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Today's perpetrator research related to crimes against society and genocides assumes that the large majority of male (and female) perpetrators can be considered as normal from a personality psychological point of view. Also, when it comes to family background, social class, religious convictions, age and level of education, there are no groups who are immunized – or just abstinent – against decisions for violent actions, including extreme forms of it.

Crimes against society such as war of extermination or holocaust required – just as other genocides – many people who had to decide to kill others. Up until now, the following question remains unsolved: How is it possible that human beings become mass murderers if they thought just a few months ago that they would never be able to commit something like that? The presentation investigates how readiness to kill is generated, what social and professional dynamics lead to murdering based on the division of labour and how murdering can become a job within just a few weeks and can be carried out as any other profession.