

PhD in Psychological Sciences

ANOTHER WAY OUT?

PREVENTING IDEOLOGICAL VIOLENCE AMONG YOUTH

DIANA MICONI

**DEPT. OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY AND ADULT EDUCATION
UNIVERSITY OF MONTRÉAL (QUEBEC, CANADA)**

May 13th, 2026

@ 13:00 Hall 2A - Psico2

<https://phd.psy.unipd.it/>



ABSTRACT

The surge in ideological violence among youth is presently jeopardizing social cohesion and perceptions of safety within educational institutions and in society at large, making the prevention of targeted forms of violence a pressing public health priority. Radical ideas and actions aimed at promoting or halting social and/or political change are an important motor of social change. Nonetheless, a better understanding of what can drive youth away from democratic means towards the legitimization of violence to reach their specific goals is crucial to tailor appropriate prevention programs. This is particularly important during adolescence, a seminal period for the development of ideologies and a time of heightened risk for violence. Within a developmental and public health perspective, this seminar will present how empirical research relying on quantitative (both person and variable-centered methods) and mixed-method approaches can provide unique insights into determinants of adolescents' attitudes towards ideological violence, informing prevention efforts with youth.

BIOSKETCH

Diana Miconi, PhD, MA, is a licensed psychologist and an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Psychology and Adult Education at the University of Montréal (Quebec, Canada). She holds the Canada Research Chair in Radicalization and Violence among Youth in Educational Contexts. Her current work focuses on the prevention of ideological and nihilistic violence among youth, with particular attention to online environments and school settings.



May 13th, 2026

@ 13:00 Hall 2A - Psico2



Dipartimento di Psicologia dello
Sviluppo e della Socializzazione



DIPARTIMENTO
DI PSICOLOGIA
GENERALE
Università di Padova