

“Blood can never be unspilled”

Climate and / of Terror
in Omar El Akkad’s *American War* (2017)

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On the 21st of October, the colloquium of the Anglistics III will host Dr. Verena Laschinger, from the University of Erfurt, on a talk on “Climate and / of Terror in Omar El Akkad’s *American War*.” Drawing on the Energy Humanities, Dr. Laschinger examines the concept of the “spill” as a central motif, metaphor, and narrative operation in Omar El Akkad’s *American War*, a speculative climate fiction novel that imagines a second American Civil War driven by fossil fuel dependency and ecological collapse.