**Constituting modern subjects by disciplining the extremes:**

**international histories, global hierarchies, and intersectionality in**

**Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE)**

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This workshop interrogates how modern subjectivities are constituted through the intersection of historical legacies and global and local hierarchies in Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) and preventive security policies in general. PVE as both a policy programme and governmental practice is rooted in identifying “extremists” and managing their deviance by moulding them into “moderate” subjects. Tracing the use of preventive interventions aimed at subjects considered “extremists”, this workshop will unpack how the logic of disciplining conducts into moderation has travelled both temporally – historical/colonial to present – and spatially – local to global – in a wide variety of contexts. By scrutinising PVE logics from an intersectional approach, the workshop will take account of the racial, class, and gender hierarchies that shape the understanding of the “moderate” and the “extremist” at local, national, and global levels.

Critical scholarship has widely scrutinised preventive security strategies as processes of governmentality of societies. Building on the existing literature, this workshop will investigate how prevention programs aim to constitute desirable subjects to fit within modern societies and manage extremist subjects in need of reform. As such, the workshop will explore how the extremist-moderate dichotomy functions as a process of constitution of the desirable – modern – subject ­and as a process of disciplining the social extremes into “moderation”, a category shaped by contemporary understandings of modernity.

With this in mind, the workshop aims to open up a space of reflection on the preventive turn in security and counter-terrorism strategies. By focusing on the power relations and hierarchies embedded and rearticulated by PVE, the workshop also wants to interrogate how subjects are constituted and governed across different power relations and hierarchies at different levels. The workshop, thus, puts forward PVE as a site from which to scrutinise modernity and the interconnected relations of power that, inherited from the past, shape the understanding of desirable modern subjectivities.

This workshop welcomes contributions which address – but are not limited to – the following questions:

* How can applying an intersectional and decolonial lens to PVE help us scrutinise interconnectedness between the past, the present, and the future in world politics?
* What are the points of intersection in Preventing Violent Extremism policies along local/global lines and what can these tell us about the interconnectedness of the local/global?
* What can the study of the narratives, ideas, relationships, and practices underpinning preventive logics tell us about contemporary visions of world politics and modernity?
* What can an intersectional approach to PVE tell us about the constitution of the modern society and modern subjectivities?
* What blind spots in identifying the ‘extreme *other’* can we uncover by conducting an intersectional analysis of Preventing Violent Extremism?