

CRITICAL STUDIES ON TERRORISM

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

03-04 SEPTEMBER 2024, UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD



THE LABEL OF "TERRORISM" AND THE PERMISSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE

WORKING GROUP CONVENORS:

- ALICE FINDEN, DURHAM UNIVERSITY
- AMNA KALEEM, UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD
- RABEA KHAN, LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY



DAY 1

TUESDAY, 03 SEPTEMBER 2024

09:30-09:45

WELCOME ADDRESS BY CST WORKING GROUP CONVENORS

Amna Kaleem, Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, University of Sheffield

Rabea Khan, Lecturer, Liverpool John Moores University

Alice Finden, Associate Professor, Durham University

09:45-11:15

ROUNDTABLE - PALESTINE AND THE PERMISSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE

Malaka Shwaikh, Lecturer, University of St Andrews

Lisa Stampnitzky, Lecturer, University of Sheffield

Nijmeh Ali, Global Academy Scholar, The Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Global Academy

Namir Shabibi, Visiting Lecturer and PhD Researcher, University of Westminster

11:15-11:30 - BREAK

11:30-13:00

PANEL - THE VIOLENCE OF DISCOURSE: CENSORSHIP AND COMPLICITY

Entanglement of Interests: Unravelling Media/Government Complicity in the Creation of 'Terrorism'

Sarah Gharib Seif, PhD Researcher, St Andrews University

Problematising 'extreme right-wing terrorism' in counterterrorism policy: What's the problem represented to be?

Rohan Stevenson, PhD Researcher, University of Helsinki

Inheriting the stigma: the "children of the terrorists" in Peru's tale of counter-terrorism from a memory studies perspective

Goya Wilson Vásquez, Researcher, University of Bristol

State characterisation and the politics of Separatist terrorism framing: evidence from Nigeria

Usman Alabi, PhD Researcher, University of Warwick

13:00-14:00 - LUNCH

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TUESDAY, 03 SEPTEMBER 2024

14:00-15:30

PANEL - PEDAGOGY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND EDUCATION

Dismantle the knowledge systems that enable genocide

Amina Shareef, Lecturer, Goldsmiths University

Breaking The Infinite Tsukuyomi of Liberal Violence: Naruto, Attack on Titan and Babel as pedagogical tools in conversations with children on cycles of violence

Asim Qureshi, Research Director, CAGE

Student protests and the colonial dimensions of anti-Palestinian racism

Fahad Ahmad, Assistant Professor, Toronto Metropolitan University

Azeezah Kanji, Director of Programming, Noor Cultural Centre

Rethinking violence in the shadow of 7 October and genocide

Jeroen Gunning, Professor, Kings College London

15:30-15:40 - BREAK

15:40-17:10

KEYNOTE ADDRESS - PASSING THE COLONIAL BATON IN PALESTINE, FROM THE BRITISH MANDATE TO THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT: RACIAL MILITARISM AND THE PERMISSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE

Jasmine Gani, Senior Lecturer, London School of Economics

VISUAL ARTWORKS EXHIBIT - BELFAST: CITY OF LINES

On both days, we will be hosting a visual artwork display by Michael Livesey (University of Sheffield) comprising 15 photographs/data visualisations of the so-called 'peace walls' in Belfast. These walls enact a particular kind of violence: choreographing the mobility of bodies to inhibit their co-presence, redirecting economic opportunities away from 'suspect' communities, and coding spaces according to the counter-terrorist gaze. The materials reflect on such violences but they also demonstrate ways these violences have been subverted by communities through which the walls run: via the painting of community murals resisting securitisation of local space, and projecting alternative discourses on the nature of violence.

DAY 2

WEDNESDAY, 03 SEPTEMBER 2024

09:00-10:15

PANEL - STATE AND SETTLER COLONIAL VIOLENCE

Asabiyya as a terrorist actor: The case study of Zionism and the establishment of Israel

Ahmed Abozaid, Teaching Fellow, University of Southampton

Replicating Palestine in India: The Colonial Nature of State-sanctioned Demolitions

Bilal Tantray, PhD Researcher, Shiv Nadar University, India

State Terrorism and the Settler Colonial Project in Israel

Richard Jackson, Professor and Co-Director, The National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago

The New Political Economy and Settler Colonial Violence: The Commodification of the Palestinian Erasure

Ihab Maharmeh, PhD Researcher, University of Sussex

10:15-10:30 - BREAK

10:30-12:00

PANEL - RESISTANCE, PROTEST, AND LIBERATION

Stop Cop City!: Tactical Diversity in the Atlanta Forest Defense

Joseph Brown, Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts Boston

Tear-gas as state terrorism: A novel theoretical framework for studying the 2019 Hong Kong Protests

Max Dixon, PhD Researcher, University of Portsmouth

Naming and Overcoming Violent and Statist Reflexes: An Anarcho-pacifist Contribution to Critical Terrorism Studies

Alexandre Christoyannopoulos, Reader, Loughborough University

"Perpetual Terrorists": Investigating the 'Civilization' of Palestinian Revolutionary Subjectivity in Lebanon's Refugee Camps

Islam al Khatib, PhD Researcher, London School of Economics

The (Necro)politics of 'Framing Terrorism' in Countering Separatist Movements: Strategies and Human Rights Implications in Quebec, Kashmir and Xinxiang

Md Nazmul Arefin, PhD Researcher, University of Alberta

12:00-12:45 - LUNCH

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12:45-14:15

PANEL - LOGICS OF COUNTERTERRORISM

Fights about the forever war: explaining the remarkable endurance of the Guantánamo Bay military prison
Megan Price, Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Sheffield

Rendered Subject: Unveiling the politics of abjection within terrorist lists throughout the Global War on Terror

Owen Hanley, MA Student, Kings College London

Their terrorist or your terrorists: A critique on the discourse of Terrorism in Pakistan through Critical Terrorism Studies

Aiman Iqbal, MPhil Researcher and Shireen Mushtaq, Assistant Professor, Kinnaird College, Pakistan

The pre-criminal logic of Italian counterterrorism: controlling, deporting, and de-radicalizing Muslims

Ugo Gaudino, Lecturer, Kingston University

Multidimensional Violence and Digital Censorship: Analysing EU Regulation (EU) 2021/784 Post-October 7th

Itxaso Domínguez de Olazábal, Policy Adviser, European Digital Rights

14:15-15:15

BOOK LAUNCH - METHODOLOGIES IN CRITICAL TERRORISM STUDIES: GAPS AND INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES

Alice Finden, Associate Professor, Durham University

Rabea Khan, Lecturer, Liverpool John Moores University

Kodili Chukwuma, Durham University

Ugo Gaudino, Lecturer, Kingston University

Ariane Bogain, Assistant Professor, Northumbria University

Tarela Ike, Senior Lecturer, Teeside University

Carlos Yebra Lopez, Research Fellow, UCL

Sam Oando, Africa International University

Heike Schotten, Professor, University of Massachusetts

15:15-15:25 - BREAK

15:25-15:30 - CLOSING REMARKS BY CST WORKING GROUP CONVENORS

15:30-17:00

A ZINE WORKSHOP ON SECURITY AND RESISTANCE (IN-PERSON ONLY)

Lilly Barker, PhD Researcher, Nottingham Trent University