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Workshop

Rethinking Police Violence during Civic Unrest



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Responses to collective dissent vary depending on political regimes, institutional structures, and cultural dynamics. While public protests have become increasingly common around the world over the past decade – with mass protests in places like Hong Kong, Turkey, Serbia, Belarus, and the USA – the government reactions have varied, including the different scenarios employed for deploying state violence. This wide range of responses to managing public unrest deserves significant scholarly attention and analysis from a comparative perspective.

This workshop aims to create a platform for scholarly exchange with a focus on understanding the police-protest-violence triangle. Its goal is to integrate diverse methodological and theoretical approaches for the analysis of civic protest across varying contexts. The workshop organizers are seeking to foster research that examines police violence at macro-, meso-, and micro-levels, exploring how structural, institutional, and situational factors intersect to shape policing practices and outcomes during protests. This approach will help develop a comprehensive understanding of police violence and to define possible points of intervention to prevent it in the future.



7 November

13:00–14:00

Arrival and registration. Coffee

14:00–14:10

Welcome and Introduction

by Aryna Dzmitryieva und Janine Fubel

14:10–15:40

POLICE AFTER SOCIALISM

Discussant: Aliaksei Bratachkin

Sabrina Ellebrecht

Senior Researcher. Abteilung Öffentliches Recht
Max-Planck-Institut zur Erforschung von Kriminalität,
Sicherheit und Recht, Germany
*System Changers. Notes from Biographical
Interviews with former Volkspolizisten*

Tamar Gamkrelidze

PhD candidate, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs,
Georgia
*State Violence after Reform: Protest Policing and
Institutional Memory in Georgia*

Aryna Dzmitryieva

Research associate, FernUniversität in Hagen,
Germany
*Law and Legacy: Framing the Belarusian Militsia
in the Post-Soviet Transition*

15:40–16:10

Coffee break

16:10–17:40

**TECHNOLOGIES OF CONTROL: INNOVATIONS
AND INERTIA IN PROTEST POLICING.**

Discussant: Janine Fubel

Santiago Virguez Ruiz [online](#)

PhD Candidate, University of Massachusetts
at Amherst, USA
*Less Lethal, More Violent: Circuits of Policing
Technologies in Latin America*

Bruna Ferrari [online](#)

Center for Violence Studies – University of São Paulo
(USP), Brazil
*Authoritarian Legacies and the Judicialization of Police
Regulation in Brazil: The Case of Body-Worn Cameras*

Chand Deep

Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Tübingen, Germany
*Policing protest: Police, Violence and the Indian
Citizenship
Amendment Act, 2019*

17:40–18:00

Coffee break

18:00–19:00

KEY NOTE SPEAKER

Prof. Andrea Kretschmann

Leuphana University Lüneburg / Centre Marc Bloch
(associated researcher), Professor for Cultural
Sociology, Germany
Protest policing by simulation

19:30

Dinner

Restaurant Napolita, Savignyplatz 6, Berlin



8 November

09:00–09:30

Coffee

09:30–11:00

**RESISTANCE, AND REPRESSION: POLICING
COLLECTIVE ACTION IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

Discussant: Kirill Shamiev

Elie Teicher

Research associate, Université de Lausanne, Institut
d'études politiques, CRAPUL// Université de Liège
(Department of Historical Sciences), Switzerland/
Belgium

*Preventing Collective Gatherings During a Pandemic:
An Analysis of Police Violence at the "Boums" in
Brussels (April and May 2021)*

Sofia Rolim

PhD candidate, FGV São Paulo Law School / Centre
on Law and Social Transformation (University of
Bergen and Chr. Michelsen Institute), Norway
*Protest policing in Rio de Janeiro: understanding
the Military Police's resistance to innovation
(2013–2014)*

Tatsiana Chulitskaya

Senior researcher, Institute of International Relations,
Vilnius University, Lithuania

*Evolution of Repressions against Political Dissent in
Belarus (with a Focus on Women)*

11:00–12:00

Coffee break and elevenses

12:00–13:00

GENDER, GOVERNANCE, AND THE POLITICS OF REPRESSION

Discussant: Alena Aharelysheva

Ekaterina Khodzhaeva

Research fellow, Foundation Maison des Sciences
d'Homme, France

*Two Logics of Police Violence in Contemporary
Russia: Instrumental Practice and Repressive
Performance*

Felicia De Sousa [online](#)

PhD Candidate, Ontario Tech University,
Department of Criminology, Canada

*The Demise of Mandatory Gender Neutral
Arrest Policies*

13:00–13:30

Concluding remarks



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