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LECTURE REVIEW Amnesty Lectures: Loïc Wacquant

"The Uses and Misuses of the Penal State in the 21st Century" Thursday 25th January, Sheldonian Theatre

Professor Wacquant gave a highly energetic and lucid lecture that centred on the use of the penal system by the predominantly Neo-Liberal capitalist West and the concurrent withdrawal of state sponsored welfare for the most marginalised members of society.

As the economy of much of the West has become deregulated there has been a movement away from the rights of the individual to welfare; replacing this is the obligation of the individual to 'workfare' - to provide for themselves, even in the face of poor rates of pay and increased taxation.

The disestablishment of the welfare safety net has resulted in the state use of prison as a catch-all for the marginalised the homeless, unemployed, mentally ill and other vulnerable underclasses such as the economic and social migrants from former colonies. The shrinking of welfare provision has resulted in desperation driving the marginalised to illegality, often on a petty level, which is punished increasingly harshly. The US prison population has risen at an alarming rate since the mid 1970s, yet crimes committed have actually fallen. In the UK incarceration rates have doubled in the same period. Professor Wacquant offered three examples of the way in which prison now performs the function previously filled by social care.

A 63 year old man in the US chose to rob a bank as a way of obtaining a three year jail sentence to remove him from a society where he was effectively unemployable. On his release he would be eligible for social security. Chicago's prison population shows a regular 10% rise at the onset of winter as homeless people commit petty crimes to ensure they are fed and housed during harsh weather. A French prisoner killed and cannibalised a cellmate, despite warnings from psychiatric staff that he was a risk to the safety of others and should not be in a shared cell. Frightening and depressing statistics.

Most sinister is Professor Wacquant's reading of government motivation for this use of the penal system as a catch-all solution. In an increasingly deregulated society, where personal responsibility replaces state sponsored care and nationalised industry is privatised, there is less obvious governmental intervention. What grabs the headlines is a claim to be 'tough on crime', even if the causes of crime poor education, poor housing, unemployment – are a direct result of the state's dismantling of social care. Consequently there is only prison to serve the three classes: the poor are swept up and 'warehoused' out of sight and mind; the workers/middle classes can be controlled, punished or reeducated to accept their position; those in a position of power are able to reassert the power of the state. In conclusion Professor Wacquant urged us to fight this

• Linguistics – to recognise the inherent falsehood of such rhetoric as 'zero tolerance' when it means criminalising people for minor transgressions

· Policies - to actively seek the investment in the welfare structure that has been neglected at the expense of diverting the funds to the penal system that is only necessary because of the neglect of the welfare system • Expansion – of social and economic rights for all members

A splendid, highly informative, but somewhat disquieting

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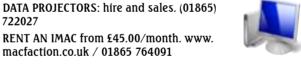
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FILM REVIEW

The Last King of Scotland [15] More of a study of human nature than a historical piece, The Last King of Scotland has an excellent cast and a tight script, with rounded and flawed characters making a

compelling story of corruption and weakness. The film follows newly graduated Scottish doctor Garrigan (McAvoy) as he travels on a whim to Uganda.

Selfish and impulsive, by chance he becomes Amin's personal physician. Forest Whittaker's performance as Amin is mesmerising. We see the dictator at his most charming and convivial,

but there is an undertone of violence and paranoia. He is a huge character in every way, both very real and very monstrous. It is very easy to understand Garrigan being flattered and subtly drawn into Amin's inner circle. Essentially the story is told through Garrigan's eyes,

making this an outsider's view of events. The atrocities which happened to Uganda's people during Amin's reign take place for the most part off camera; they are hinted at and glimpsed. With this perspective the film makes some delicate points about post-colonialism and the continued involvement of the West in African affairs. The dynamic between the two men is utterly compelling.

However the storyline involving Garrigan's affair with one of Amin's wives does feel tacked on to the drama, an unnecessary appendix when the real relationship is between Garrigan and Amin.

This is a minor quibble, the final scenes are incredibly tense and shocking and the film is so powerfully played throughout that you can forgive any faults.

FILM REVIEW

Miss Potter (PG) Cynical Victorianists will be frustrated with the lack of historicity of this film, while more gently-minded viewers will appreciate the wholesome and optimistic fantasy

in Love" meets "Finding Neverland" and "Harvey." Zellweger pouts and scampers playfully across the screen, rather like one of her perky watercolored creatures (who come alive through whimsical animations). McGregor's adoration is likewise sweet and stumbling. Their love is chaste and unfulfillable, but without the Jane Austian undercurrents and tensions we'd might expect (as seen in "Sense and Sensibility"). I also want Emily Watson's sisterly spinster to have more to do besides spout

about the quirky children's author. Think "Shakespeare

contradictory rhetoric. (But perhaps I want Beatrix and Millie to fulfill their Sapphic potential?) Primarily, the film strives to be cute and light-hearted,

so it is not surprising that the drama is weak, even when tragedy strikes. We don't have a strong sense of Potter's proto-feminist achievements, as her rebellions are also made precious by a lack of true struggle. However, I enjoyed it very much despite these flaws. :)

It's funny and tender and pulls on the heart-strings. The message of independence, the stunning scenery of the Lake District, and the pro-conservation messages are all warm and fuzzy. If you are in the mood for sweetness and mirth, with a touch of sorrow, go and see it. Bring the older kids. :)

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At the Shangai 30's with my sweet valentine Eating oodles of noodles and sipping on wine. It's where you might find me on the 14th of Feb If I win the great prize that I found on the web.

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You love it, you do! Oh go on, you know it! You think I should win and take my husband for dinner He'll love me so much 'cos I'm a Daily Info winner!!!

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A Valentine? I'd rather not. I tried this once before.

Bought paper, ribbon, glue, Folded, cut and signed it true to you, always with my love, and what became of it?

Sticky fingers, paper cuts, ribbon wrapped asunder. The message plain, or so I thought, mangled by a giggle.

Cutout sweets, made painfully weak, by one-way passion's tally. So keep your day, or was it mine, and I'll content to stay

unpapered, glueless and unstrung, no red hearts to paste, Charlotte Scadeng, 25/01/07 shortertoad, 24/01/07

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