A New Look At...

**SOCI 144**

**Forms of Social Control: Policing**

TuTh 11:00a-12:20p | Remote/Online | Michel Estefan

This course is focused on one specific form of social control: policing. Where do modern police forces come from? What purpose does policing serve? We're going to explore these questions from a wide range of critical angles, looking specifically at the relationship between policing and the class order of capitalism, the racial order of white supremacy and the gendered and heteronormative order of patriarchy. We're also going to analyze resistance movements against policing, including current efforts and debates focused on abolishing the police. What might a world without police forces look like? Is such a world feasible? What lessons can we learn from previous efforts to achieve major institutional reform in other areas that could help efforts to reform or abolish the police?