

The Police Power Reconsidered:

Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Modern Governance

June 10 – 11, 2006 ▪ 706 O'Brian Hall

Saturday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm ▪ Sunday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm



Organized by **Markus Dubber** (University at Buffalo Law School) and **Mariana Valverde** (University of Toronto, Centre of Criminology), this workshop will bring together an interdisciplinary and international group of scholars to explore a range of topics from the general perspective of policing as a tool of governance.

As a general tool of governance, the police power pervades all aspects and levels of modern government. The police power is thought to be so essential to the very idea of government that it underlies such diverse technologies of government as liquor licensing and the criminal law. Part of the problem of writing, and thinking, about police today is that it has disappeared as a subject, but not as a phenomenon, so that people do study “it” in different disciplines, and from different angles, but without knowing that this is what they’re doing, or what the others are doing, for that matter. The range of disciplines that address various aspects of the power to police is wide, including social and political theory, legal theory and history, criminology, and feminist studies. This workshop is designed to revive the subject as a common topic of interest and inquiry.

UB faculty and advanced graduate students are invited to attend. However, space is limited, so advance registration is required. Email ekausner@buffalo.edu to register and to receive a copy of the papers, which should be read in advance.

Saturday, June 10

Welcome and introductions

Panel 1

9:00 am

William Novak, University of Chicago, Department of History
“Police Power and the Transformation of the American State”

10:15 am

Paul Garfinkel, Simon Fraser University, Department of History, British Columbia, Canada
“Liberal Jurists, Illiberal Policing: Deportation in Italy, 1889-1914”

11:30 am

Markus Dubber, University at Buffalo School of Law
“Punishment Without Police”

12:30 pm

Lunch

Panel 2

1:30 pm

Peter Ramsay, University of London – King’s College London, School of Law
“Vulnerability, Sovereignty and Police Power in the ASBO”

2:45 pm

Jacqueline Ross, University of Illinois School of Law
“The Elusive Line Between Prevention and Detection of Crime in German Undercover Policing”

4:00 pm

David Sklansky, University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law
“Work and Authority in Policing”

Sunday, June 11

Panel 3

9:30 am

Christopher Tomlins, American Bar Foundation, Chicago
“Necessities of State: Police, Sovereignty and the Constitution”

10:45 am

Mariana Valverde, University of Toronto, Centre of Criminology
“Police, Sovereignty, and Law: Foucaultian Reflections”

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