

Call for Papers

International Conference

**Violent Turns  
Sources, Interpretations, Responses**

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The aim of this international conference is to provide researchers with an interdisciplinary platform to investigate and debate the question of contemporary irruptions of political violence and to inquire into the different responses intended to counteract violence. When and why do individuals, groups, and societies come to believe that peaceful means and legal avenues of redress, disobedience, are insufficient or improper to achieve a social or political goal and to view violent action as morally legitimate and necessary for change? Can one identify trends shaping recourse to violence by parts of the populace? What role does state violence play in the dialectic? When, if ever, is political violence individual and

group violence of various ideological and social origins. The simultaneity of these phenomena across different countries, and the manifest potential for new violent turns,

- x Differentiating drivers of violent turns: political, socio-economic, religious, or psychological
- x Are these factors and drivers really discernable and can they be disentangled?
- x Identity, othering and violence

**Spectrum of socio-**