6th Annual Conference of the Research Area “Migration and Diversity”

**RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISM AND VIOLENCE: CAUSES AND MECHANISMS**

June 29-30, 2018

**Programme**

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We kindly ask you to register via email. Please note that seats are limited.

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Friday, June 29, 2018

9.00 am – 9.30 am  Conference Check-in and Welcome Coffee
9.30 am – 9.45 am  Welcome Address

Session 1 – Does Religion Facilitate or Inoculate Violence? (Chair: Eylem Kanol)

9.45 am – 10.30 am  Steffen Hertog
Which Aspects of Religion can Facilitate Violent Radicalism? (with Diego Gambetta)

10.30 am – 11.15 am  Sarah Knight
Capability, Opportunity and Motivation: Applying the COM-B Model to Understand Extremist Behavior

11.15 am – 11.30 am  Coffee Break

Session 2 – Religious Ideology (Chair: Eylem Kanol)

11.30 am – 12.15 pm  Heather Gregg
Heroes, Martyrs and Religiously Motivated Violence

12.15 pm – 1.00 pm  Friederike Sadowski
Are Authoritarianism and Militancy Key Characteristics of Religious Fundamentalism? A Latent Class Analysis of an Egyptian Muslim Sample (with Jérôme Endrass and Andreas Zick)

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm  Lunch Break

Session 3 – Religious (De–)Legitimization of Violence (Chair: Diego Gambetta)

2.00 pm – 2.45 pm  Ruud Koopmans
Scriptural Legitimation Mobilizes Support for Religious Violence: Survey–experimental Evidence across Three Religions and Seven Countries (with Eylem Kanol, Anselm Rink and Dietlind Stolle)

2.45 pm – 3.30 pm  Kunaal Sharma
Clerical Persuasion and Religious Extremism: An Experiment Among Sunni and Shia Muslims in Northern India

3.30 pm – 3.45 pm  Coffee Break

Session 4 – Mobilization Strategies: Recruitment (Chair: Diego Gambetta)

3.45 pm – 4.30 pm  Christine Fair
Gender Differences in Support for Terrorism: Two Cases from Pakistan

4.30 pm – 5.15 pm  Arie Perliger
Analyzing the Visual Constructions that Facilitate Effectiveness of ISIS’s Visual Propaganda
Saturday, June 30, 2018

Session 5 – Mobilization Strategies: Violence and Lethality (Chair: Jytte Klausen)

9.30 am – 10.15 am  Katarzyna Jaśko
Religion, Ideology and Political Violence in the United States (with Michael Becker and Gary LaFree)

10.15 am – 11.00 am  Gary LaFree
Islamist Terrorism, Diaspora Links and Casualty Rates (with James Piazza)

11.00 am – 11.15 am  Coffee Break

Session 6 – Religious Violence: Role of Communities (Chair: Jytte Klausen)

11.15 am – 12.00 pm  La Toya Waha
Killing and Dying for Buddhism: Buddhist Fundamentalism and Violence in Sri Lanka

12.00 pm – 12.45 pm  Anselm Rink
Fostering Tolerance in a Religiously Divided Neighborhood. A Randomized Controlled Trial (with Kunaal Sharma)

12.45 pm – 1.45 pm  Lunch Break

Session 7 – Interreligious Violence (Chair: Ruud Koopmans)

1.45 pm – 2.30 pm  Krzysztof Krakowski
Do Ethnic Riots lead to Religious Fundamentalism? Evidence from Kyrgyzstan (with Anselm Rink and Max Schaub)

2.30 pm – 3.15 pm  Alexandra Scacco
“Rioting Together”: Religious Riot Recruitment within Nigerian Neighborhoods

3.15 pm – 3.30 pm  Coffee Break

Session 8 – Profiles of Jihadists (Chair: Ruud Koopmans)

3.30 pm – 4.15 pm  Eylem Kanol
Jihadi Radicalization in Europe from a Comparative Perspective: Profiles, Contexts, and Grievances

4.15 pm – 5.00 pm  Priyanka Renugopalakrishnan & Jytte Klausen
A Comparative Analysis of Demographic Stratification and Roles in “Homegrown” Jihadist Organizations

5.00 pm – 5.30 pm  Concluding Address
List of Speakers & Chairpersons

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