



EUROPEAN UNION CENTER
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Violence as a Generative Force

*Identity, Nationalism, and Memory
in a Balkan Community*

A book talk with author, Max Bergholz

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017
12:15 pm**

**Hampton Room
Second Floor, Malott Commons
Scripps College**

Book Raffle to Follow

During two terrifying days and nights in early September 1941, the lives of nearly two thousand men, women, and children were taken savagely by their neighbors in Kulen Vakuf, a small rural community straddling today's border between northwest Bosnia and Croatia. This frenzy—in which victims were butchered with farm tools, drowned in rivers, and thrown into deep vertical caves—was the culmination of a chain of local massacres that began earlier in the summer. In *Violence as a Generative Force*, Max Bergholz tells the story of the sudden and perplexing descent of this once peaceful multiethnic community into extreme violence. This deeply researched microhistory provides provocative insights to questions of global significance: What causes intercommunal violence? How does such violence between neighbors affect their identities and relations?

Max Bergholz is Assistant Professor of History at Concordia University in Montreal, where he holds the James M. Stanford Professorship in Genocide and Human Rights Studies.

This event is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please feel free to bring your own lunch. If you wish to purchase a lunch, the Malott Commons Dining Hall opens at 11:15 am. Doors open to the Hampton Room at noon.



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