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Research on everyday, vernacular, and ontological security is burgeoning in International Relations, including in studies of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism. However, these literatures have at times reduced the agency of publics, positioned as vectors through which security happens. This panel is one of two connected panels which brings together critical scholarship that is reimagining the way that Security becomes produced, reproduced and co-produced, through everyday interactions and relations. It moves beyond the traditional state-centric understandings of Security. The papers within this panel showcase how networks of formal and informal actors, and the negotiations which occur across and between them, enable us to reveal how terrorism and counter-terrorism become conceptualised, and (in)security therefore produced, within the discourse and praxis of ordinary spaces. In bringing together these empirically rich studies, at the forefront of reshaping how the production of (in)Security is viewed, we reveal how everyday practices and interactions are at the heart of the possibility of transforming politics from the ground up.

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