

POLICING WITHOUT BORDERS

What you need to know about the new global alliance



Police Science and the Constabulary Ethic

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- what is policing?
- what is science?
- what is police science?
- what is the Constabulary Ethic



Origins of the police idea

- social contract & the sovereign
- Polizeiwissenschaft - governing territory & population
- dei Polizei / dei Politik
- Negative / Positive
- Particular Interest / General Interest
- High Policing / Low Policing

M. Foucault: "Since the population is nothing more than what the State takes care of for its own sake, of course, the State is entitled to slaughter it, if necessary."



What is policing?

- Part of a family of words which includes: politics, policy, & polity
- Pertains to authoritative intervention into situational exigencies which cannot be predicated in advance
- Policing is the practical policy of social ordering
- Its core feature is the capacity to muster coercive force in the maintenance of a particular or general social order

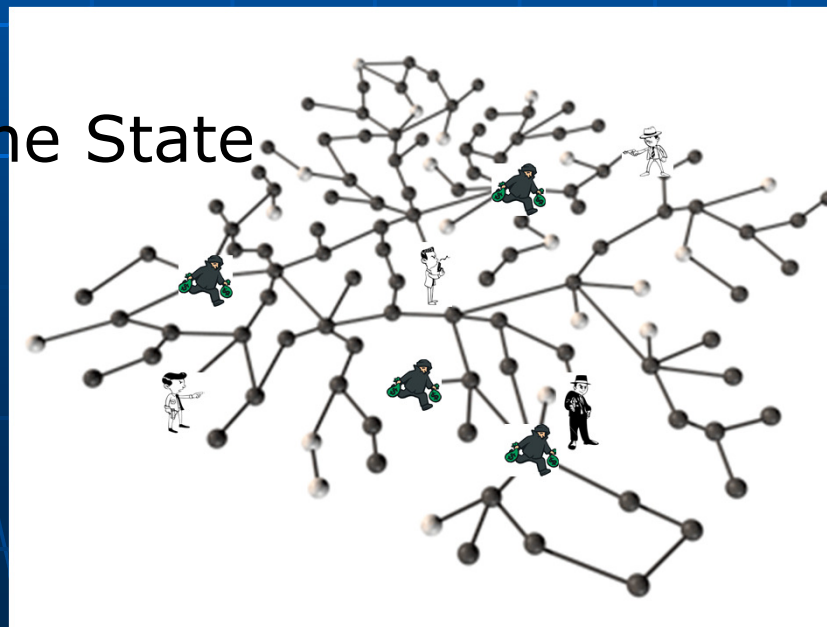


- It involves the surveillance of populations & territory in order to intervene against past wrongs & pre-empt future problems
- Democratic policing is undertaken on behalf of a citizenry which both understands and endorses the police mission (legitimacy)



Postmodern policing & the transnational condition

- The global networked society
- Social fragmentation
- Multi-culturalism
- Neo-liberalism
- Hollowing out of the State
- Anxiety & fear



Typology of the policing field

POLICE WORK AIMED
AT SECURING TERRITORY

POLICE WORK AIMED
AT SECURING POPULATIONS

Private Forms Public Forms

Private Forms Public Forms

HIGH
POLICING

Corporate
Security
Guards

Guardians of
the State
Apparatus

Corporate
Security
Specialists

State
Security &
the Secret
Service

LOW
POLICING

Private
Security
Guards

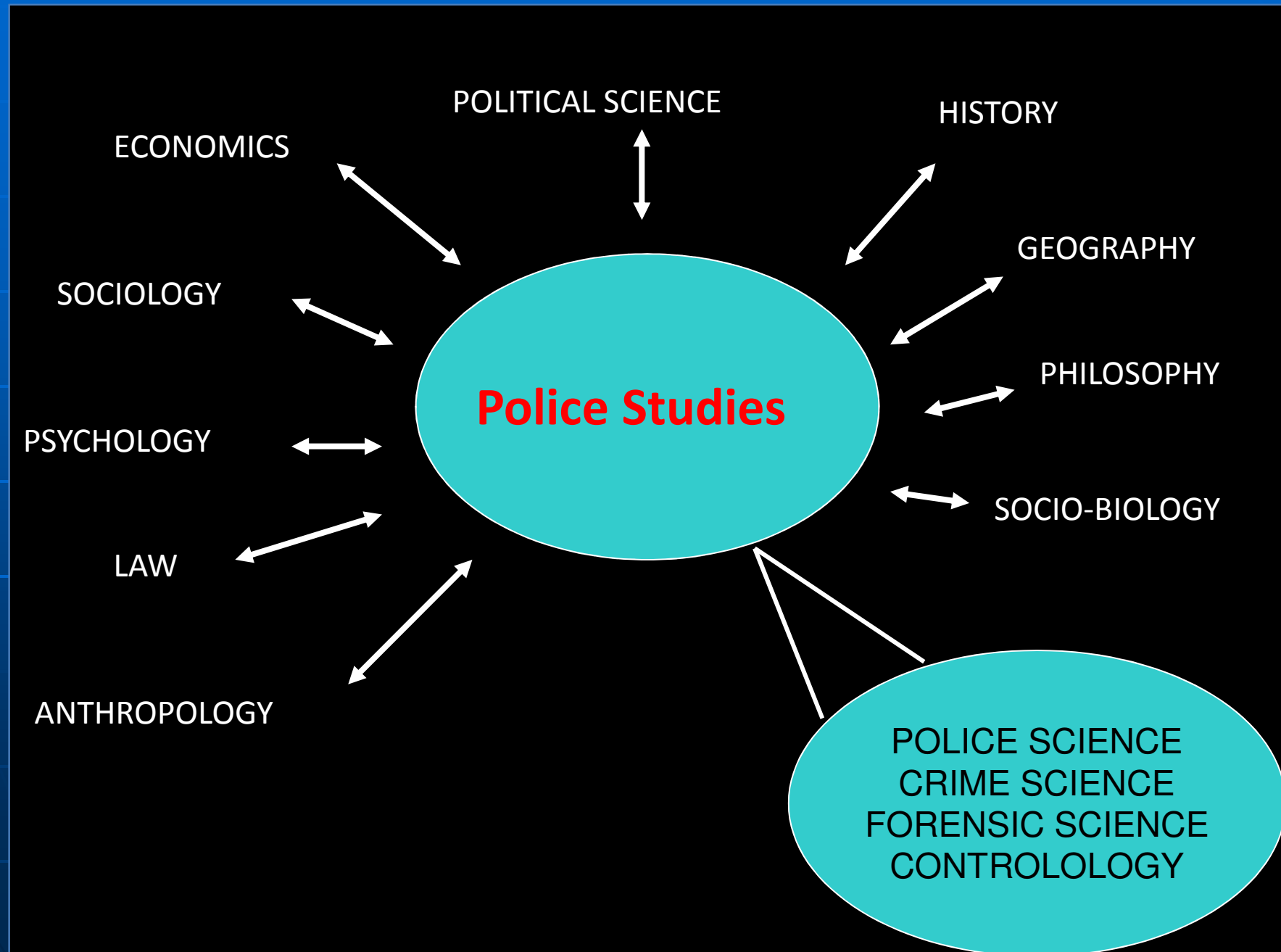
Uniformed
Patrol
Officers

Private Eyes
and Private
Spies

Police
Detectives &
Undercover
Cops

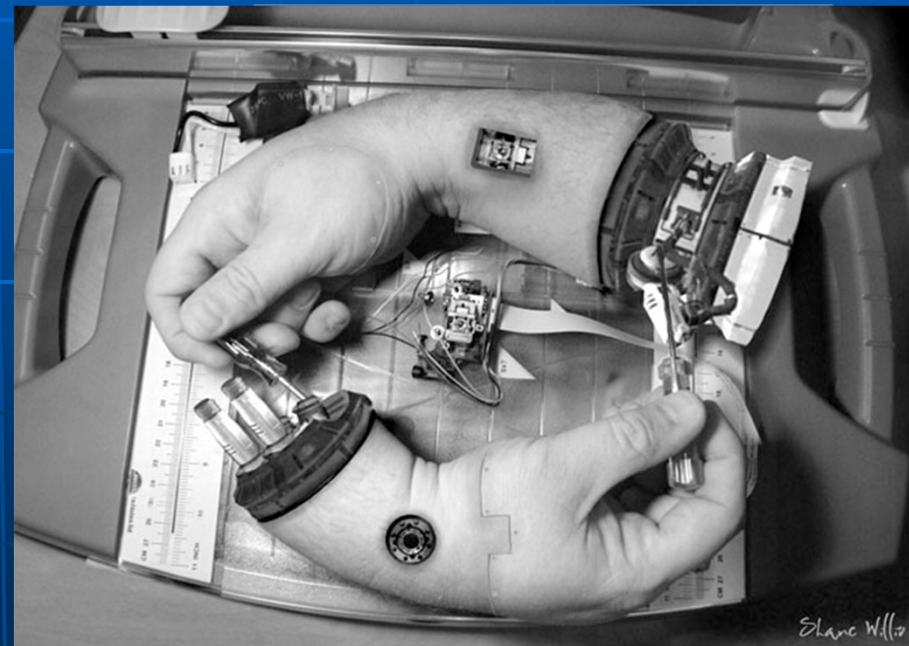
Source: J. Sheptycki, (2000) *Issues in Transnational Policing*,
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Police Studies and Police Science



What is science?

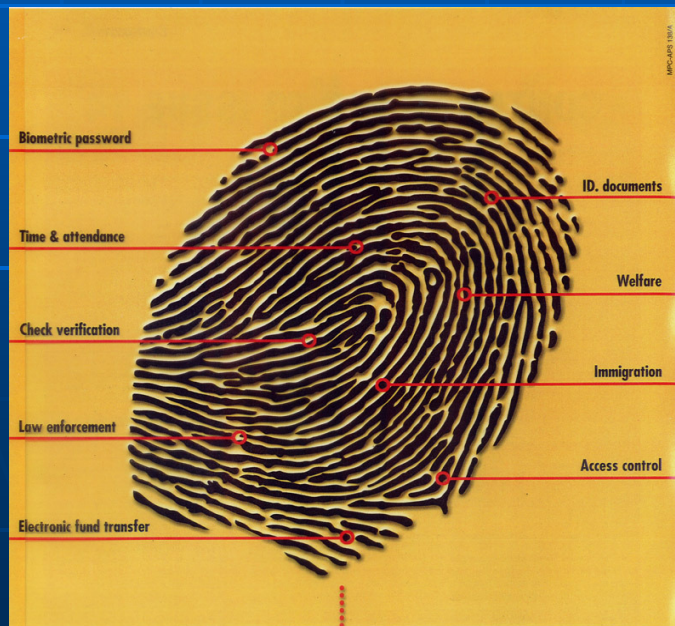
- Science is empirical, methodical, observational, testable theory building
- Karl Popper - criteria of falsifiability & 'piecemeal social engineering'
- The 'science of society' & inter-disciplinarity
- Social science & reflexivity



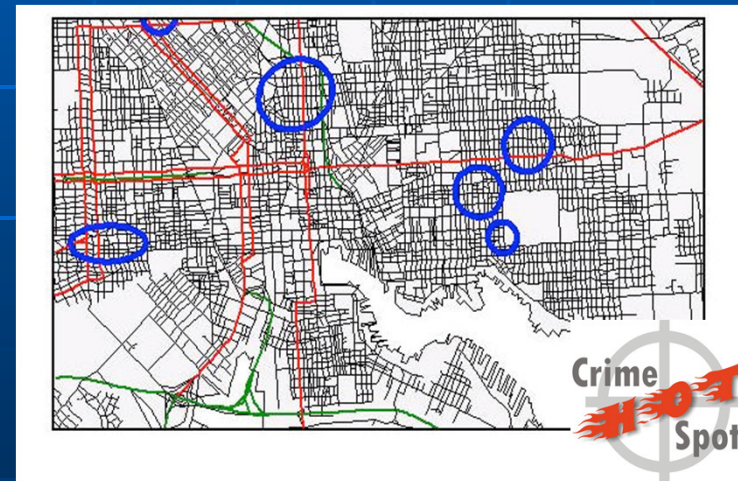
Police Science?

- crime science
- techno-science
- experimental criminology
- the panoptic promise

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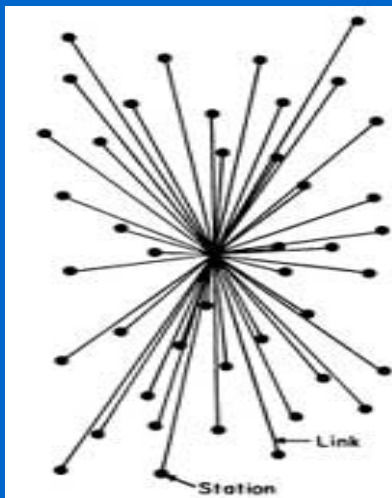


Biometric Identification



"... reality is wholly knowable, and that knowledge liberates, and absolute knowledge liberates absolutely."
Isaiah Berlin, *Four Essays on Liberty*

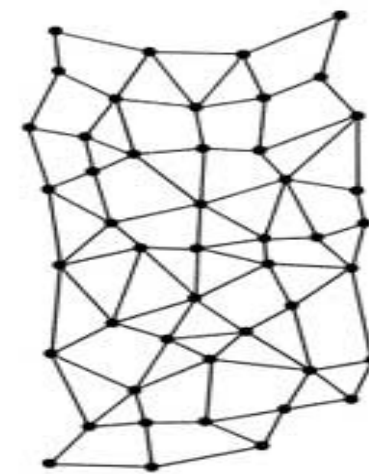
Police Science or Police Studies ?



Centralized communication



**Sectoral & functional
de-centralized
communication**



**Networked Point-to-Point
communication**

Policing Organization & Communications

The Subculture of Policing

Culture is the set of shared attitudes, meanings, values, goals, and practices that characterize a society; especially 'core values' surrounding sexuality, death, livelihood, family and ethnic ties

Subculture: refers to the collective 'problem solutions' of social actors in common

eg. emergency ward doctors and nurses frequent encounters with disease, pain, dying & death:
Balancing 'dark humour' – making light of death' & the need for compassion.



... 'subculture' does not refer to 'subterranean' institutions, organizations or groups!

The subculture of policing

Occupational subculture of police, originally defined in

Egon Bittner, (1970) *The Functions of Policing in Modern Society*

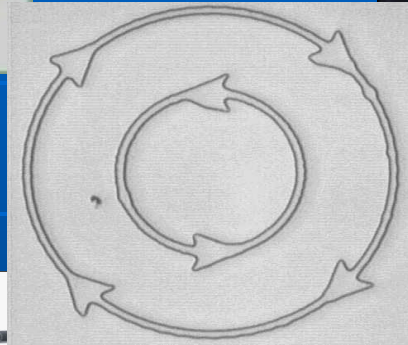
Some 'focal concerns' of the police 'law enforcement' subculture:

Clannishness; rule enforcement; discretionary power to use force; duty to intervene in situations that ought not to be happening and about which something has to be done now; social isolation; loyalty to the group; suspicion; and secrecy



"Fuck the Police" - policing, an occupational subculture in set up in opposition to the 'dangerous class', 'suitable enemies', or 'folk devils'

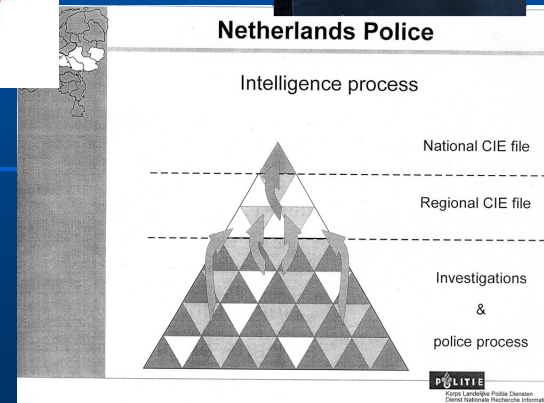
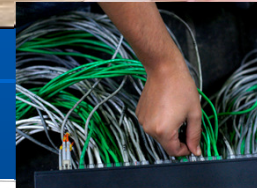
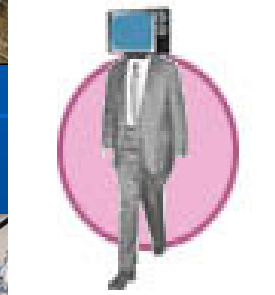
Iatrogenic effects



Iatrogenesis: when the 'cure' from a problem brings unwanted and negative effects of its own

The systemic crime associated with illicit drugs markets is an iatrogenic effect of criminal law prohibition

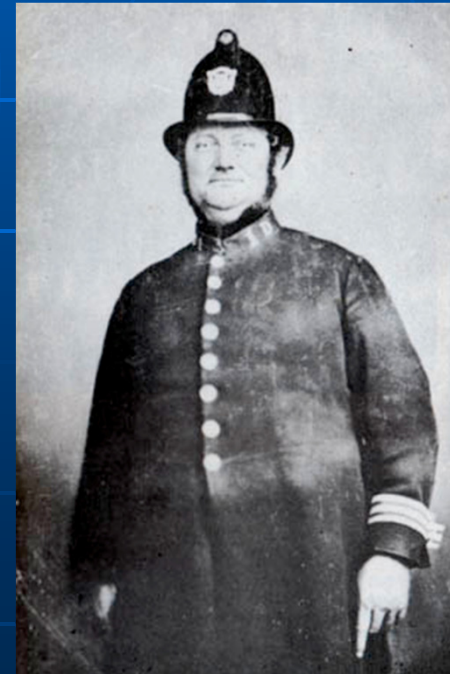
The Security Control Paradox



The paradox of the security-control society is that the increase in security-control practices over recent years has been accompanied by an increasing sense of insecurity.

Some points on a Constabulary Ethic

- 'citizen in uniform' - police as human beings first
- Constable as 'pivot' of social ordering
- holistic thinking - 'philosopher, guide and friend'
- JAPAN
- The first question: 'how can I help?'





CIVILIZATION IS THE PROCESS
IN WHICH ONE GRADUALLY
INCREASES THE NUMBER OF
PEOPLE INCLUDED IN
THE TERM 'WE' OR 'US' AND
AT THE SAME TIME DECREASES
THOSE LABELED 'YOU' OR 'THEM'
UNTIL THAT CATEGORY HAS
NO ONE LEFT IN IT.

