Violent Turns: Sources, Interpretations, Responses

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Every year the Center hosts lectures and seminars on subjects relating to the study and practice of democracy. Notable past events have included the “Demos21: What Demos for the 21st Century?” lecture series, which opened with a talk by Etienne Balibar titled “What is Engagement?” and closed with a symposium co-organized with AUP Professor Julian Culp on “What Demos for 21st Century?” The Center also regularly hosts and organizes conferences on questions related to democracy. A full list can be found on the website.

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Welcome and Introduction
10.00-10.30
Professors Stephen Sawyer (AUP) and Brian Schiff (AUP)

10.30-12.00 (Q-801)
Keynote by Daniel Foliard (Université Paris Cité)

Lunch Break
12.00-13.30

Categorizing & Labelling Violence
13.30-15.30 (Q-704)
Chair: Susan Perry (AUP)


Thomas, Bailey (Darmouth College, USA), “Reconsidering and Reconciling Violence: A Musing from the Black Radical Tradition”

Craven, Alice (AUP, France), “Racial Violence in America and its Turning Perceptive(s)”

Murphy, Laura (Sheffield Hallam University, UK), “State Violence and the Response to Uyghur Dissent in China”

Radicalization and Violence
13.30-15.30 (Q-801)
Chair: Stephen Sawyer (AUP)

Marlière, Eric (Université de Lille, France), “Tensions Récurentes entre Jeunes des Quartiers Populaires Urbains et Institutions Républicaines depuis Quarante Ans: Résistances, Conflits et Défiance à Défaut de Médiations Politiques en République?”
Korkut, Umut (D.Rad and Glasgow Caledonian University, UK), “Europe as an Outsider, Europe as an Insider: The European Integration as an Instrument of Radicalization at EU’s Periphery”

Conti, Bartolomeo (EHESS, France), “Trajectories of (Non)Radicalisation in a French Prison”

Nava, Valentina (Université Paris Cité, France), “Subjectivation Affective et Contrôle de l’Espace Urbain : L’engagement Politique à l’Extrême-Droite dans la Lombardie Nord-Orientale”

Break
15.30-15.50

Sources of Violence: Historical Perspectives
15.50-17.50 (Q-801)
Chair: Constance Pâris de Bollardière (AUP)

Azzarelli, Andrea (Istituto per la Storia del Risorgimento Italiano, Italy), “‘Let us Defend our Freedom with Force!: Private Violence, State Police Forces and Strikebreaking Associations in Belle Époque France (1899-1918)”

Janz, Nina (University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg, “The Violent Turn in Soldier’s Letters” (online)

Moeller, Andreas (King’s College London, UK), “From Us to Them: Drivers of Perpetration of Mass Atrocities by Bosnian Government Forces during the Bosnian War”


Colonialism and Forced Labor in North America
15.50-17.50 (Q-704)
Chair: Miranda Spieler (AUP)

Slonimsky, Nora (Iona University in New Rochelle, USA), “Intellectual Property and Properties of Violence: Conflict and Creatorship in Early America”


Padilla-Rodriguez, Ivon (University of Illinois Chicago, USA), “‘Waging War on Innocent Children’: How Smugglers, Labor Traffickers, and the US Government Subjected Migrant Youth to Violence in Post-1965 America”

Cocktail
18.00-20.00

Thursday, June 22

Sources of Violence. Theoretical and Political Perspectives
09.00-11.00 (Q-801)
Chair: Julian Culp (AUP)


Culpepper, Willa Rae (Rutgers University, USA), “‘Men of Steel and Little Iron Cogs’: Locating Motives of Perpetrators in the Use of Language and Construction by Prosecutors and Defense in Tribunals”

Lala-Guyard, Chloé (SciencesPo, France), “Sensibilité(s) Violente(s): cartographie des trajectoires subjectives de djihadistes français.”

Schiff, Brian (AUP, France), “Violent Horizons: Understanding Perpetrators of Collective Violence”

Patterns of Violence
09.00-11.00 (Q-704)
Chair: Roman Zinigrad (AUP)

Suleiman, Samaila (Bayero University, Nigeria), “The Sokoto Jihad as a Metaphor for Violence in Contemporary Northern Nigeria”

Pomiecko, Aleksandra (University of St Andrews, UK), “Motivations, Context, and Violence in the Belarusian Nationalist Movement, 1921 – 1944”

**Break**
11.00-11.20

**Non-Violent Responses**
11.20-12.50 (Q-704)
Chair: Waddick Doyle (AUP)

Derman, Özge (EHESS, France), “Gestures of (In)Vulnerability”

Amadio, Nicolas (University of Strasbourg, France), “Violence(s) and the Relationship to Violence in Disengagement from Violent Extremism and Social Reintegration Processes”

Mousanejad, Maliheh and Komleh, Azam Niazy (University of Kharazmi, Iran), “‘Woman, Life, Freedom’ Movement: From the Violence of the Iranian Government to the Non-Violence of Iranian Women” (online)

**Race & Otherness**
11.20-12.50 (Q-801)
Chair: Pauline Peretz (Université Paris VIII/IHTP CNRS)

Mullis, Angela (Rutgers University, USA), “Revealing the Unseen: Violence, Whiteness, and Citizenship in the Works of Claudia Rankine”

Prelli, Lawrence (University of New Hampshire, USA), “Redemptive Violence and the American Patriotic Ethos”

**Lunch Break**
12.50-14.30

**Naming and Recognizing Violence**
14.30-16.00 (Q-801)
Chair: Marta-Laura Cenedese (University of Turku/Centre Marc Bloch)


Bansode, Rupali (University of Pennsylvania, USA), “Evicting Caste Violence”

Howard, Ashley M. (University of Iowa, USA), “More Than A Snapshot: Will Brown’s Lynching and the Violence of History”
Gender & Violence
14.30-16.00 (Q-704)
Chair: Lissa Lincoln (AUP)

Lounela, Emilia (University of Helsinki, Finland) and Sippel, Kirsti (University of Turku, Finland), “Unfit for Love? Evolutionary Justifications for Involuntary Celibacy, Misogyny and Victimhood of the ‘Scientific Blackpill’”

Esmailian, Shima (Transitional Justice for Iran, Iran), “Female Body, Political Violence and Bodily Resistance in Post-Revolutionary Iran: How the Quiet Revolt of Bodies Turned into Revolutionary Bodies”

Saha, Aishik (Jadavpur University, India), “(Re)Claiming Spaces: Muslim Women’s Resistance and ‘Talking Back’ to Hindutva” (online)

Break
16.00-16.20

Mediating Violence
16.20-17.50 (Q-704)
Chair: Hannah Westley (AUP)

Kimble, James J. (Seton Hall University, USA), “Washington Burning: The Role of Militarization and Enmification in the Violence of the 1932 Bonus Expeditionary Force” (online)


Mittleman, Alan (The Jewish Theological Seminary, USA), “Biblical Violence, Rabbinic Remediation, Contemporary Reemergence”

Challenging Violence
16.20-17.50 (Q-801)
Chair: Emilie Garrigou Kempton (Pomona College)


Itskovich, Eran, Hasisi, Badi and Khoury-Kassabri, Mona (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel), “A Wall of Treatments: An Integrative Problem-Solving Approach to the Prevention of Stone Throwing in East Jerusalem”
Weill, Sharon (AUP, France) and Lefranc, Sandrine (CNRS, France), “Hybridization of Criminal and Transformative Justice: The Bogota and Paris Trials as Judicial Experiments”

**Friday, June 23**

**Colonial and Post-Colonial Violence**

*10.00-12.00 (Q-801)*

Chair: Caroline Laurent (AUP)

Pons, Daphné (Loyola University, USA), “Violence and Interruption: Arendt’s Dispute with Sartre and Fanon”

Cruickshank, Joanna (Deakin University, Australia) and McKinnon, Crystal (University of Melbourne, Australia), “Colonial Violence and the Limits of History”

Sumbal, Saadia (Forman Christian College University Lahore, Pakistan), “Radicalization of Politics of Exclusion in Pakistan”


**State Violence I.**

*10.00-12.00 (Q-704)*

Chair: Zona Zaric (AUP)

Fuhrmann, Remi (University of Glasgow, UK), “The Laws of War and the Legitimacy of Civil and Colonial Conflicts”

Bjork-James, Carwil (Vanderbilt University, USA), “Toward and Away from Violent Repression in Democratic Bolivia”

Yusuff, Sikiru Abiona (Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel), “From Margins to the Center: Violence and Lived Experiences of Sexual Minorities (LGBTQ+) in the Endsars Movement in Nigeria” (online)

**Lunch Break**

*12.00-13.30*
Exiting Violence
13.30-15.00 (Q-801)
Chair: Brian Schiff (AUP)


Bjork-James, Sophie (Vanderbilt University, USA), “Movements Opposing Ethnic Chauvinism in Diversifying Societies: Opposing Violent, Organized Racism in the Northwestern United States”

Waters, Timothy William (Indiana University, USA), “Not Enough Death: The Perverse Incentives of Remedial Secession”

State Violence II.
13.30-15.00 (Q-704)
Chair: Boris Adjemian (AGBU Nubar Library/CRH-EHESS)


Yildiz, Yesim Yaprak (Goldsmiths University of London, UK), “Complicity and Complacency in Turkish Society in the Face of State-Led Atrocities”

Skoulas, Emmanuel (The American College of Greece), “Marginalized Groups and State Violence: The Case of Roma People in Greece”