

## **Affording Terrorism: Idealists and Materialities in the Emergence of Modern Terrorism**

The presentation explores the role of technology in the history of terrorism, how a new revolutionary political practice was shaped and enabled by technologies of the first and second industrial revolutions. It discusses how the affordances of industrial technologies and consumer commodities, such as revolvers, dynamite and hectographs enabled the rise of modern revolutionary terrorism in Russia by the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and aided and abetted its 19th century spread to the US and Asia, as well as the subsequent globalization and appropriation by anti-colonialist and separatist liberation fighters, political radicals, and religious militants.

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