Political violence and social movements:
new frontiers in theory and research

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First Term Seminar 2013
Mondays, 3-5pm - Seminar Room 2, Badia Fiesolana
20 hours—20 credits
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Research and theorization on political violence have much developed in recent years with focus on different forms. Empirical analyses have added new evidence on clandestine political violence, revolutions, civil wars. From the theoretical point of view, innovation emerged in the attempt to link structure and agency, socio-economic and cultural explanation. In particular, within the frame of contentious politics, political violence has been analyzed within the evolution of social movements and political conflicts.

Session 1. October 7. Clandestine political violence: Global Comparisons
Coordinator: Donatella della Porta


Session 2. October 14. Networks and generations

Coordinator: Donatella della Porta
Guest: Donagh Davis

Lorenzo Bosi and Donatella Della Porta “Micro-mobilization into armed groups: the ideological, instrumental and solidaristic paths” Qualitative Sociology 35: 361-383.


Session 3. October 21. Interactive diffusion in conflict escalation

Coordinator: Donatella della Porta
Guest: Kivanc Atak/Leonidas Oikonomakis


Session 4. October 28. Framing Violence

Coordinator: Donatella della Porta
Guest: Pietro Castelli/Caterina Froio

Viterna, Jocelyn (forthcoming) "Radical or Righteous?: Using Gender to Shape Public Perceptions of Political Violence" in L. Bosi, S. Malthaner and C. Demetriou, Dynamics of Political Violence. Ashgate.

Session 5. November 4. Rituals and performances

*Coordinators: Xabier Itcaina*


Session 6. November 11. The logics of clandestinity

*Coordinators: Lorenzo Bosi and Donatella della Porta*


Session 7. November 18. Space and violence

*Coordinator: Lorenzo Bosi*

Guest: Joldon Kutmanaliev/Markos Vogiatzoglou


Della Porta, Donatella and Gianni Piazza. 2008. *Voices from the valley, Voices form the straits*, Berghan, chaps. 3 and 4.


*Coordinators: Xabier Itcaina*

Guest: Juan Masullo

[http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/19460171.2012.752971](http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/19460171.2012.752971)

**Session 9. December 2. Social Relations: Constituencies, Reference Groups, Violent Milieus.**

*Coordinator: Donatella della Porta*  
*Guest: Frank O’Connor; Alex Veit*


**Session 10. December 9. Transformations of Violence: Disengagement and Memory**

*Coordinator: Donatella della Porta and Lorenzo Bosi*  
*Guest: Lorenzo Zamponi*


