"Reinterpreting Political Violence in the 20th Century, Europe: A Comparative Perspective"

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The 20th century was extraordinarily varied and now that darker fragments of its history are resurfacing it is a good moment to examine and rethink the main demonstrations of collective violence in Europe during that century.

What happened between 1914 and 1945, with important effects in the following three years, contrasts sharply with the decades which preceded it and was unparalleled in the second half of the 20th century, in spite of the reappearance of violence in Bosnia and Kosovo in the 1990s.

The aim of the lecture is to introduce the main historiographical approaches which have guided the research in the last two decades on those politics of violence, from anarchist terrorism at the beginning of the century to the later demonstrations of genocide in the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s.


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