

Spring 2010 Course

Political Violence
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Mondays 2:10-4:50

In this class we will look at the politics of collective violence, and at the forces which drive ordinary human beings to collectively engage in acts of extraordinary cruelty. We will look at the causes and consequences of such episodes, paying particular attention to the actions of perpetrators, bystanders, and victims in a wide variety of cases, ranging from ordinary policeman drafted by the Nazis to liquidate Jewish villages in Poland; to Israeli actions in Palestine, Lebanon and Gaza; Serbian violence in Bosnia; America's war on terror; violent struggles between Catholics and Protestants in North Ireland; and finally police violence and riots in Paris and New York.

The course fits requirements for CRS (Europe), IP and IPCR. It should also be of interest to students in Sociology, Anthropology and Justice, Law and Society. Please contact Professor Schneider with any questions at cschnei@american.edu.