Lecture one: Neither status nor contract: the case of Japanese crime and law

The low levels of crime in Japan and its causes; punishment; group pressures and the managed society; the role of the ya-ku-za (criminal organization); the low level of civil litigation and its causes; compromise, reconciliation and mediation; embedded laws; the hybrid society

Lecture two: Neither law nor politics: the case of inquisition and terrorism

A brief history of moral panics (from Inquisition to Satanic child abuse); methods of finding subversives; surveillance and spying; networks of accusations; forced confessions and torture; judging intent; reasons for moral panics, war and religion.

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Kurt Singer, Mirror, Sword and Jewel; the Geometry of Japanese Life (1973) [A brilliant overview of Japanese civilization]  
Yoshio Sugimoto, An Introduction to Japanese Society (2nd edn, 2003; an up-to-date overview)  

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David Cole and James X. Dempsey, Terrorism and the Constitution (2002)  
Michel Foucault, Discipline and Punish (1977)  
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