

**CITIES &  
(COUNTER)  
TERRORISM  
ORDINARY  
PRACTICES,  
EXPERIENCES  
AND  
ATMOSPHERES.**

13-14 JUNE 2024

**PROGRAMME**

CY CERGY  
PARIS UNIVERSITÉ

# THURSDAY 13 JUNE

13.30 – 14.00

**WELCOME • COFFEE**

14.00 – 14.45

**Introduction: Atmospheres of (counter)terrorism  
in European Cities**

Damien Masson (CY Cergy Paris Université),  
Sara Fregonese (University of Birmingham),  
Simon Runkel (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena),  
Paul Simpson (University of Plymouth)

14.45 – 16.30

**Urban squares, parks and crowds: findings from  
Germany**

Katharina Ciax, Simon Runkel  
(Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena)

**PANEL  
1**

**The persistent echo of terror?  
Music scenes after attacks in Paris and Manchester**

Myrtille Picaud (CNRS, laboratoire CRESPPA-CSU)

**Atmospheres of post-terrorism urban community**

Amy Batley (London Borough of Camden)

16.30 – 16.45

**DISCUSSION** – Chair Sam Berlin (Durham University)

16.45 – 18.30

**COFFEE BREAK**

**Shockwaves, vibes, baselines, and big ugly lumps: findings  
from UK**

Sara Fregonese (University of Birmingham),  
Paul Simpson (University of Plymouth)

**PANEL  
2**

**The terrorist atmosphere under the uniform: daydreams,  
presentifications and possible realities in situation**

Arthur Oldra (Unil, Lausanne)

**Fear of terrorism - Recognizing scenarios of potential danger  
in urban space**

Illum Stine (COWI & University of Copenhagen)

**DISCUSSION** – Chair Anne Hertzog (CY Cergy Paris Université)

# FRIDAY 14 JUNE

08.45 – 09.00

**WELCOME • COFFEE**

09.00 – 10.45

**There is no such thing as an 'ambiance of safety': findings from France**

Angeliki Drongiti (IMT Nantes),  
Hélène Heurtel (Institut Paris Région),  
Virginie Malochet (Institut Paris Région),  
Damien Masson (CY Cergy Paris Université)

**PANEL  
3**

**A "global fireball": Geographies of pyro-terrorism**

Marijn Nieuwenhuis (Durham University)

**Unpacking Affective Intensities of Anti-Terrorism Trial.**

**A Multi-Sited Ethnography Approach**

Sarah Klosterkamp (Goethe University Frankfurt  
am Main)

**DISCUSSION** – Chair Rainer Kazig (CNRS, laboratoire  
Ambiances, Architectures, Urbanités)

10.45 – 11.00

**COFFEE BREAK**

11.00 – 12.15

**Cities & (Counter)terrorism: Ordinary practices, experiences  
and atmospheres**

– Open panel with Peter Dirksmeier (Leibniz Universität  
Hannover), Sunčana Laketa (Independent Scholar),  
Simone Tulumello (Universidade de Lisboa)

**ROUND  
TABLE**

**DISCUSSION**

12.15 – 12.30

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

12.30

**LUNCH**

The terrorist attacks on European cities over the last decade have reconfigured ordinary urban life. This concerns both ordinary practices and experiences, and the production and management of urban spaces. On the one hand, we are witnessing a proliferation of security logics, whose translations - be they discursive, symbolic, legal, material, technological, etc. - are having the consequence of not only modifying urban spaces, but also of affecting residents in their day-to-day behaviour, right down to their bodies. Protean, diffuse and distributed at multiple levels, the threat of terrorism and counter-terrorism measures have a visible impact on the everyday life of cities, but they also have effects that go well beyond the realms of the visible and the expressible, insofar as they concern the senses, affects and emotions. Because they affect bodies and the intensities that bind them together, terrorism and counterterrorism are participating in the creation of a new urban climate.

How do these actions shape urban ambiances and atmospheres? How the intertwining of social interactions, security and protection practices, and security narratives, discourses and policies shape dispositions of attention, states of the body and modes of presence that are specific to the uncertainty associated with the terrorist threat, as well as to the supposed guarantees of the 'safe city'? By bringing together geographers, urban planners, sociologists and anthropologists working in different fields and on different scales, this scientific meeting also sets itself the challenge of critically examining the contributions of approaches in terms of ambiances/atmospheres and affects to urban studies of terrorism.



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 CY Cergy Paris Université,  
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