

Symbolic Boundaries and Collective Violence. Boundary Activation as a Key Mechanism of Collective Violent Behaviour

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ABSTRACT

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The proposed explanatory concept

Symbolic boundaries: shared representations that include and define some people, groups and things while excluding others.

Symbolic boundaries are collectively shared narratives that create social and institutional facts (e.g. rights, duties, social obligations etc.) by representing them as existing and by getting other people within these boundaries to recognize or accept them.

