tokyo Subway
- Biotechnology Revolution and Bioterrorism
- WMD Proliferation & Arms Control (Russian Problem)
- NAFTA and Security Coordination

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\* Elinor Sloan, Security and Defence in the Terrorist Era: Canada and North America. (Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2005). Chapters 7 & 8 (112-144).

\* Russell Howard, Homeland Security and Terrorism (2006), Chapters 1,3,9, 14.

\* Daniel Drache, Borders Matter (All)

## WEEK TWELVE: APRIL 4

### **Terrorism USA: Impact of September 11 and Anthrax Attack**

- US: Assessment of Intelligence Problems-9/11 Commission
- Canadian Security and Political Response
- Border Issues: 30 Point Program
- Biodefence Cooperative Initiatives
- Mexican-US-Canadian Planning (GHSI)

## READINGS:

\* Russell Howard, Homeland Security and Terrorism (2006), Section Three (215-322)

Jeanne Guillemin, Biological Weapons: From the Invention of State Sponsored Programs to Contemporary Bioterrorism. (2005). Chapter 9 (167-185)

## WEEK THIRTEEN: APRIL 11

### **Analysis of Major Issues: 2001-2007**

- Bioterrorism, SARS Epidemic and Avian Flu Pandemic
- Canadian-US Relations: Impact of the Iraq Invasion
- WMD Proliferation: Global Partnership Program
- Nuclear and Radiation Terrorism
- Civil Rights and Arbitrary Detention: The Arar Case
- Military Tribunals and the Geneva Convention
- Anti-Americanism and Canadian Elections

READINGS:

David Rosner & Gerald Markowitz, Are We Ready: Public Health Since 9/11. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2006). Introduction (1-5), Conclusion (156-162). (Blackboard)

Article—Bioterrorism---

\* Russell Howard, Homeland Security and Terrorism (2006), Section Four (323-412)

WEEK FOURTEEN: APRIL 18

**Future Directions**

- Cooperative Integrated Border Controls vs US Dictates
- Northern Command and NORAD
- Standardized Refugee Policies
- Expansion US Intelligence and Security Controls
- Terrorism: The Enemy Within
- The Perpetual War Against Terrorism

READINGS:

\* Russell Howard, Homeland Security and Terrorism (2006), Section Four (323-412)

\* Peter Andreas & Thomas Biersteker (eds), The Rebordering of North America: Integration and Exclusion in a New Security Context. New York: Routledge, 2003).

Victor Konrad & Heather Nichol, Boundaries and Corridors: Rethinking the Canada-United States Borderlands in the Post-9/11 Era. (December 2004. Orono, Maine: Canadian-American Public Policy-Occasional Papers; Number 60, 1-44. (Blackboard)

WEEK FIFTEEN: APRIL 25 (Last Class)

**Assessment of Major Historical and Contemporary Trends**

Submission of Major Research Papers

WEEK SIXTEEN: APRIL 30-MAY 9 —FINAL EXAM

WEEK SEVENTEEN: MAY 9-14 FINAL GRADES