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Announcing:

**Crisis and Control:**
The Militarization of Protest Policing
By Lesley J. Wood

*Crisis and Control* explains how neoliberal shifts in political and economic systems are militarizing the policing of protest. The book offers a way to understand the influence of political processes on police practices and provides an empirical study of militarized protest policing from 1995 until the present.

Lesley J. Wood shows how protest policing techniques have become more militarized and more dependent on intelligence gathering over the past fifteen years partly as a result of the neoliberal restructuring political, economic and social processes. On an increasingly integrated and tumultuous globe, new militarized technologies, formations and frameworks are diffusing quickly through policing networks.

Crisis and Control uses novel theoretical and methodological approaches and a unique range of empirical data to make an important and radical contribution to a growing field.

**About the author**

Lesley J. Wood is Associate Professor of Sociology at York University in Toronto, Canada. She is the author of *Direct Action, Deliberation and Diffusion: Collective Protest After the WTO Protests in Seattle* and co-author of the third edition of *Social Movements 1768–2012* (Paradigm Publishers) with the late Charles Tilly.

**Turn over for praise for Crises and Control**
Praise for *Crisis and Control*

“Lesley Wood’s *Crisis and Control* shows clearly that the police wing of the state takes very seriously its task of understanding and defeating social resistance to austerity. Those engaged in that resistance would do well to return the favour. This book provides an excellent source of knowledge and insight into how the not-so-thin blue line thinks and operates.”

~ John Clarke, Organizer, Ontario Coalition Against Poverty

“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.”

~ Francis Dupuis-Déri, professor of political science, Université du Québec à Montréal, and member of the Observatory on racial, social, and political profiling in the public space.

“Lesley Wood’s radical analysis of the militarization of the policing of protest is a welcome contribution to the literature on the sociology of policing more generally. Smart, erudite, and empirically grounded, Wood’s perspective on policing protest exposes deeper, often under-explored, theoretical dimensions of the politics of policing.”

~ James Sheptycki, professor of criminology, York University

“A must-read for all who care about freedom of speech and see protest and public demonstration as a necessary and legitimate means of protecting democracy by influencing public opinion and government policy. With both from an academic and hands-on approach, Wood captures the impact of globalization and the use of warrior police forces by governments and big business.”

~ Howard F. Morton. QC., Barrister

“Lesley Wood offers a hard-hitting, insightful, and well-researched analysis of the changing forms of protest policing. In unpeeling the layered accounts of the coordinated police and security response to Toronto G20 demonstrations, Wood has found the means to explore many of the most pressing and troubling issues in the emerging nexus of neoliberalism and public order. This is an important contribution to the institutional sociology of policing.”

~ Willem de Lint, professor of criminal justice, Flinders University

“Crisis and Control is an engaging and sophisticated study of protest policing, which exposes the threat such policing poses to democracy and the neoliberal dynamics that have made it a preferred strategy for repressing the 99% whenever they challenge the 1%. Highly recommended.”

~ William K. Carroll, professor of sociology, University of Victoria