

Autoportrait au miroir
— Léon Spilliaert (1881-1946)

Reflections on the Boundaries of Perpetrator Studies: Looking at Violence, Politics, and Harm

**WEDNESDAY 26TH &
THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 2024**

Summary: Research in this field of Perpetrators Studies is navigating between both the study of “perpetration”, and the criticism of the very label of “perpetrator” as a limited and ambiguous category, heavily influenced by legal positivism as well as political or economic strategies. Caught between what might be considered as antagonistic expectations (i.e., the parallel exploitation and problematization of their object of study), researchers in the field of perpetrator studies face epistemological challenges that can be common or divergent across disciplines yet end up having consequences on the framing of the global social issues they tackle. The objective of the Conference is both to explore these challenges and to provide a broader reflection on the boundaries of perpetrator's studies in the light of their relationships with violence, politics and harm.

Panel 1: At the Frontiers of Criminalization: Highlighting the Ambivalent Relationships Between Criminal Law and Colonization

Panel 2: At the Frontiers of Perpetrators: Questioning the Differential Apprehension of the Individuals Concerned by Mass Criminality

Panel 3: At the Frontiers of Perpetration: Rethinking the Definitions and Dynamics of Participation

Panel 4: At The Frontiers of Perpetrator's Studies: Shifting the Perspective from Legal Categories to Individual Stories

9AM - 4PM | Room: 6.203
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