

# MAKING SENSE OF VIOLENCE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

24–26 February 2020, University of Gdańsk

Faculty of Languages, Neofilologia, ul. Wita Stwosza 51, room 034

## PROGRAMME

### Monday, 24 February

**9.30–10.00:** Registration and introduction

**10.00–11.15:** PANEL 1 – **Thinking Violence in the Digital Age**

- ‘Our Screens as New Sites of Violence Act: Digitalized Violence’, Imen El Bedoui
- ‘The *Affect* of the Digital’, Anna Walker

**11.15–11.30:** Break

**11.30–12.30:** KEYNOTE I – ‘Waging Violence in The Digital Age. The Use of ICTs in Prevention, Intervention & Restoration’, Nena Močnik

**12.30–13.45:** Lunch

**13.45–15.30:** PANEL 2 – **Shaping Collective Imaginaries: Everyday Dehumanization and Integration**

- ‘The Aesthetics of Dehumanization: Considerations on Hate Speech and Racist Motivated Violence on Social Media in the Case of Torre Maura, Italy’, Erica Capecci
- ‘A Factual Risk-Analysis of Integration Process Gaps Administered to Immigrants from Conflict and Protracted Crisis Contexts in Finland as a Potential Security Threat to the High North’, Frank Ojwang
- ‘Violence on Demand: Digital Consumerism in Dystopian Fiction’, Avril Tynan

**15.30–15.45:** Break

**15.45–16.45:** READING SEMINAR

**16.45–17.00:** Break

**17.00–18.45:** PANEL 3 – **Rhetorical Constructions of Violence**

- ‘Cognitive Bias and Narrative Effects: the Digital Storytelling of Violence’, Aurélien Maignant
- ‘Beyond Opinion, Beyond Violence: Interpretation, Narrative, and Solidarity’, Miłosz Wojtyna
- ‘Storytelling-Hatredtelling-the Role of Impaired Communication in the Rise of Digital Violence’, Rokšana Zgierska

**19.30:** Conference Dinner 1 (Łąka Bar TBC)

### Tuesday, 25 February

**9.00–10.15:** PANEL 4 – **Technologized Terror**

- ‘Narrating the Terrorist Self’, Cassandra Falke
- ‘Global Arms race and Artificial Intelligence’, Narek Poghosian

**10.15–10.30:** Break

**10.30–11.30:** KEYNOTE II – ‘(Men) Talking (About), Writing (About) and Imaging (About) Violence/Violation Offline/Online’, Jeff Hearn

**11.30–11.45:** Break

**11.45–13.00:** WORKSHOP (led by Anna Walker)

**13.00–14.00:** Lunch

**14.00–19.00:** Guided visit of the city of Gdańsk and World War II Museum

**19.00:** Conference Dinner 2

### **Wednesday, 26 February**

**9.30–10.45:** PANEL 5 – **Digitalizing Violence: Archives and Dating Apps**

- ‘Digitizing the Memory of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi: Aims and Challenges of the Genocide Archive of Rwanda’, Caroline Williamson Sinalo
- ‘Aspects of Violence within Online Dating Worlds’, Jyrki Pöysä

**10.45–11.00:** Break

**11.00–12.45:** PANEL 6 – **Normalizing Structural Violence**

- ‘Reframing the Story: Counter Narrative and the MeToo Campaign as a Discursive Space’, Sofia Wanström
- ‘Violence and the Question of Morality in Modern Videogames – the Worlds more Real than Reality’, Mikołaj Marks
- ‘BBQ Becky and the Ideal Citizen: Policing as a Tool for Gentrification’, Brie McLemore

**12.45–13.00:** Concluding Discussion

**13.00–14.00:** Lunch