

THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM

cordially invites you to a lecture by

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Violence and Understanding: The British broadsheets' coverage of the first Gaza war.

In the familiar atmosphere of hue and cry, the book *Violence and Understanding in Gaza* (Palgrave, 2014) encourages its readers to think for themselves when it comes to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. As the first comprehensive investigation of the British broadsheets' coverage of the armed conflict between the State of Israel and Hamas, it critiques the newspapers' output, arguing that they without exception merely replicate the black and white logic of war. It contends that the newspapers defeat their own aims about a two-state solution based on compromise. For that to happen, the British media must in future cease to write about the conflict as if it were a mythical contest between Good and Evil. Instead of asking who is innocent and who should be blamed, it should start to treat the conflict as a story of mutually painful but very real human relations. Any meaningful political-moral criticism can only start from that position. The presentation will be based on the book. Briefly locating it in the discourse around the Israel/Palestine conflict and introducing the overall findings, it will mostly dwell on examples for the conservative and (left-) liberal arguments on law in war and law to war.

**Tuesday, January 13 at 6 p.m.
In Gellner Room, Monument Building**



Dávid Kaposi was born in a football stadium in Budapest. It is from that time that his interest in the human affairs dates. Having written about the work of novelist Imre Kertész and the exchange between philosopher Hannah Arendt and historian Gershom Scholem, he has also come to appreciate that life is not a zero sum game. The book *Violence and Understanding in Gaza* (Palgrave, 2014) is an outcome of this. Kaposi currently teaches psychology at the University of East London, UK, and is a psychotherapist in training.

A reception will follow