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Successful Conflict Resolution: The Sikhs in India in the 1980s

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In the early 1980s the Punjab seemed entrapped in a spiral of violence and radicalization. The Sikh movement for an independent Khalistan and the religious extremist Bhindranvale gained popularity. More and more civilians fell victim to terrorist attacks. Operation Blue Star in June 1984 – the assault of the Golden Temple where Bhindranvale had taken refuge – only fuelled more violence, culminating in the murder on Indira Gandhi and subsequent pogroms on Sikhs. However, in the long term, peace returned. In this seminar, the causes of the conflict and the circumstances of its resolution will be discussed.

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