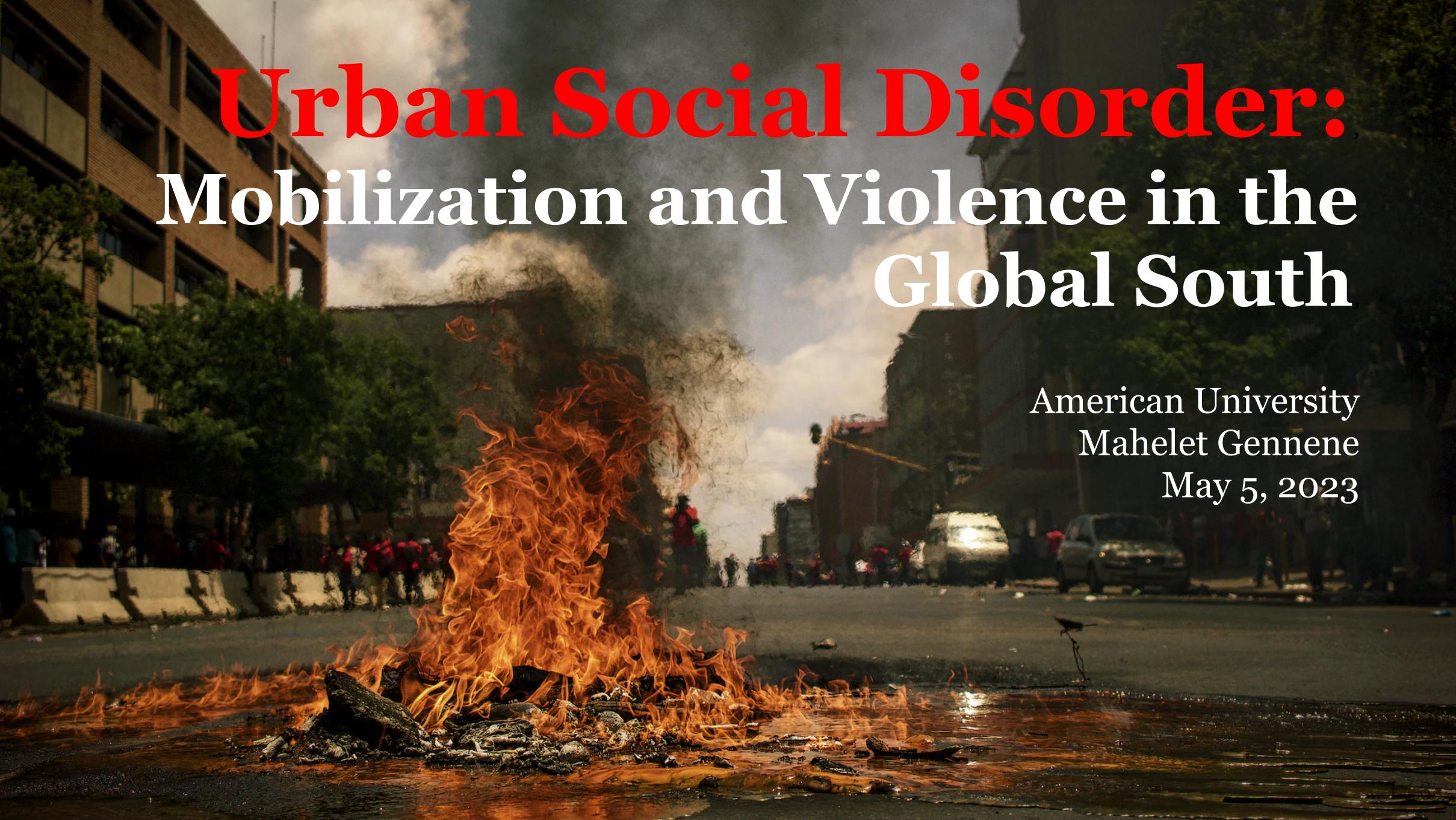


Urban Social Disorder: Mobilization and Violence in the Global South



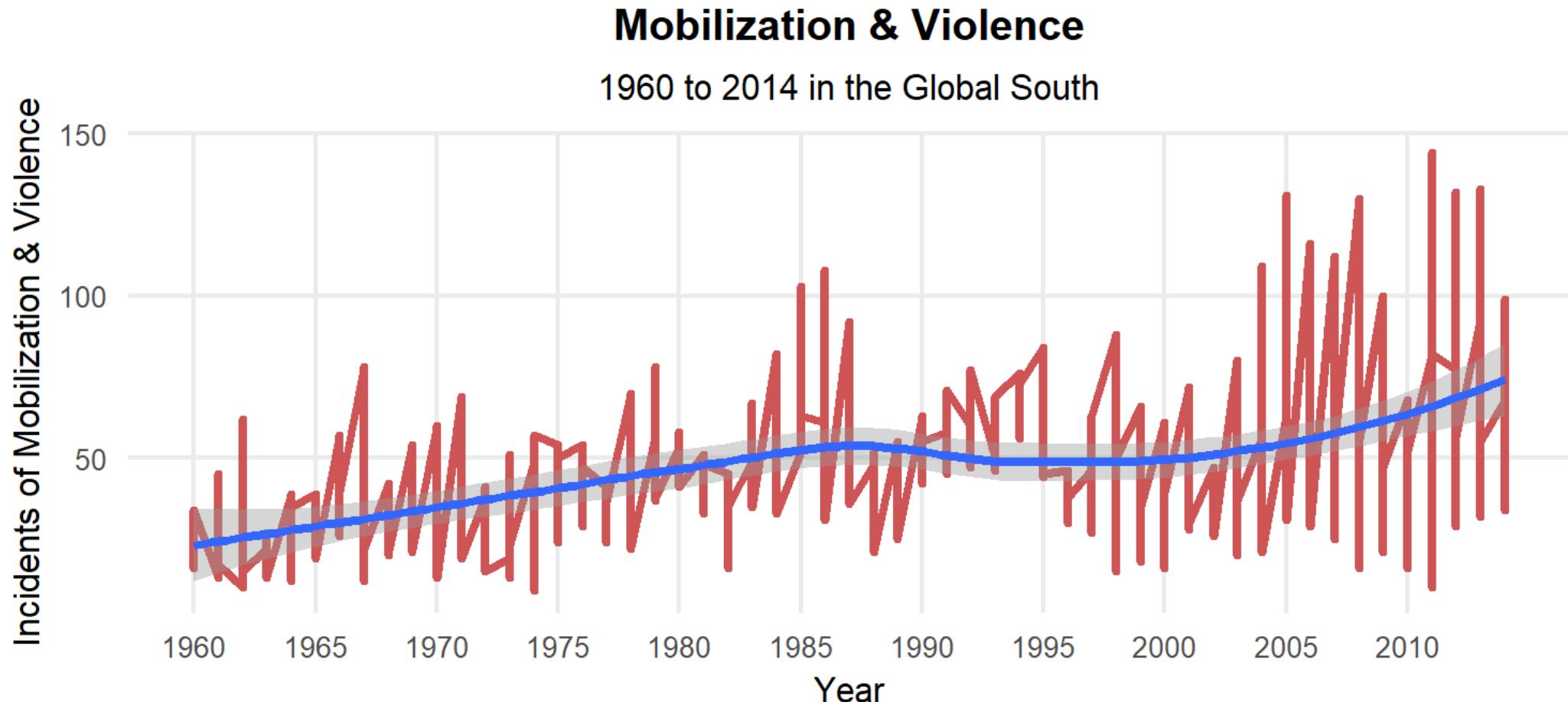
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About Urban Social Disorder Data

Data examines mobilization and violence across the globe, covering 186 national capitals and major urban centers from 1960 to 2014.

- **Original Data:** 13,460 observations and 33 variables
- **Data for Analysis:** 3561 and 4 variables
- **Source:** Peace Research Institute Oslo
- **Methodology:** Record of electronic news reports
- **Variables of interest:**
 1. Year
 2. Region: Global South (Asia, Latin America, Middle East & North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa)
 3. Incidents of mobilization and violence
 4. Number of people affected by events (according to scale)
- **Motivation:** Analyze patterns of urban social disorder over time in developing countries to help address urban governance, peace, service provision challenges.

Analysis 1

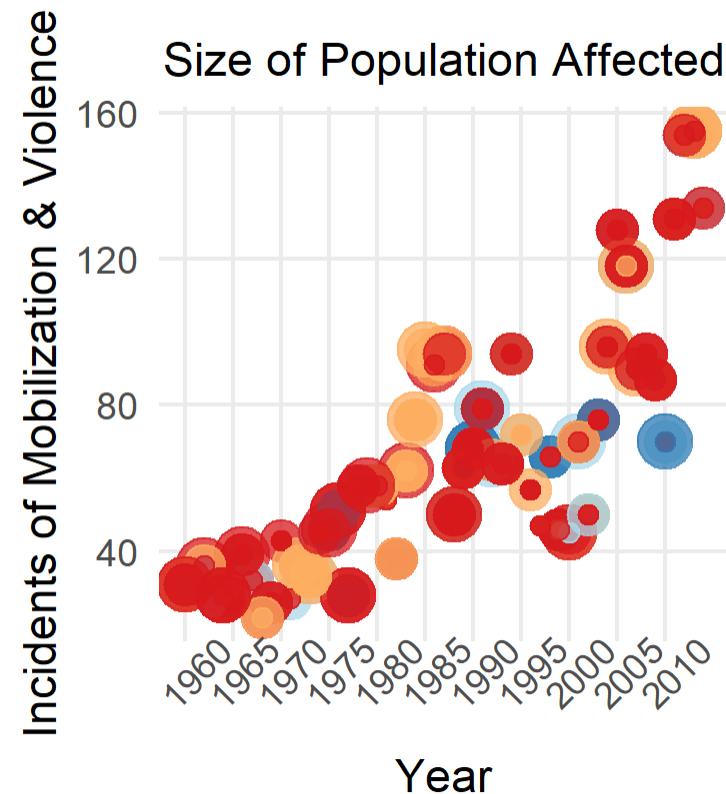
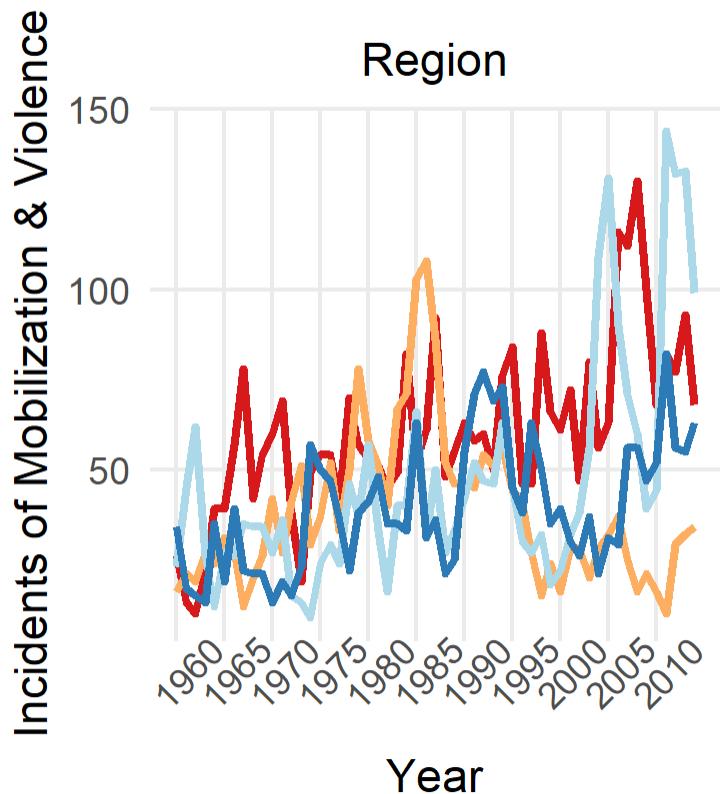


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Analysis 2

Mobilization & Violence

1960 to 2014 in the Global South



Source: Peace Research Institute Oslo

Region

- Asia
- Latin America
- Middle East and North Africa
- Sub-Saharan Africa

Population

- 10,001 - 100,000
- 100,001 - 1,000,000
- over 1,000,000

Conclusion

- There is a general trend of **increased mobilization and violence** over time in urban centers in the Global South
- Regional comparisons reveal:
 - The Middle East and North Africa have seen a dramatic spike in incidents of mobilization and violence since the early 2000s
 - After experiencing peak levels of mobilization and violence between 1980-1985, potentially due to the debt crisis, there was a steep drop in incidents
- The number of people affected has generally declined over time in Asia, despite growing mobilization and violence which include demonstrations, strikes, riots, and armed conflict

