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Title: Power, Discourse and the State: Criminological Perspectives
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 12.00
Total Delivered Hours: 22.50
Total Learning Hours: 120
Private Study: 97

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	10.000
Seminar	10.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1	2.5 hr exam	100.0	2.50

Aims

To introduce students to a key, contemporary criminological issue, namely the debate between discourse theory and state theory.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically assess the contribution of Michel Foucault to understanding the

- relationship between knowledge and power through exploring discourse theory.
- 2 Analyse critically the contribution of contemporary Foucauldian thinkers to understanding changes in the criminal justice system with respect to the new managerialism.
 - 3 Critically interrogate the issue of state power through considering the contribution of early Marxist scholars to understanding state power.
 - 4 Critically assess the future direction of the state in relation to policy developments in the contemporary criminal justice system.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

2.5 hr exam 1 2 3 4

Outline Syllabus

Key concepts in the work of Michel Foucault.
Contemporary Foucauldian and neo Foucauldian theories of power.
Criminal justice policies and strategies from 1975.
Instrumentalism, Gramsci and state power.
Stuart Hall, authoritarian statism and authoritarian populism.
Contemporary Marxist accounts of state power criminal justice policy.

Learning Activities

Note-taking, video and DVD-watching, small group discussion, library work/research, preparation for examination.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Danaher, G. Schirato, T. & Webb, J.
Publishing Year	2000
Title	Understanding Foucault
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, Sage.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Faubion, J. (ed).
Publishing Year	2002
Title	Michel Foucault: Essential Works of Foucault 1954-1984
Subtitle	

Edition	
Publisher	London, Penguin.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Garland, D.
Publishing Year	2001
Title	The Culture of Control
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Oxford, Oxford University Press.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Hall, S.
Publishing Year	1988
Title	The Hard Road to Renewal
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, Verso.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Sim, J.
Publishing Year	2008
Title	The Carceral State
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Cambridge: Polity
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Sim, J. Tombs, S. & Wgyte, D. (eds).
Publishing Year	2009
Title	State, Power, Crime
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, Sage.
ISBN	

Notes

This module is concerned with critically assessing one of the key modern debates in criminology. It is concerned with comparing and contrasting discourse theory emanating from the work of Michel Foucault and contemporary Foucauldian thinkers with Marxist theories of the state emanating from the work of early Marxist theorists

such as Antonio Gramsci through to Stuart Hall and contemporary Marxist and neo Marxist thinkers. It will do so by focusing on the major changes in the criminal justice system, particularly since the mid 1970s. This will allow students to contextualize the theories and theorists from the two schools of thought in the key policy and practical developments that have occurred in the criminal justice system in the last three decades or so.