

# TRANSGRESSION: JUSTIFICATION, CRITIQUE AND NEGOTIATION OF EXTREME VIOLENCE

CARMONA, 5-6 MARCH 2026



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Thursday, 5 March

09:00–09:15

Welcome and introduction – Harald E. Braun / Igor Pérez Tostado

## Panel 1: Ancient & Medieval – Transgression, Norms and Justification

09:15–11:45

- Tristan S. Taylor – *“Iniuria humani generis? The Ethics of Mass Violence in Greco-Roman Antiquity”*
- Nathalie Barrandon – *“Parabainô: Violences extrêmes et transgression en temps de guerre dans l’Antiquité gréco-romaine”*
- Stefanie Rüter – *“Justified? Dealing with Transgressive Violence in Medieval Wars before International Law”*

11:45–12:15 Coffee Break

## Panel 2: Early Modernity I – Failure of Government and Transgressive Violence

12:15–13:45

- Harald E. Braun – *“Reason of State as Reason of Peace? Atrocity, Empathy and Theory of Governance during the Thirty Years’ War”*
- Thomas Pert – *“Terror Tactics or Unauthorized Excesses? Articles of War, Discipline, and Atrocity in the Thirty Years’ War”*

14:00–16:00 Lunch – Bar Castaño

## Panel 3: Early Modernity II – Negotiating Rules of Engagement

16:00–17:30

- Jérémie Foa – *“The St. Bartholomew’s Day Massacre (France, 1572): Between Silence and Justification”*
- Marian Füssel – *“Fury and Barbarity which former Wars were unacquainted with’: The Burning and Destruction of Cities as a War Crime in the Age of the Wars of Succession (1688–1748)”*

17:30–18:30 End of Day 1 Roundtable Discussion

20:00 Conference Dinner – Molino de la Romera



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## Panel 4: Gender and Transgressive Violence

09:15–11:45

- Tamar Herzig – *“Gender, Enslavement, and Transgressive Violence in Mediterranean Catholic Europe in the Seventeenth Century”*
- Nil Abend – *“Enslavement and Transgressive Violence in Early Modern Spain”*
- Sandra Suárez García – *“‘I am a young man of good repute, conduct, and conversation’: The Making of Soldiers’ Defences against Accusations of Violence towards Women in the Hispanic Monarchy (16th–17th Centuries)”*

11:45–12:15 Coffee Break

## Panel 5: From Early Modern Normativity to Modern Moral Economies

12:15–13:45

- Christian Ingrao – *“Beyond Impunity and Anomy: Justification, Moral Economy and Transgression in the Einsatzgruppen of the Soviet Union”*

Concluding Roundtable Discussion

Igor Pérez Tostado – *Concluding Remarks*

14:00

Closing Lunch – Hotel Alcázar de la Reina



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## About the Seminar

On 5–6 March 2026, the International Seminar *Transgression: Justification, Critique and Negotiation of Extreme Violence* will take place at the Sede Olavide en Carmona (Universidad Pablo de Olavide).

The seminar engages directly with a central research concern of the project *En los límites de la violencia*: how historical actors defined the boundaries of legitimate violence, and how those boundaries were contested, reshaped, and institutionalised over time. Rather than treating extreme violence simply as rupture or breakdown, the meeting examines the normative frameworks, discursive strategies, and institutional mechanisms through which acts such as massacre, enslavement, sexual violence, or urban destruction were debated, justified, and critically assessed.

Bringing together specialists from Antiquity to the modern era, the seminar contributes to a broader effort to understand violence not merely as event, but as a historically situated practice embedded in moral economies, legal cultures, and political rationalities.

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