

## Extremist Discourse Tarrant, Breivik, Rumiya

While right-wing supremacist and extremist Islamist discourses are ostensibly ideologically opposed, previous research has posited the existence of ideational and emotive commonalities. In this seminar, I discuss a recently published corpus-linguistic study in which my co-author and I explore the key psychological dimensions, semantic categories and keywords in the manifestos authored by the perpetrators of the Christchurch and Utøya massacres (the right-wing extremists Brenton Tarrant and Anders Breivik) and in the ISIS propaganda magazine Rumiya. We identify elements that contribute to the construction of a narrative of hate, peril and urgency. I contextualise the study by discussing the broader social context in New Zealand to shed light on challenges that we face, and which have become more apparent after the 2019 massacre in Christchurch.



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