

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

Emmanuel Debryne | Professor at the Université catholique de Louvain

Pieter Lagrou | Professor at the Université libre de Bruxelles

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Practical information

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| 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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The Study and Documentation Centre for War and Contemporary Society (State Archives of Belgium) and the Laboratoire de recherches historiques (University of Louvain) are organising this conference in cooperation with the Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe, the Zentrum für Militärgeschichte und Sozialwissenschaften der Bundeswehr, the National Fund for Scientific Research of Belgium, the Institute for the Analysis of Change in Contemporary and Historical Societies and the Department of History of the University of Louvain.



the GREAT(ER) WAR of MILITARY OCCUPATIONS in EUROPE

Antecedents, experiences & legacies



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

CegeSoma

23, 24 & 25 June 2022

Picture: *German officers conversing with women and child in rail yard (Kyiv, 1918)*, DeGolyer Library, Southern Methodist University

Thursday 23 June

9:30 Welcome

10:00 Opening Remarks

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

11:00 **Renaud Dorlhac**
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 Górný**
And what is your occupation? East Central European experiences

Friday 24 June

8:30 Welcome

SESSION 4 Pacification
Markus Pöhlmann

9:00 Introduction

9:10 **Jake Gasson**
A Colonial Mindset: British Approaches to the Pacification of Macedonia, 1915–1918

9:30 **Christoph Ortner & Daniel Gunz**
Violent Interaction between Occupiers and Occupied. The Prosecution of Violence at Austro-Hungarian Military Courts in Occupied Albania, 1916–1918

9:50 **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 Military 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