

Anti-militarism in a time of genocide

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Over recent decades International Relations scholarship has fostered important contributions to the study of anti-militarism (Stavrianakis, 2010; Cockburn, 2012; Rossdale, 2019). This has charted the ways in which NGOs, social movements, and ordinary people across the world have resisted militarism, including through campaigning for arms controls, direct action, protest, education, and more. Since October 7th and the commencement of the genocide in Gaza, these practices have garnered new momentum, witnessing unprecedented protests, blockades, labour struggles, lobbying, legal challenges and awareness raising aimed at disrupting the flow of arms to Israel. Anti-militarism has been thrown into the spotlight as never before, revealing both its importance but also some limitations of existing approaches. This roundtable brings together scholars of anti-militarism in its various guises to consider what anti-militarism means in this time of genocide, what we can learn from recent developments, and what IR scholarship can (and perhaps cannot) tell us about these movements.

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