

Workshop on Political Violence, Terrorism and Extremism in Greece and Europe

Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG)

Friday, 20 June 2014
Canada Water Library, London



The event will take place in Learning Rooms 2 & 3 at the Canada Water Library,
21 Surrey Quays Road, London, SE16 7AR
The venue is adjacent to Canada Water tube station (Jubilee Line, Zone 2)

PROGRAMME (DRAFT)

- 09:30 Registration / Coffee & Tea
- 10:00 Welcome & Introduction
- 10:10 Opening Session: “**A high-status alternative to violence**”
Jonathan Asser on the Shame/Violence Intervention (SVI) programme
- 10:45 Panel: Drivers of Violent Extremism
- Presentation: **Prof. Barry Richards** (Bournemouth University), “On the psychology of violent extremism”
- Roundtable discussion:
Dr Akil Awan (Royal Holloway)
Chloe Hadjimatheou (BBC World Service News)
- 11:15 Keynote Session 1
- Marley Morris (Counterpoint)**, “**Europe’s Reluctant Radicals**”
Q&A
- 11:45 Break
- 11:50 Comparative Panel: Extremism and the State
- Dr Mette Wiggen** (University of Leeds), “Social Democracy in Crisis? The far right in government in Norway”
Dr Aaron Winter (University of East London), “The American Extreme Right, Racism and Anti-Government Enmity at three historical junctures: Post Civil Rights, Post-9/11 and the Obama Presidency”
Dr Lena Karamanidou (City University London), “Violence against migrants, political discourse and the state: looking beyond the Golden Dawn”
William Allchorn (University of Leeds), “Political responses to the EDL”
Nefeli Lefkopoulou (College of Europe), “Defending democracy ‘beyond the state’: Towards a Europeanization of national militant restrictions dealing with extremism?”
- Plenary Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch & Networking

13:40

Keynote Session 2

Louis Reynolds (Demos), “The Voices of Discontent: Understanding Digital Populism”

Q&A

Dr Akil Awan (Royal Holloway, University of London), “Radicalisation online”

Plenary Discussion

14:20

Panel: Understanding Terrorism

Dr Roman Gerodimos (Bournemouth University), “Mapping New Terrorism in Greece”

Sotirios Karampampas (University of Sheffield), “Applying Social Movement Theory in Terrorism Research: Cycles of Contention and Revolutionary Violence In Greece”

Maria Werdine Norris (London School of Economics), “Murder or Terrorism? Issues with the definition of terrorism in UK Law”

Plenary Discussion

15:00

Coffee & Tea Break

15:15

Keynote Session 3

Dr Ben Gidley (University of Oxford), “Comparative research on integration, conviviality, intolerance and extremism at neighbourhood level in Europe: exploring some of the methodological, epistemological and policy questions arising”

Q&A

Dr Roman Gerodimos, “Utilising public space and digital tools to facilitate urban coexistence: a framework for the development of civic culture”

16:00

Panel: The impact of the Golden Dawn

Presentation: **Lamprini Rori** (Paris I University, Panthéon-Sorbonne), “The electoral rise and the social penetration of Golden Dawn”

Roundtable:

Dr Dimitrios Giannouloupoulos (Brunel Law School), “The Criminal Prosecution of Golden Dawn: Challenges, Risks and Inconsistencies”

Dr Graham Macklin (University of Huddersfield), “The impact of the Golden Dawn on the extreme right in Europe”

Dr Spyros Kosmidis (University of Oxford), “Political violence and anti-Semitism”

Anikó Félix (MTA-ELTE Peripato Research Group, Maven Seven Network Research Ltd.), “Behind the Sunrise: Golden Dawn and women”

Symeon Andronidis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), “The Transformation of the Greek Right-Wing: the Political and Electoral Rise of the Neo-Nazi Golden Dawn”

17:00

Concluding Remarks

17:30

Post-Event Walk & Drinks: **The Old Salt Quay**, 163 Rotherhithe St, London SE16 5QU (beautiful pub situated on the banks of the Thames, a short walk away from the workshop venue along the Albion Channel)

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The event is sponsored by the Politics & Media Research Group (PMRG) at Bournemouth University.

All workshop participants will receive a copy of **Quilliam**'s recently published report entitled "Jihad Trending: A Comprehensive Analysis of Online Extremism and How to Counter it".

On Twitter: **#gpsg2014 #extremism**

Profile of our Opening Speaker

Jonathan Asser is an award-winning prison therapist, poet and screenwriter of prison crime drama *Starred Up*. Asser spent 12 years working with some of Britain's most violent men at HMP Wandsworth, a Category B prison in south London. *Shame/Violence Intervention* (SVI) is a BACP Innovation Award winning programme developed in prison. For the minority of prisoners who act violently, emphasis is on punishment and separation; SVI intervenes with this excluded client group to develop client shame-awareness to enable clients to make their own interventions to nurture and repair social bonds, reducing their violent enactment across the spectrum of assault, fighting and threatening / abusive / insulting words / behaviour, increasing their ability to integrate.

Counter-terrorism officials have described Jonathan's sessions as "extremely inspiring". *Starred Up*, which was based on Jonathan's experiences, was directed by David Mackenzie and has been screened at festivals across the world (Telluride, Toronto, London, Les Arcs, Rotterdam, Tribeca). Jonathan Asser is the winner of the Best British Newcomer award at the 2013 London Film Festival.

Profiles of our Keynote Speakers

Dr Ben Gidley is an Associate Professor at **COMPAS, University of Oxford**, primarily working on projects in the Citizenship and Belonging, Urban Change and Settlement, and Welfare clusters. He has a PhD in Sociology from the University of London. His research has included ethnographic and policy-focused research on contemporary urban multiculturalism, and historical research on Jewish migrants in East London. His research interests include the impact of new forms of diversity on local contexts in the UK; both new and old forms of intolerance and conviviality; and the politics of migrant citizenship and belonging, both today and historically.

Marley Morris is a Senior Researcher and consultant at **Counterpoint** on the Recapturing Europe's Reluctant Radicals project. Marley focuses on populist parties and movements, political narratives, and the social and cultural determinants of instability in Europe. Marley's reports include *'Recapturing the Reluctant Radical: How to win back Europe's populist vote'*, co-written with Catherine Fieschi and Lila Caballero, and *'Conflicted Politicians: the populist radical right in the European Parliament'*. He is also currently managing the *'Rival Political Narratives'* project and is leading a series of populism 'self-defence' workshops on how to counter populist rhetoric in Europe. Prior to his work at Counterpoint, Marley was at the Violence and Extremism programme at Demos, where he contributed to the report 'The New Face of Digital Populism' and developed a well-being index for a study on ageing across Europe. Marley has a Masters degree in Mathematics and Philosophy from Oxford University.

Louis Reynolds is a Research Associate at the Centre for the Analysis of Social Media at **Demos**. Louis' research interests include populism and political engagement in Europe, extremism and online communities. His efforts commonly focus on the social and political aspects of social media and evolving digital technologies. Louis holds a BA in War Studies from the University of Birmingham and an MA in Intelligence and International Security from King's College London.