

**'Violence, politics and the left in West Germany, 1967-1977'**

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It is a study into the debates on the legitimacy and opportunism of political violence in the extra-parliamentary protest movement around 1968 and the organizations that came out of this in West Germany, against the background of, and reflecting on, the extreme left-wing political violence perpetrated by the RAF and other terrorist organizations. Where most other researchers focus on the genesis of the violence, this research is mainly concerned with the responses to the politically motivated acts of violence from the point of view of the socio-political environment of the left-wing terrorists.