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“The Sound of Children Screaming Has Been Removed”: Conundrums of Silence and Violence



Starting with the editorial caption in [CCTV video**](#), this analysis unpacks some of the practical and conceptual problems in representing violence and trauma. What is the work done by different ways of representing violence? How do we accurately represent the suffering of vulnerable people without vicariously traumatising our audience? How do we avoid accounts that incite further violence? What kinds of explanation are effective in motivating violence prevention and victim empowerment? This exploration works towards a framework for articulating the different types of harm that result from representing, and not representing, traumatic experiences.

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Professor Anthony Collins is an interdisciplinary social scientist and social justice activist. Their work integrates a range of disciplines including criminology, cultural studies (including gender and decolonial studies) and psychology, with attention to culture and identity. Their primary focus is on violence and trauma, with specific attention to South Africa, both in terms of developing better critical conceptualization of violence in postcolonial settings, and more effective violence reduction interventions. Prof Collins has a specific interest in gender-based violence, including GBV in universities, and community interventions for reducing GBV. Their work also focuses on secondary and vicarious trauma amongst people researching and supporting survivors of violence, and further extends to the broad topic of globalization, consumer culture and youth identities.

***Explanatory Note: The words "The sound of Children Screaming has been removed," were an editor's note attached to a video, published by the Austin American-Statesman, of Uvalde, Texas police officers' delayed response during the Robb Elementary School shooting that killed 19 children and two teachers.*

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In-person Event Only
Venue AVReQ Seminar Room
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