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## The label of 'terrorism' and the permissibility of violence

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The Critical Studies on Terrorism sub-discipline was created 20 years ago to interrogate the concept of terrorism and the violence that is perpetrated to counter it. Following the latest episode Israeli state violence in Gaza, we want to re-open this conversation and reflect on how the label of terrorism has been used to justify war crimes and ethnic cleansing. This enquiry is urgent because the discourse on terrorism has not only made permissible unparalleled state oppression but is also being used to curtail the expression of solidarity everywhere, with Western governments maligning Palestine solidarity efforts and imposing restrictions on free speech and the right to protest.

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