

# Week 6: Prisons

## Outline:

Pre. Announcements, hand-outs, resources, outline, etc.

- I. The Nation State: Origins, Evolution, and Beyond
  - A. Nation; B. Nation-state; C. the State
- II. "Protecting" the Nation State
  - A. Department of Homeland Security;
  - B. A Brief History of Nation State Defense in North America
- III. Theme: "Militarization of Society" and "The Rise of Militarism"
  - A. Questions and thoughts; B. Stories
- IV. Prisons and Police
  - A. Knowledge and Experiences; B. A History
- V. "Law and Order"
  - A. Nixon B. George HW Bush C. Headlines
- VI. Angela Davis on Prisons and a Letter from George Jackson
- VII. Break \* Break \* Break \* Break
- VIII. Incarceration Atlas and WA prisons
- IX. Prison Landscapes and Prison Art
  - A. PRISONATION series; B. Gateways Art C. Poems D. Peltier
- X. Globalization of Prisons
- XI. Abu Graib, Gitmo, Utah
- XII. Racialization and Racial Profiling from here to Iraq

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### **Supplemental Articles**

Outsourcing Torture

<http://www.commondreams.org/headlines05/0208-13.htm>

Abu Ghraib, USA

<http://www.alternet.org/story/19479>

In Good Conscience

<http://www.alternet.org/story/20935>

Emergence of the Homeland Security State Parts I & II

<http://www.zmag.org/content/showarticle.cfm?SectionID=43&ItemID=7138>

<http://www.zmag.org/content/showarticle.cfm?SectionID=43&ItemID=7144>

Guantanamo Abuses Caught on Tape

<http://www.zmag.org/content/showarticle.cfm?ItemID=7161>

Racism and the Administration of Justice

[http://www.hrw.org/campaigns/race/criminal\\_justice.htm](http://www.hrw.org/campaigns/race/criminal_justice.htm)

### **Websites**

<http://www.criticalresistance.org/index.php>

<http://www.sentencingproject.org/>

<http://www.prisonactivist.org/>