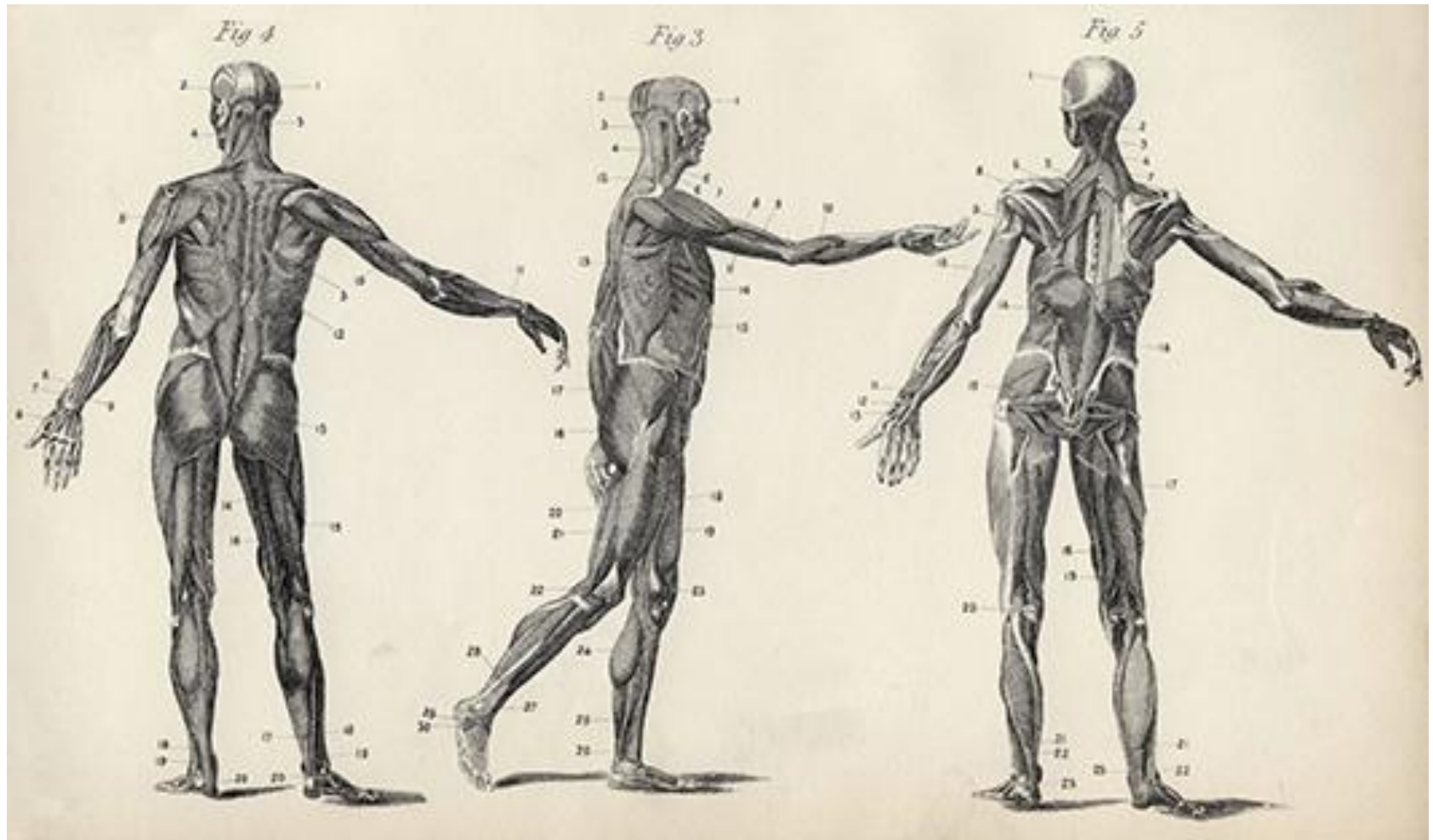


BIOPOLITICS: The Physiology of Sovereignty in Putin's Russia



Sexuality and Birth as a Political Issue



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Ради будущего белых детей

Foucault: Biopolitics



Biopolitics means the transfer from disciplining the individual body to disciplining the population through local forms of biopower: managing health, hygiene, nutrition, birth, sexuality

Foucault: Power to Life

- Two dimensions of “power to life”
 - disciplining of the individual body
 - social regulation of the body of the population
- Biopolitics marks the threshold of political modernity since it places life at the center of political order.
- “Society’s control over individuals was accomplished not only through consciousness or ideology but also in the body and with the body”

Biopolitics as Ultimate Sovereignty

- Classical sovereignty as a “subtraction mechanism” that seizes hold of life in order to suppress it = POWER TO KILL
- Biopolitics as the new life-administering power = POWER TO LIFE
- Foucault: Population seen as a set of creatures living together possessing of specific biological and pathological characteristics that fall under certain forms of knowledge and technology

Agamben, *Homo Sacer*

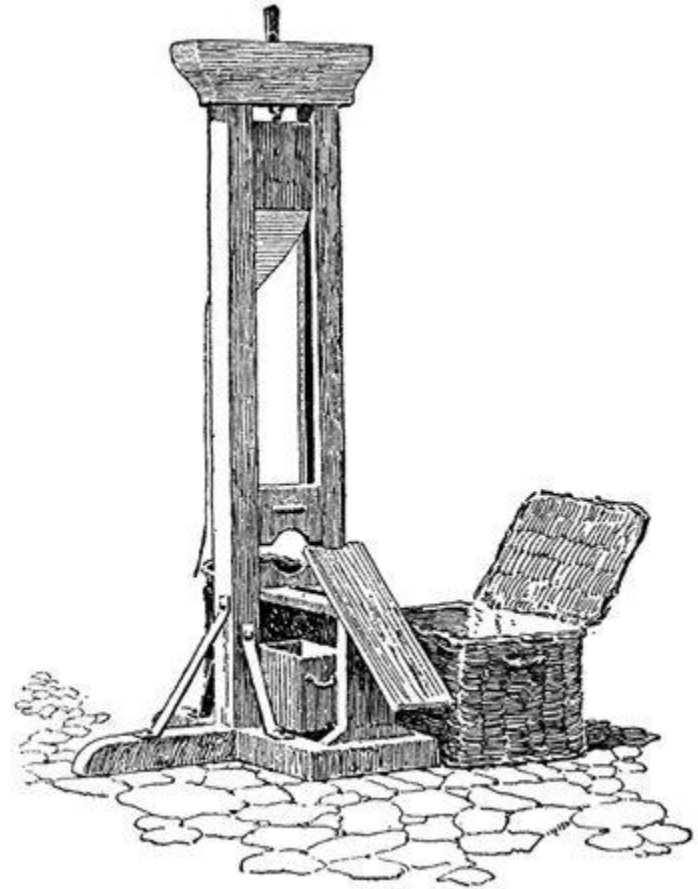
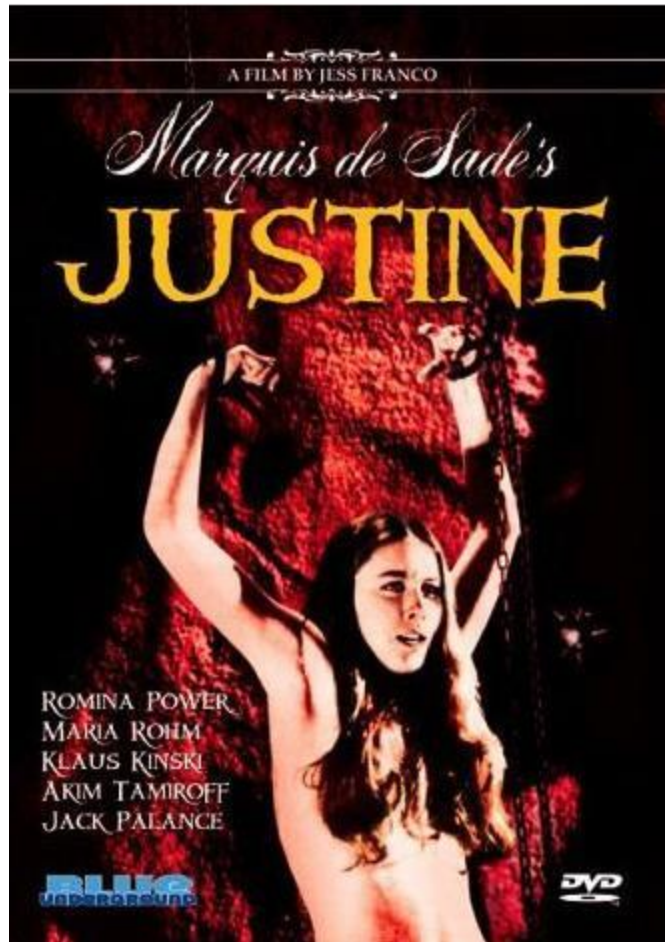


- Ancient Greeks distinguished between the physical animal life (*zoe*), and the ‘correct’ form of life (*bios*) for the individual and the society
- Biopolitics as Schmittian “state of exception”: sovereign power rules by exclusion

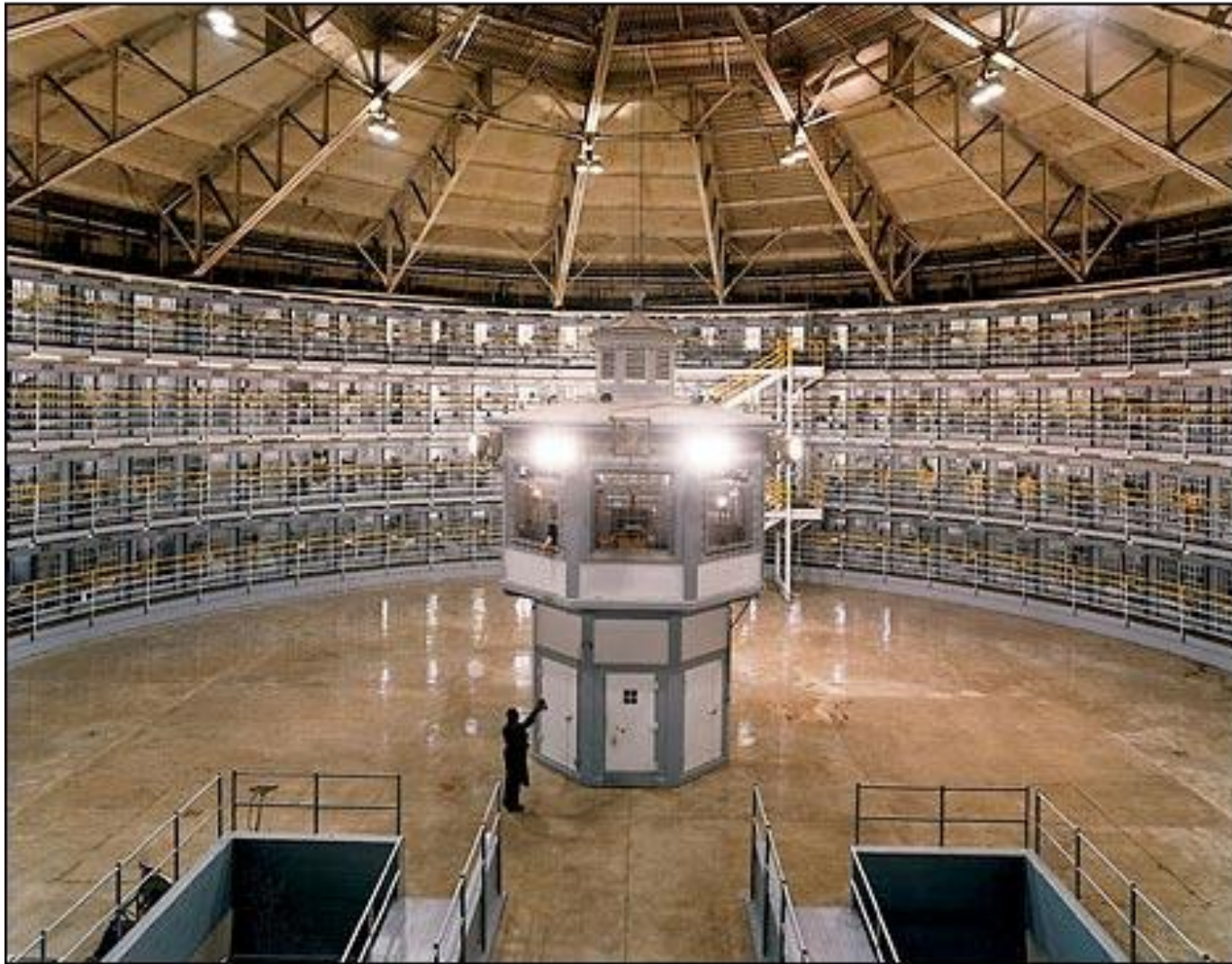
Discovery of the Body in Early Modernity



Discipline of the Individual Body



Discipline of the Collective Body



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Normalization: The Madhouse



Barrels, then Cases of Iron, What art! What Pains and Pain Ignomy of Man's Reign? Madmen's Fate: that can't hold but Liberty will,

With Tools associated, Dignity Madmen's, Still with Torments fill'd with Pleasure: Papers of Verse, that await even but Awaits of Mercy upon Madmen.

Papers of Pleasure, that but seem Wood give the Madmen's sleep: A Family of, her: her's too The Stamp of Heaven's Gift to the

The Madmen's feet with this run, See Fair by thee to Rome Sold, That tumbler from this Darling, son: No killing them with Stones, but: Madmen's with supples with Pleasure.

And early thy self, to ease thy Gold.

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Normalization: The Hospital



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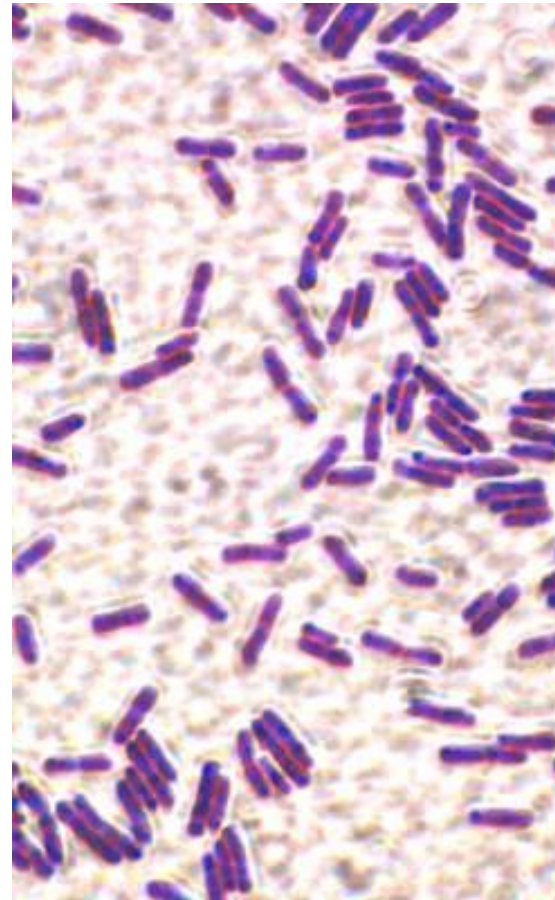
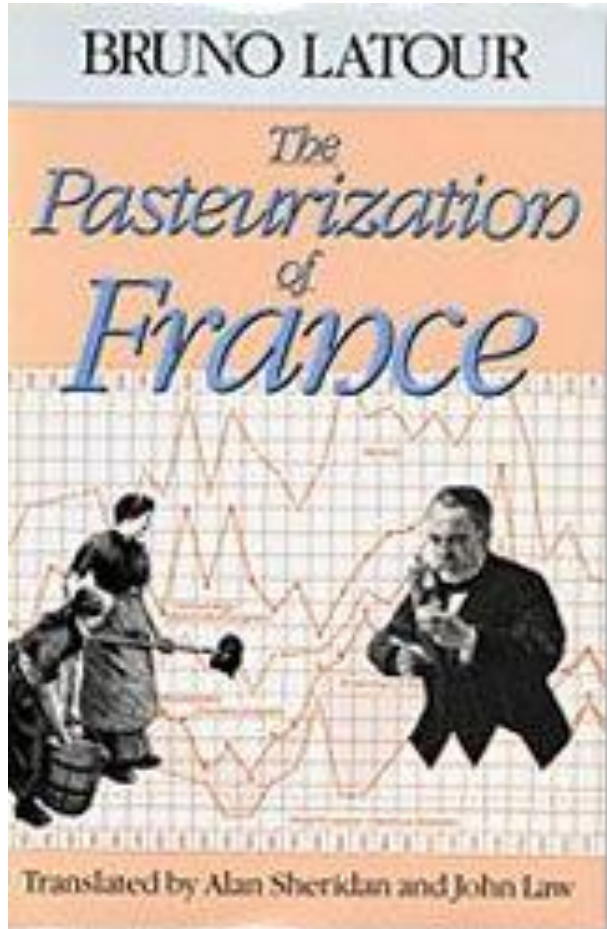
Normalization: The School



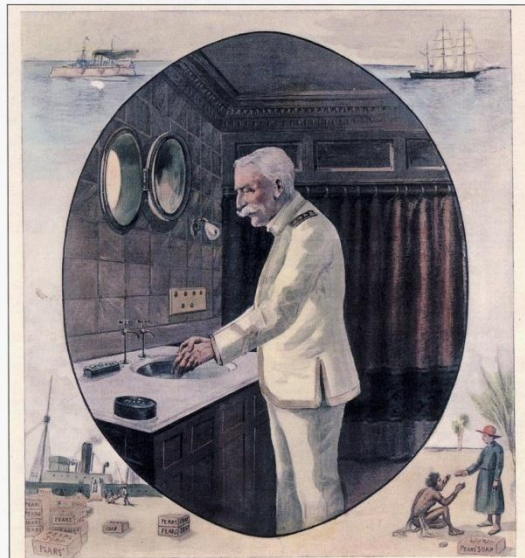
Corporal Discipline



Bruno Latour: The Pasteurization of France



Hygiene as an Imperial Project



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Pears' Soap

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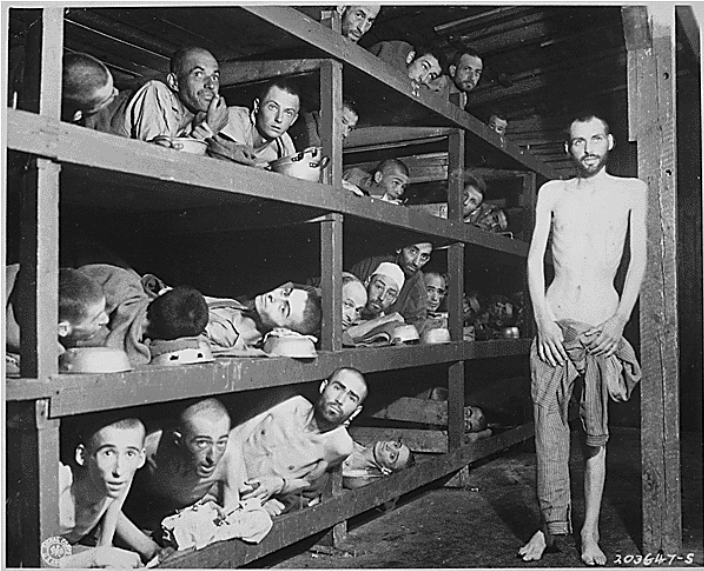
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Concentration Camp

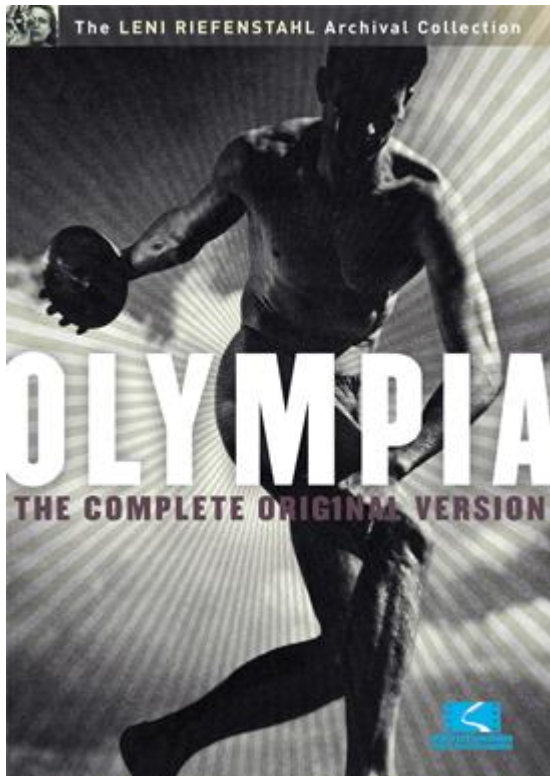
Nazi concentration camp is the “biopolitical paradigm of the modern”



Biopolitics: Nazism and Stalinism



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Biopolitics: Nazism and Stalinism



“Mad Printer” of the State Duma



Biopolitical laws against:

- Smoking
- Alcohol
- “Gay propaganda”
- Pedophily
- Noise at night (топот котов)
- Obscene words (мат)
- Adoption of orphans by foreigners

Biopolitics at Work: Chief Sanitary Inspector



Biopolitics at Work: Demography and Reproduction



**Папа, мама, брат, сестра
Мы — отличная семья!**



Biopolitics at Work: Body of the Sovereign



Biopolitics at Work: Sochi-2014



Political Implications

- Biopolitics as a purely political technology not rooted in social life (Russia as a permissive post-patriarchal society)
- Purely symbolic activity not supported by improvement of the social infrastructure
- Infringement of the new laws on the private sphere (family affairs)
- A disciplinary practice: Making everyone guilty, disciplining the elite and the society