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Global Patterns of Violence in Post-Imperial Societies, 1914–1949

May 9-11, 2025

University of Crete / Rethymno, Crete

Conference room Δ2/A

Programme | Friday, 9 May 2025

4:00 – 4:30 **Opening Remarks**
by Ümit Kurt, Nikos Vafeas and Elias Georgantas

4:30 – 5:30 **Keynote**
Philip Dwyer (Newcastle)
Global Patterns of Mass Violence

5:45 – 7:30 **Panel 1: Aftermaths of Civil Wars**
Moderator: Robert Gerwarth (UCD Centre for War Studies)

Bill Kissane (London School of Economics)
Democracy after Civil War in Finland and Ireland: two cases in search of a theory

Magda Fytili (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
Legacies of War: Repression, Exile, and Contested Memory in Post-Civil War Spain and Greece

Yiannis Kokosalakis (Bielefeld University)
Reconstructions: Conceptualising the post-civil-war state in modern European history

Dmitar Tasic (Institute for Recent History of Serbia, Belgrade)
Conceptualising the Civil War in Yugoslavia during World War II: the Serbian Case

Saturday 10 May 2025

9:30 – 10:00 **Breakfast & Welcome**

10:00 – 11:45 **Panel 2: Perpetual Aid, Violence, and Durable Displacement in the Late & Post-Ottoman World**
Moderator: Marinos Sariyannis (Institute for Mediterranean Studies)

Laura Robson (Yale University)

The refugee regime and the principle of extraterritoriality: UNRWA in 1949

Jonathan McCollum (Brigham Young University)

Humanitarianism, War, and State Building in the Long Ottoman First World War: The Red Crescent 1911-1923

Ella Fratantuono (University of North Carolina)

Crafting Refugees and Fashioning Aid: Philanthropy, Capital, and Consumption After the 1875-1878 Eastern Crisis

Kent Schull (Binghamton University)

From Aintab to Aleppo: Joseph Booth and the Exodus of the Mormon-Armenian Community Post-WWI

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch**

1:15 – 3:00 **Panel 3: Mass Atrocity and Its Aftermath in the Post-Ottoman Middle East: Perpetrators, Labor and Society**
Moderator: Antonis Anastasopoulos (University of Crete)

Bedross Der Matossian (University of Nebraska)

Reassessing the Role of the Special Organization in the Armenian Genocide (1915-1923)

Seda Altuğ (Koç University and Institut Français d'Etudes Anatoliennes)
Thinking of the Labour Regime in French- Syria in the aftermath of Armenian Genocide

Hans-Lukas Kieser (University of Newcastle)
Democratic Social Contracts after Empire and Mass Violence?

Ümit Kurt (University of Newcastle, the Center for Study of Violence)
Varieties of Urban Mass Violence in the Late Ottoman Empire

5:45 – 7:00

Concluding Remarks & Discussion

Robert Gerwarth, Barlow Mugerdechian, Umit Kurt & Kent Schull

Sunday 11 May

Excursion to certain historic sites and the Archaeological Museum of Rethymno

3:00 – 3:30

Coffee Break

3:30– 5:15

Panel 4: State Intervention, Civil War and Violence between World Wars in the Balkans and Black Sea Region

Moderator: Barlow Der Mugerdechian

Siniša Malešević (University College Dublin)
Civil Wars and the State Formation: Historical Sociology of the Balkans 1914–1949

Nikos Sigalas (Institute for Mediterranean Studies)
Anatomy of a forced displacement: Genesis, postponement and implementation of the plan to displace the Black Sea coast's Romei during WWI

Charalampos Minasidis (University College Dublin)
Sitting at the Imperialist Table: The Greek Intervention during the Imperial Collapse in Russia and the Ottoman Empire

Nikos Vafeas (University of Crete)
Political Violence and Separatism in the Island of Samos after its Incorporation into the Greek Nation-State (1914–1925)