The conference

Our conference is an international conference for both early career and experienced researchers in History. We would like to initiate discussions on the subject of occupations and invite anyone who would like to participate to register. Presentations will be in English and each session will be followed by a panel discussion.

The Great(er) War of Military Occupations in Europe

The aim of this conference is to understand the different forms taken by the occupations during the First World War and to develop better categories of analysis. We would like to connect and compare these occupations at the European or even global level, to question the transfers between them, and finally to consider them more comprehensively in the long run or in the broad perspective of imperial regimes of domination. We'll look beyond Central Powers occupations towards Entente military presences that may or may not be defined as occupations and beyond the traditional chronological limits towards the Greater War.

The Organising Committee

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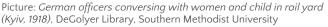
Practical information

When ?	from 23 to 25 June 2022
Where ?	at the CegeSoma Square de l'Aviation 29 1070 Brussels
Price	€15 / day Lunch and coffee breaks included
Register	via the form on the website

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Antecedents, experiences & legacies



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

CegeSoma 23, 24 & 25 June 2022

Thursday 23 June

Welcome 9:30 **Opening Remarks** 10:00 SESSION 1 **Experiences of the Occupied** Annette Becker & Laurence van Ypersele 10:30 Introduction 10:40 Gustavo Corni Conflicting Elites in Occupied Friuli and Venetia, 1917-1918 **Renaud Dorlhiac** 11:00 Beyond the Adriatic: the Italian Occupation of Albania. 1915–1920 11:20 Kostis Gkotsinas Disloyal Friends: Traces and Experiences of the Allied Presence in Macedonia (1915–1919)

- 12:30 Lunch Break
- SESSION 2 Occupied Notables and Occupiers Nico Wouters
- 13:30 Introduction
- 13:40 Jan Naert Maintaining Order under Occupation: Mayors and Occupiers in Belgium and Northern-France during the First World War
- 14:00 Klāvs Zariņš The Shaping of a Military Occupation: Some Perspectives and Problems of Collaboration in Northern Ober Ost, 1915–1918
- 15:00 Coffee Break

SESSION 3 Occupation and Environment Frank Hadler

- 15:20 Introduction
- **15:30** Iaroslav Golubinov The Environmental Dimension of the War: Occupied Lands on the Eastern Front in 1914–1918

15:50 Andrew Hoyt Kless Ecological Encounters in First World War Poland

17:00 Keynote by Maciej Górny And what is your occupation? East Central European experiences

Friday 24 June

8:30 Welcome

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SESSION 4 Pacification Markus Pöhlmann

- 9:00 Introduction
- **9:10** Jake Gasson A Colonial Mindset: British Approaches to the Pacification of Macedonia, 1915–1918
 - Christoph Ortner & Daniel Gunz Violent Interaction between Occupiers and Occupied. The Prosecution of Violence at Austro-Hungarian Military Courts in Occupied Albania, 1916–1918
 - Hauke Petersen Conflicts between Occupiers and Occupied: Delinquency during the American Occupation of the Rhineland, 1918–1923
- 11:00 Coffee Break

SESSION 5 Modernisation and Demodernisation Maren Röger

- 11:15 Introduction
- 11:25 Vanda Wilcox Planning for a Colonial Future? The Italian Wartime Occupation of Albania
- 11:45 Marco Mondini

"The Year of Hunger": the Austrian-German Occupation in North-Eastern Italy 1917-1918. Brutalization, Exploitation, Demodernization.

12:05 Halit Dündar Akarca

The Impacts of Infrastructure Projects during the Russian Military Occupation of Ottoman Territories during WWI

13:15 Lunch Break

SESSION 6 Transfer of Experience Élise Julien

- 14:15 Introduction
- 14:25 Gilad Ben-Nun

Neighbouring Miltary Occupation (NMO) as the Surrogate of Conquest: 1872–1945

14:45 Anne Godfroid

The Belgian Occupation of the Left Bank of the Rhine: a Theater of Transfer of Experiences Against the Backdrop of Tensions between Occupiers

15:05 Reinhold Zilch

Allies or Competitors? Germany, its Allies, and the Exploitation of Occupied Territories

Saturday 25 June

- 9:30 Welcome
- SESSION 7 Ethnic Engineering and Identities Tamara Scheer
- 10:00 Introduction
- 10:10 Christopher Kinley

The Italian Occupation of Epirus: Regional Ambitions and the Ethno-Engineering of a Region, 1916– 1920

10:30 Petra Svoljsak The Italian Occupation of the Slovenian Territory

(1915–1917). Preparations for the future Annexation

- 10:50 Sibel Koç Allied Occupation of Istanbul 1918–1923. Encounters within the "Occupied Society"
- 12:00 Lunch Break

SESSION 8 Human and Biopolitical Resources Emmanuelle Cronier

- 13:00 Introduction
- 13:10 Thomas Edelmann

In Control of the Body. The Fight against Infectious Pathogens behind Habsburg Frontlines

13:30 Alexandros Touloumtzidis

The British Military Occupation of Greek Macedonia: Approaching its Development through the Organisation of Public Works and Labour Relations in Salonica and in the British Military Sector

13:50 Christian Westerhoff

Recruitment under Changed Conditions. German Labour Policy in the Territories of the Russian Empire Occupied in 1917–1918

- 15:00 Coffee Break
- 15:15 Closing Remarks by Sophie De Schaepdrijver
- 16:15 End of the Conference