



**Second Conference of the Cyprus  
Association of Political Science**  
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## **The Worlds of Violence and Discontent**

### Abstract:

We live in a world of considerable violence and discontent. People experience different forms and degrees of violence – physical, structural, symbolic, genocidal, terrorist, racist, sexist, environmental, ethnic, religious, and so on. They also experience and need to respond to different states of discontent – poverty, abjection, insecurity, lack of hospitality, denial of rights, loss of community, habitat deprecation, and so on.

Our understanding of violence has had to navigate the dialectic of continuity and change. On the one hand, the *continuity* of violence in its many forms and degrees has been a constant in the history of organized society and political units. On the other, *change* as variation in these perennial manifestations has presented academics, decision-makers, and the informed general public with exegetic puzzles and challenges.

Has the nature of violence and of discontent been fundamentally altered by major shifts in global affairs: the end of the Cold War, the rise of non-state actors, the shifting powerbase of the international system? Has globalization eroded sovereignty to the point where our traditional notions – and analytical tools – of institutional structure are no longer adequate in addressing the needs of our contemporary environment? Do violence and discontent coexist with peaceful means of transformation, as well as less overt means of coercion in the international system?

The 2<sup>nd</sup> CAPS conference is aimed at the exploration and assessment of the nexus between the multiple manifestations of violence and discontent, as well as an understanding of the evolving dynamics of these phenomena both contemporary and historical. This call for proposals invites the submission of papers that seek to engage the policy, conceptual and ethical issues that these multiple worlds create.

Specific themes to be covered include but are not exhausted to:

- migrant and refugee crises
- new wars and drone attacks
- terrorist practices and anti-terrorist resistance
- extreme parties and democratic resistance
- representations of violence and injustice
- forms of symbolic violence
- media and worlds of violence
- coercive diplomacy
- conflict management mediation and resolution of violent conflicts
- social protest and non-violent political resistance
- clandestine political violence
- climate change, resource access and the evolving nature of conflict
- disaggregated causes of conflict participation
- theoretical and conceptual issues in the study of ruptures, crises, conflicts and violence

### **Organizing Committee**

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### **Submissions of panels and papers**

Please use the above contact information to email a proposal including abstract of panel or paper, author(s) institutional affiliations(s) and contact information in Word or PDF format. Panel submissions must include an abstract of less than 200 words

and 4-5 papers. Additionally, panel submissions can include both a Chair and a Discussant; otherwise, a Chair and a Discussant will be assigned to the panel in case of acceptance.

### **Key Dates**

The submission deadline for participation in the conference is *25 September 2016*.

Decisions will be announced by *10 October 2016*.

The preliminary programme of the conference will be announced by *20 October 2016*.

Registration will take place at the conference.

Completed papers must be circulated to Chairs, Discussants and other members of the assigned panel by *5 December 2016*.