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The Discourses of Radical Diaspora Politics: An Historical Perspective on Migrant Political Violence and Terrorism



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ABSTRACT | In recent years, the relationship between migration and terrorism has become a highly charged political issue. But concerns about migrant political violence are neither new nor limited to fears about radical Islamism. In this lecture, Dr. Tokić will explore the development of extremist politics within diaspora populations and the conditions that lead them to embrace terrorism as an acceptable form of political expression through the example of anti-Yugoslav Croatian nationalists during the Cold War. In particular, the talk will focus on the discourses and practices of radicalization amongst migrants, providing an alternative perspective on diaspora terrorism from the one most commonly found in contemporary political analysis.

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