Anthropology of Political Violence

International Conference Programme

10th – 12th June 2011

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FRIDAY 10th JUNE 2011

09:00 Registration

09:30-10:00 Welcome

10:00-11:00 25 Years from David Riches’s ‘Anthropology of Violence’

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Session 1 - Witnessing Violence
Christos Lynteris, St Andrews, Contested Witnesses: the Case of the Biological Warfare Attack Against China.
Juan Pablo Sarmiento Barletti, St Andrews, ‘Civilised’ Peacekeepers or Bloodthirsty Assassins? Ashaninka Ronderos and the moral ‘grey zone’ of violence in the Peruvian Internal War.
Ruth Marsden, Edinburgh, Living 'in between': ambiguity and the politics of loss for wives of the disappeared in Nepal.

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 Session 2 - Exception: State, Ethnicity and Race
Jan Grill, St Andrews, Gypsies with(out) an angel of history? State of exception, violence and movements of Slovakian Roma.
Christopher Kaplonski, Cambridge, The slow extermination of the Buddhist establishment in early socialist Mongolia.

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-17:00 Keynote Lecture 1:
Andrew Strathern & Pamela Stewart, University of Pittsburgh
The Dialectics and Aesthetics of War and Peace: Extending Riches’ Triangle.

17:00 Wine Reception
SATURDAY 11th JUNE 2011

09:30-11:00 Session 3 – Resistance and/or Freedom
Srila Roy, Nottingham, Sexual violence in/and the logic of revolutionary resistance (Naxalites in West Bengal).
Moises Lino de Silva, St Andrews, Poverty and Freedom in a Brazilian Favela: Whose Subjection? Whose Violence?

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Keynote Lecture 2:
Stef Jansen, University of Manchester
A Farewell to 'Identity' Through the War in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session 4 – Techniques and Aesthetics of Violence
Ioannis Kalianos, St Andrews, Bachala: politics and aesthetics of violence in Athens.

15:30-20:00 Free time to explore St Andrews

20:15 Dinner
SUNDAY 12th JUNE 2011

09:00-10:30 Keynote Lecture 3:  
Stan Frankland, University of St Andrews  
Legitimate witnesses? The systemic violence of development in Uganda

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Session 5 – Materiality and Materialism  
Marc Berdet, Potsdam, Remnants and Power in Modernity; Phantasmagoria between Anthropology and History.  
Dimitris Dalakoglou, Sussex, Rethinking Reification and Subjectivity during Public Eruptions of Political Violence in Athens.  
Sami Khatib, Berlin, Vengeance, Hatred, and the Spirit of Sacrifice - Towards the Temporality of Political Affect in Benjamin's Theses on the Concept of History.

12:30-13:00 Closing Discussion

13:00 Closing Lunch

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