

The topic of violence has received considerable attention in the last decade in phenomenology and continental philosophy of religion. To apply phenomenology to the question of *religious* violence, however, has thus far remained a desideratum. Phenomenology without a doubt has a long tradition in studying the modes of religious experience, and the last 30 years especially have contributed to a fecund trove of exploring religious experience *as such*, and its key concepts (e.g. transcendence, gift/giveness, adoration, sovereignty, love, or the verticality of religious experience). Yet this sub-field has hardly contributed to current debates on the role of religion in our contemporary societies, not to mention, of religious violence. It is the major aim of workshop to elaborate on the potential phenomenological research has to be applied to such topics. To begin this challenging venture, the contributions to this workshop will: investigate a variety of related phenomena; discuss them from various phenomenological (yet highly transdisciplinary) viewpoints; and assess critically the capacities of phenomenology in general to give an account of these problematics.

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# Phenomenologies of Religious Violence

## Exploratory Workshop

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**Monday, 19.03.2018**

10:00 *Welcome & Opening*

10:30: **Michael Staudigl**, University of Vienna:  
"Opening Remarks"

*Session I*

Moderator: *Branko Klun*

11:00 **James Mensch**, Charles University Prague:  
"Violence and the Return of the Religious"

12:00 **Joseph Rivera**, Dublin City University:  
"Girard's Phenomenology of Religious Violence"

*Lunch Break*

*Session II*

Moderator: *Michael Staudigl*

14:30 **Sylvain Camilleri**, University Louvain-la-Neuve:  
"Fitnah: Some Phenomenological Remarks"

15:30 **Ruth-Rebecca Tietjen**, Tübingen University:  
"Religious Zeal"

*Coffee Break*

*Session III*

Moderator: *Jason Alvis*

17:00 **Pascal Delhom**, Flensburg University:  
"On Violence as a Violation of Religious Integrity"

18:00 **Michael Staudigl**, University of Vienna:  
"Toward a Phenomenology of Religious Violence:  
Mapping the Field"

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**Tuesday, 20. 03. 2018**

*Session IV*

Moderator: *Michael Staudigl*

9:30 **Jonna Bornemark**, Södertörn University  
"Magic and Violence in Giordano Bruno.  
A Merleau-Pontyan Perspective"

10:30 **Eddo Evink**, Groningen University  
"Transcendental and Religious Violence"

*Coffee Break*

*Session V*

Moderator: *Branko Klun*

12:00 **Renée van Riessen**, Leiden University:  
"God and Violence. Reflections on Monotheism and  
Genesis 22"

*Lunch Break*

*Session VI*

Moderator: *Eddo Evink*

14:30 **François-David Sebbah**, Paris Nanterre:  
"Religion, Technoscience, and Violence: Some Re-  
flections Following Derrida's 'Faith and Reason'"

15:30: **Jason Alvis**, University of Vienna:  
"Violence Gives Rise to Thought: Synthesizing  
Ricoeur's Various Phenomenologies of Violence"

*Coffee Break*

*Session VII*

Moderator: *René van Riessen*

17:00 **Ruud Welten**, Tilburg University:  
"'In the beginning was Violence':  
Emmanuel Levinas on Violence and Religion"

18:00 **Felix Ó Murchadha**, University of Galway  
"World-Endings and the Temporality of Religious  
Violence"