



Geographies of Violence and Conflict

Third year module
Convened by Dr Ceri Oeppen

Introduction and ethos

Violence and conflict are major components of social process, transformation and change; locally, nationally and internationally.

This module gives students an overview of how geographers (and other social scientists) have thought about, studied, and explained violence.

Key to the ethos of the module is that violence does not have to be of the 'spectacular' kind to be of interest. 'Everyday' non-physical violence in the form of societal control and the (ab)use of power relations is just as important to understand.

Cross-cutting themes

- Violence, space and place.
- How violence relates to power relations, gender, social class, race.



Teaching style and assessment

The module is designed so the first third focusses on theories and concepts, which we then apply to various topics or case studies in the second two-thirds.

The topics will be developed through a participatory exercise in the first class, but to give some ideas from previous years, they may include themes like the following:

- Gendered fear of violence and the role of the media
- Bullying and cyber-bullying
- Poverty, class and urban policing
- Migration, and violence at borders
- Terrorism and radicalisation
- Mass shootings (school shootings) / rampage killings



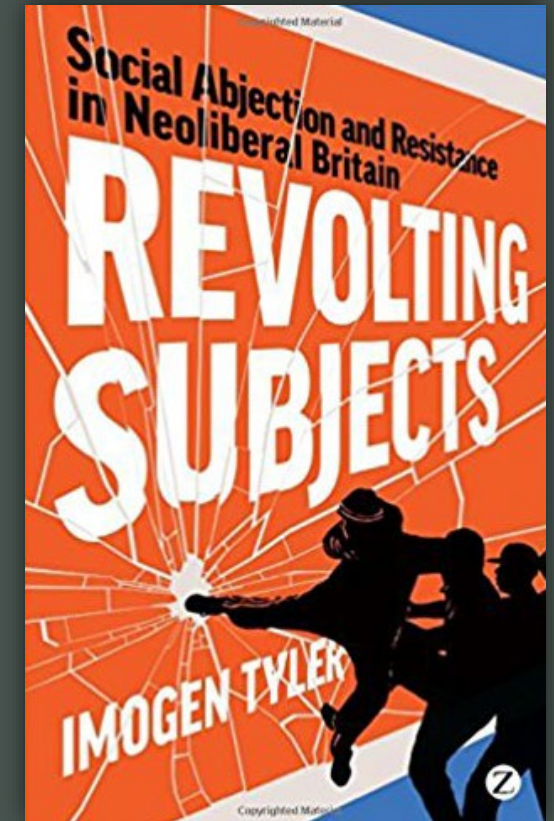
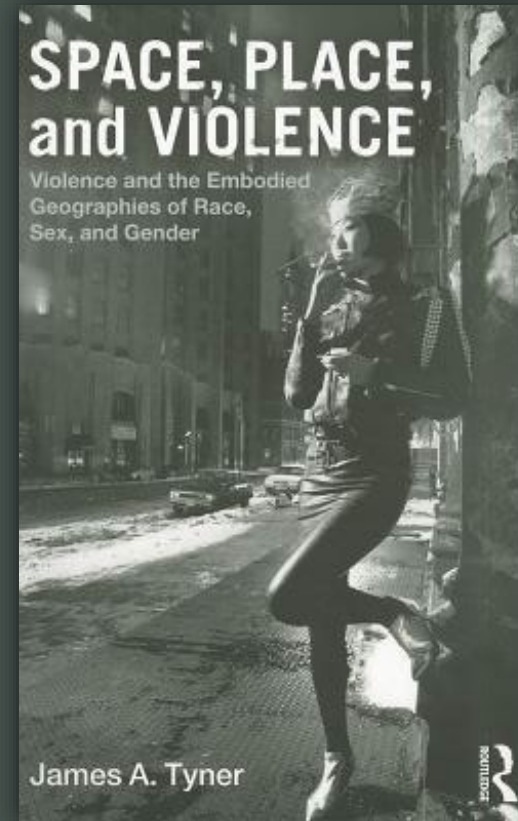
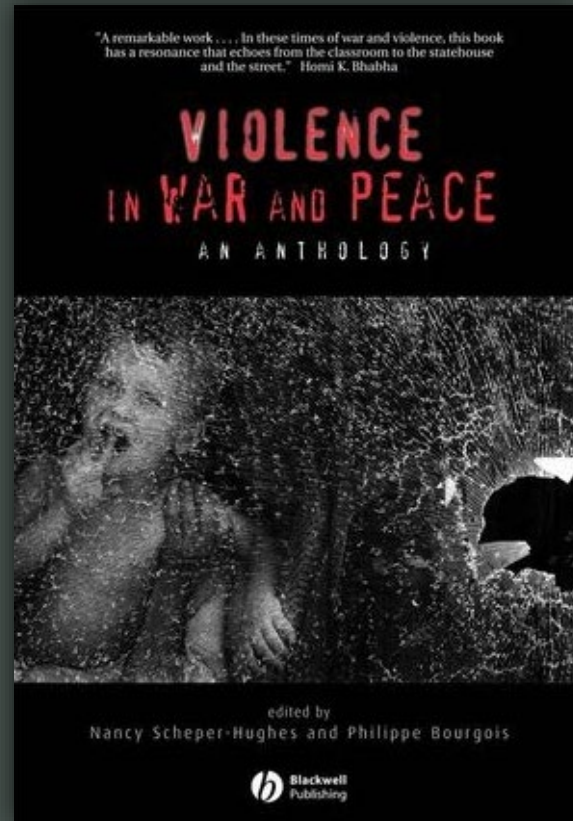
Classes are taught in the form of a lecture giving an introduction to relevant ideas and issues, and a seminar that will involve discussions, presentations and other participatory activities.

Assessment

10% = an assessed group presentation (normally in week 7)

90% = a 4,000 word essay on a topic to be discussed and agreed with the convenor

Suggested introductory readings



About the convenor

Dr Ceri Oeppen is a Senior Lecturer in Human Geography, and Co Director of the Sussex Centre for Migration Research.

Her research has mostly focussed on Afghanistan and the Afghan diaspora, and conflict-related forced migration and displacement.

She has conducted fieldwork in Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Europe and North America.

Ceri has been teaching Geographies of Violence and Conflict since 2017, and her recent research on 'gaming communities' emerged directly from discussions with previous students in this module!

Questions?

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