

RESEARCH PROJECT

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Research Area		
Name of researcher:		Research leader:
TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT: Seminar on Religion and Violence		
Reasons of theme-selection:		
<p>Virtually every nation in the world has been touched in some way by religiously motivated violence. All three 'Peoples of the book', Muslims, Christians and Jews have been both victims and perpetrators of religiously motivated violence. Buddhists, Hindus and polytheistic faiths too have been both victim and victimizer in a cycle of violence that in historical context is millennia old.</p> <p>This seminar seeks to examine the topic from a variety of lenses. The seminar will open with a a discussion of the history of religious violence and the emergence of terrorism in the modern sense of the term. The seminar will then turn to case studies, most of them generated by seminar participants.</p> <p>Participants are encouraged to bring their own dissertation research to the seminar. Indeed, the course of the seminar will be set in the first meetings so as to encompass the research interests of participants. At the same time, the seminar is designed to examine cases from every region. While historical context will be an important aspect of the seminar, the focus is primarily on the here and now. It will examine encompass a multi-disciplinary approach that will include terrorism and counterterrorism, genocide studies, political science, cultural anthropology, history, religious studies and cultural studies among others.</p>		
Aims:		
<p>Course Learning Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To deepen participant knowledge of the many facets of religious and violence in the ancient and modern worlds. 2. To provide a forum for participants to get constructive feedback on their research 3. To encourage further research intot he field of religiona and violence. 		
Methods to be applied, the methodological notions of the research:		
Planned, as well as expected new scientific results:		

The annual reference list of the publications attesting the research results started by the applicant research leader in the research area:

The shared reading for the first class is:

Kaplan, Jeffrey. *Apocalypse, Revolution and Terrorism : From the Sicari to the American Revolt against the Modern World. Political Violence*. London ; New York: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, 2019.

And

Kaplan, Jeffrey. "Absolute Rescue: Absolutism, Defensive Action and the Resort to Force." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 7, no. 3 (Autumn 1995 1995): 128-63.

Further readings will be provided by each participant at least one week before his or her presentation.

Recommended bibliography to research

A comprehensive bibliography of suggested readings will be provided by the third week of class so as to include each of the participants' presentations.

Language requirement: intermediate English language examination

Budapest, 19 September 2019

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Research area leader

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Signature of research leader