

Based on her most recent book, *Horrorism: Naming Contemporary Violence* (2009), Adriana Cavarero argues for a renewal of our political vocabulary. „War“ and „terrorism“ do not adequately describe the specific phenomenology of contemporary human destruction. Instead, we must overcome the perspective of the warrior and rethink the phenomenology of violence from the point of view of its victims but without falling into the rhetoric of victimization. Drawing on Hannah Arendt's and Emmanuel Levinas's work, and above all, Judith Butler's radical critique of the sovereign subject, Cavarero reflects upon a human „ontology“ centered on the relations among vulnerable beings exposed to one another.

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