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COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM MUJAHADA and MUSLIMS' RESPONSIBILITY

The aim of this symposium is to bring together scholars working on the topic of violence, extremism, violent radicalization, mujahada and peacemaking in Islam. In particular, the symposium organizers are interested in the complex links and interaction between religious texts, social circumstances and cultural contexts which lead to the violent radicalism and extremism. Instrumentalization of the religious beliefs, texts and practices and jihad to justify struggles and conflicts are common concerns of many Islamic scholars. The extremist rhetoric obscure the whole religious texts' meaning, decontextualise the inclusive understanding and approach of the Qur'an. This symposium will provide opportunities to deepen our understanding of the patterns of religious violence and the nature and scope of our moral responses to them.

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