

Academic Output from the Project, Narratives of Violence in the North Caucasus

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More publications, resulting from the narratives of violence in the North Caucasus project, run by [Dr Cerwyn Moore \(/staff/profiles/government-society/moore-cerwyn.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/government-society/moore-cerwyn.aspx) in POLSIS.

The first of four papers, co-authored with Paul Tumelty, on foreign fighters in Chechnya was published in *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* in 2008. It was followed shortly afterwards, in 2009, by a second co-authored piece focusing on 'unholy alliances', Islamism and Salafism in Chechnya. This piece, published in a special issue of *The Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics*, also included additional detailed work on foreign fighters, acting in part as a supplement to the 2008 publication. This paper has since been updated, developing some key arguments about foreign fighters, and drawing on more recent developments. The revised paper will be anthologized in an edited collection, due out later this year, entitled *Muslims and Communists in Post-Transition States* (co-edited by Ben Fowkes and Bülent Gökay). The fourth paper on the conflict in the North Caucasus, a draft of which will be presented at a conference in early July, adds further depth to the study of foreign fighters, exploring how external actors impact on local conflicts.

While parts of this body of work bled through into the 2010 theoretical monograph, *Contemporary Violence: Postmodern War in Kosovo and Chechnya* (Manchester: MUP, 2010), a series of other pieces focusing on the regional insurgency, the use of radical tactics including suicide bombings, have either been published or presented at conferences, following nearly ten years work on the conflicts in the North Caucasus. These pieces include theoretical analyses – such as the chapter 'From Snipers to Suicide Attacks' in the forthcoming collection, *Gender, Agency and Political Violence* (Edited by Laura Shepherd and Linda Åhäll) – and more detailed, policy-related pieces including 'The Roots and Transformation of the Dagestan Insurgency' published in 2010 or the 2011 piece, 'A Review of Martyrdom Operations and the Insurgency in the North Caucasus: 2008 to the Present', as well as a series of journalistic pieces.

Further publications and conference papers on the conflicts in Chechnya, the regional insurgency and the use of radical tactics, are also in the pipeline, as part of the ongoing project, initiated nearly ten years ago.

- [Contemporary violence: Postmodern war in Kosovo and Chechnya \(http://www.manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/catalogue/book.asp?id=1204712\)](http://www.manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/catalogue/book.asp?id=1204712)
- [A Review of Martyrdom Operations and the Insurgency in the North Caucasus: 2008 to the Present \(http://www.jamestown.org/single/?no_cache=1&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=37525\)](http://www.jamestown.org/single/?no_cache=1&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=37525)
- [The Roots and Transformation of the Dagestan Insurgency \(http://www.jamestown.org/single/?no_cache=1&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=36972\)](http://www.jamestown.org/single/?no_cache=1&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=36972)
- [Domodedovo airport: a symbol of modern Russia that became a target \(http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/jan/24/moscow-domodedovo-airport-russia-target\)](http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/jan/24/moscow-domodedovo-airport-russia-target)
- [A new generation of militants strikes with bombings in Russia \(http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/mar/29/russia-moscow-bombing-militants\)](http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/mar/29/russia-moscow-bombing-militants)

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