

Written exam, spring 2014

KRIM 4954 Cultural and Narrative Criminology

Date of exam: 16 May at 10:00 (four hours)

Part 1

Answer shortly **two** of the three questions below (spend about one hour on this part).

1. What is cultural criminology?
2. What does Phillip Smith mean by ‘apocalyptic narrative’? How is it linked to war?
3. What is symbolic boundary work? Explain and give a short example?

Part 2

Answer more in depth **one** of the two questions below (spend about three hours on this part).

- a) Use the theoretical insights and methodological tools you have learned from the literature on this course to write a short draft analysis of the following extract from an interview with a Norwegian mid-level drug dealer:

“Everybody thinks like that, at least in Littletown (anonymized Norwegian small town). That’s how it is, there are people who are very good at fighting, right? When you can’t fight yourself and people have been doing Thai boxing and MMA (mixed martial arts) for 15-16-17 years, then you don’t approach that person without your own weapon, because they got a weapon, right? So you got to have a weapon too. It’s like that [snaps his fingers], on alcohol and some pills you get into a fight like that [snaps his fingers]. You don’t want to lose that fight no matter what condition you’re in. It’s not easy to walk away from a fight. Either there are three guys beating the shit out of you so you can’t say your own name for years afterwards, or you’re the guy who stabbed him and just ran off. Don’t have to run off, but just set an example. I don’t know what to say, it’s been very hard at times.”

- b) Use the theoretical insights and methodological tools you have learned from the literature on this course to write a short draft analysis of the following extract from Hitler’s speech on “Jewish Problem” on the 30 January, 1939:

(...) For hundreds of years Germany was good enough to receive these elements, although they possessed nothing except infectious political and physical diseases. What they possess today, they



have by a very large extent gained at the cost of the less astute German nation by the most reprehensible manipulations.

Today we are merely paying this people what it deserves. When the German nation was, thanks to the inflation instigated and carried through by Jews, deprived of the entire savings which it had accumulated in years of honest work, when the rest of the world took away the German nation's foreign investments, when we were divested of the whole of our colonial possessions, these philanthropic considerations evidently carried little noticeable weight with democratic statesmen.

(...) The German nation does not wish its interests to be determined and controlled by any foreign nation. France to the French, England to the English, America to the Americans, and Germany to the Germans. We are resolved to prevent the settlement in our country of a strange people which was capable of snatching for itself all the leading positions in the land, and to oust it. For it is our will to educate our own nation for these leading positions. We have hundreds of thousands of very intelligent children of peasants and of the working classes. We shall have them educated – in fact we have already begun – and we wish that one day they, and not the representatives of an alien race, may hold the leading positions in the State together with our educated classes.

(...) The world has sufficient space for settlements, but we must once and for all get rid of the opinion that the Jewish race was only created by God for the purpose of being in a certain percentage a parasite living on the body and the productive work of other nations. The Jewish race will have to adapt itself to sound constructive activity as other nations do, or sooner or later it will succumb to a crisis of an inconceivable magnitude.

(...) Today I will once more be a prophet: If the international Jewish financiers in and outside Europe should succeed in plunging the nations once more into a world war, then the result will not be the Bolshevization of the earth, and thus the victory of Jewry, but the annihilation of the Jewish race in Europe!

...The nations are no longer willing to die on the battlefield so that this unstable international race may profiteer from a war or satisfy its Old Testament vengeance. The Jewish watchword "Workers of the world unite" will be conquered by a higher realization, namely "Workers of all classes and of all nations, recognize your common enemy!"

Good luck!