The Violence Studies minor was developed and designed in response to the unresolved global challenges of violence, inequity and conflict.

The vital role that Arts and Social Sciences play in addressing these problems is grounded in educating the next generation about the impact of violence on individuals, communities and societies. This new Minor has been designed so that your studies are underpinned by both interdisciplinary coursework experiences and research-led learning. You will have the options to study the history of violence in the ancient and modern worlds and the impact of colonial violence upon Indigenous peoples. Students will also learn to apply political and sociological theory to real world case studies.

Our Staff teach undergraduate courses in the study of violence, and we welcome Honours, Masters and PhD candidates specialising in the field.

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TAMARA TEACHES

SWRK2005 Violence, Abuse & Trauma: Theory and Practice
Kit Candlin is an historian of the Americas and the Atlantic World. He ranges broadly across the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries investigating slavery and slaves, refugees and displaced groups as well as more recently the development of colonial and global capitalism. His first book *The Last Caribbean Frontier* (2012) explored the world of the southern Caribbean and the people who lived there from 1795-1815. His second book written with Cassandra Pybus, *Enterprising Women* (2016) uncovered the lives of prominent mixed race ‘free women of colour’ from the Caribbean and their connections with Britain and the colonial world. More recently Kit has been exploring the idea of refugees from the American War of Independence for a new Cambridge volume due in 2021 as well as writing his third book which is a history of the ‘Fedon’ rebellion, a devastating conflict that tore through the British colony of Grenada in 1795.

**SACHA DAVIS**

Sacha Davis is an historian of Central Europe, with a focus on nationalism and minorities in the German-speaking world. He is particularly interested in German-speaking minorities in the interwar period and the rise of National Socialism. Sacha also works on the attempted biocultural elimination of the Roma (including forced child removal) in the Habsburg Empire.

**SACHA TEACHES**

HIST3640 Fascism, War and Genocide
Talaat Pacha, one of the Ottoman triumvirate during World War 1. When Turkish forces were defeated, he boarded a German submarine on 3 November 1918, for exile in Berlin. He was assassinated in Berlin in March 1921.


Philip Dwyer is interested in the history of violence in the world from ancient times through to the present, which he came to as the general editor (with Joy Damousi) of the four-volume Cambridge World History of Violence (2020). He has written about the massacre in history, and about violence, colonialism and empire. He is currently writing two books: Violence: A Very Short History; and The Savage Heart: A History of Human Violence.

PHILIP TEACHES
HIST3006 A History of Violence

Hans-Lukas Kieser is a specialist of the late Ottoman Empire and the modern Middle East, in particular Turkey. He has published seminal analyses in English, German, Turkish and French on the history of violence and the transformation of that area, notably Talaat Pasha: Father of Modern Turkey, Architect of Genocide (2018). He is an honorary Titularprofessor at the University of Zurich and was a Guest Professor at Stanford University, the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris, the University of Freiburg, and Istanbul’s Bilgi University.

LUKAS TEACHES
HIST2672: Israel and the Middle East: Roots of the Current Conflict
HIST3455: Global Age of Revolution: Russia, Germany and Modern Turkey

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OTHER COURSES

Other courses offered in the Violence Studies Minor include:

SOCA1050 Youth, Health and Crime: A Sociological Introduction
ABOR2244 Reconciling Australia’s Colonial Past and Present
POLI2202 Global Terrorism: Politics and Problems
SOCA2050 Alcohol and other Drugs in Sociological Perspective
HIST3581 Sex and Scandal in History
SOCA3850 Indigenous People of the Contemporary World

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