Crisis and Control
The Militarization of Protest Policing
LESLEY J. WOOD

THE OVER-THE-TOP policing of the 2010 G8 and G20 summits—with a security bill of more than $1 billion and the largest mass arrest in Canadian history—launched frenzied media coverage, public hand-wringing, finger-pointing, inquiries, lawsuits and promises of “never again.” Since that time, Montreal police have arrested over 2,000 students protesting increases to university tuition, while police across the US and Canada have arrested hundreds of Occupy activists, indigenous sovereignty, anti-pipeline, immigrant justice and anti-police-brutality protesters. Police have surrounded protesters in “kettles” or “enclosures” and arrested them. Police have Tasered, pepper sprayed, launched projectiles at, and tear-gassed people. Sometimes police have simply intimidated people out of protesting.

Clearly, the policing of protest in democratic, capitalist countries is now both more militarized and more dependent on intelligence gathering and pre-emptive control than in the past. In Crisis and Control, Lesley J. Wood argues that this protest-policing strategy must be understood as a result of a neoliberal transformation of political, social, and economic systems.

Lesley J. Wood is Associate Professor of Sociology at York University. She is the author of Direct Action, Deliberation, and Diffusion and is an activist in the global justice and anti-poverty movements.

After reading this book, you’ll be eager to go to the next protest against police brutality. When the police beat and arrest you and other protestors, you’ll understand the political and economic reasons why.
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Struggles for Environmental Justice

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FOREWORD BY NAOMI KLEIN AND BILL MCKIBBEN

TAR SANDS “DEVELOPMENT” comes with an enormous environmental and human cost. But tar sands opponents—fighting a powerful international industry—are likened to terrorists; government environmental scientists are muzzled; and public hearings are concealed and rushed.

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Stephen D’Arcy is a professor of philosophy at Huron University College. Toban Black is a community organizer and associate editor for Upping the Anti. Tony Weis is a professor of geography at Western University and author of The Global Food Economy. Joshua Kahn Russell is the US Actions Coordinator for 350.org, a trainer with the Ruckus Society, and a co-editor of Organizing Cools the Planet.

The tar sands has become a key front in the fight against climate change, and the fight for a better future, and it’s hard to overstate the importance of the struggles it has inspired.
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Karen Messing is an award-winning and internationally recognized expert on occupational health. She is the author of more than 130 peer-reviewed scientific articles and the book One-eyed Science: Occupational Health and Working Women. She is also the editor of Integrating Gender in Ergonomic Analysis, which has been translated into six languages.
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