

WORKSHOP ORGANIZED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE EASA NETWORK,  
ANTHROPOLOGY OF CRIME & CRIMINALIZATION (*ANTHROCRIME*):

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**VIGILANTISM RESURRECTED**  
**Anthropological Explorations of Violent Transfigurations of  
State, Crime & Politics across Contexts**

May 20-22, 2021

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**PROGRAM**

**DAY I**

MAY 20, 2021 THURSDAY

**Welcoming Remarks by the Organizers** [12:15 CEST](#)

**PANEL I: Conceptualizing Vigilantism** [12:30-14:30 CEST](#)

Melina C. Kalfelis, *University of Bayreuth*

“Vigilantism as a Process: Reconsidering Violence through the Politics of the Koglweogo Self-Defense Groups in Burkina Faso”

Naomi van Stapele and Laurens Bakker, *THUAS and UvA*

“Vigilant Relationality: Securing the Local in Kenya and Indonesia during Times of COVID19”

Jacob Rasmussen, *Roskilde University*

“Parasitic Agency: Conceptualizing Vigilante Relational Actions vis-à-vis the State”

Discussant: David Pratten, *University of Oxford*

**PANEL II: Law and Violence in Neighbourhoods** [14:45-16:45 CEST](#)

Rivke Jaffe, *University of Amsterdam*

“Vigilantism as Legal Hybridity: “Community Justice” in Urban Jamaica”

Ahmad Moradi, *FU Berlin*

“Vigilantism and Government of Poor Neighbourhoods in Iran”

Sebastian Ramirez, *Princeton University*

“Death Notice: Aesthetics of Vigilantism and Para-official Terror in Colombia”

Discussant: Deniz Yonucu, *Technische Universität Berlin*

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS** [17:00 CEST \(11:00 EDT\)](#)

Prof Jean Comaroff, *Harvard University*

“Vigilantism and the Practices of Popular Sovereignty”

## DAY II

MAY 21, 2021 FRIDAY

### OPENING SPEECH [12:30 CEST](#)

Prof Tore Bjørgo, *University of Oslo*

“The Emergence and Decline of Vigilantism against Migrants and Minorities”

### PANEL III: Tracing Vigilantism in Europe [13:30-15:30 CEST](#)

Kristina Ilieva, *University of Sussex*

“Framing the “Refugee Hunter”: Gender and Nationalist Perspectives on Border Vigilance in Bulgaria”

Vincenzo Scalia, *University of Winchester*

“Cosa Nostra: An Unusual Vigilantism?”

Ana Ivasiuc, *Philipps Universität Marburg*

““The State Cannot Protect Us”: How Informal Policing (Un)Makes the State in Western Europe”

Discussant: Erol Saglam, *Freie Universität Berlin* and *Istanbul Medeniyet University*

### PANEL IV: Religion, Morality, and the Margins of the Law [15.45-17.45 CEST](#)

Geethika Dharmasinghe, *Cornell University*

“Whose Force is Violence? Sangha, Governance, and Authority”

Marcos Mendoza, *University of Mississippi*

“Partisan Forces: Tactical Vigilantism and Religious Protest in Michoacán, Mexico”

Salman Hussain, *York University*

“Miracles of the State: Blasphemy and Forced Disappearances in Pakistan”

Discussant: Martijn Oosterbaan, *Utrecht University*

## DAY III

MAY 22, 2021 SATURDAY

### PANEL V: Political Reverberations [13:00-15:00 CEST](#)

Aymon Kreil & Daniele Cantini, *University of Ghent* and *Martin Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg*

“Bandits, Civic Associations, Revolutionary Agents? Popular Committees in Egypt, 2011–2013”

Justice Richard K. O. Kyei & Lidewyde H. Berckmoes, *Kwame Nkrumah* and *Leiden Universities*

“Political Vigilante Groups in Ghana: Violence or Democracy?”

Andy Fuller, *Utrecht University*

“Popular Cultures of Premanism: From Bandit to Religious Vigilantism”

Discussant: Davide Casciano, *University of Bologna*

## **PANEL VI: *Agents of Security*** [15.15-17.15 CEST](#)

Laurent Gayer, *CNRS/CERI Sciences Po, Paris*

“Punishers in Uniform: Punitive Police Work in Karachi, Pakistan”

Susana Duraó & P. Argentin, *University of Campinas State*

“Shadow Plural Governance of Security: Internal Dynamics of Public-Private Patrimonial Protection”

Gilles Favarel-Garrigues, *CERI Sciences Po, Paris*

“You are a Disgrace to the Uniform!?: Challenging the Police in Moscow Streets”

Discussant: Tessa Diphoorn, *Utrecht University*

## **CLOSING REMARKS** [17.30 CEST](#)

Deniz Yonucu, *Technische Universität Berlin*

Erol Saglam, *IMU and FU Berlin*

Martijn Oosterbaan, *Utrecht University*

## **TECHNICAL DETAILS**



Please do follow AnthroCrime [website](#)/[Facebook](#)/[Twitter](#) for updates. Registrations and information on how to join: <https://www.anthrocrime.net/event/vigilantism-resurrected/>

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