1. foucault and durkheim

2. the meaning of discipline
MF and emil durkheim

not much in common -- the division of labour; constraints

different units of analysis:

ED as defining a pure discipline of sociology -- ‘humans amongst themselves’ (latour)

MF & collectives or assemblages of people and things: ‘stones can make men docile and knowable’ (172) -- an impure (posthumanist, cyborg) sociology

as new model for subsequent scholarship
Discipline -- as a mode of exercising power

The problematic -- how to act on a mass of people -- as difficult

1. The contrast class: power as spectacle
2. Discipline as seeing into the mass
3. Discipline as acting on the mass
4. Discipline and the disciplines: the human sciences
5. Miscellaneous topics, including the present
1) the contrast class:--

power as spectacle

damiens the regicide -- stepping out of the mass as becoming individualised

spectacular punishment as warning to the mass

crude, inefficient, repressive
2) discipline and seeing:

= methods for penetrating the opacity of the mass

think about:

the plague city -- fixing people in place and documenting them

the panopticon -- one observing many -- an immediate power relation

military camps, schools, hospitals . . .
3) discipline and action:--

knowledge & documentation => action & reform -- rewards & punishment

disciplinary mechanisms as apparatuses for making people

power/knowledge

eg the school -- examination, normalisation, sorting

=> new kinds of people -- disciplined ones
4) discipline and science

institutions -- documents -- the archive

as ‘surfaces of emergence’ for the human sciences

e.g. criminology, penology, medicine, psychology, psychiatry, educational psychology, sociology

institutions as laboratories of the human sciences
5) miscellaneous topics:--

discipline as productive not purely repressive -- cf durkheim and giddens -- beyond ‘constrain and enable’

the problem of agency -- the unintended consequences of discipline


contemporary examples?
• credit cards
• bluetongue
• cocaine
• facebook