

The Collaborative Research Centre “Dynamics of Security” (SFB/TRR 138) and the Anthropology of Peace, Conflict, and Security (APeCS) network of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) are organizing the joint, interdisciplinary conference:

**Peace, conflict, and security in times of existential crises:
Critical, interdisciplinary, and public engagements**

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Call for papers

Panel 7. Thinking (in)Security through Emotions: Exploring the Affective Structures of Law and the Police in Times of Crisis

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With a focus on the affective dimensions of security, this panel aims to explore the intersection of politics, law, and security as discourses and practices of control that permeate both policy and law-enforcement circles and everyday life. We are interested in the emotions underpinning top-down security and counterinsurgency measures; emotions that inform and affect social and political lives of targeted populations; as well as the emotions triggering and triggered by experiences and contestations of security especially in times of crisis.

Our inquiry extends to the historical and structural entanglements of surveillance, militarism, and policing with projects of control based on race, colonialism, and class across different temporal and geographical contexts. Moreover, we aim to explore the responses of colonized, racialized, and indigenous communities to these historical legacies and structural systems in their everyday lives. Arguing that a focus on emotions is a necessary step for a better understanding of how contestations emerge and permute and travel across time and space, we aim to explore “affect-and-emotion-generating-security practices” that are informed by structural violence and past and ongoing forms of colonialism. Conversely, we also aim to understand how political subjectivities, resistance, and practices of refusal seek to subvert the affective infrastructures of securitized control. In summary, this panel aims to explore the affective dimensions of security, the entanglements of power structures with emotions, and the responses of marginalized communities to such dynamics. It seeks to shed

light on the reciprocal relationship between emotions, politics, law, and the construction of securitized control from a global comparative perspective.

Abstract proposals of up to 300 words, accompanied by titles, names, bios of up to 100 words, and affiliation and contact details of authors should be sent to the convenors by **the 2nd of October 2023**. We expect to notify the selected participants by the 16th of October.

We also remind you that (limited) funding will be available to precarious scholars on a reimbursement of real costs basis. Also, for scholars from the Global South in need of a visa, the organisers can issue letters of invitation.