

The Global History of War and Empire

University of Amsterdam, 24-25 November 2022

Conference Rooms: *Belle van Zuylenzaal* and *Doelenzaal*
of the University Library of Amsterdam

Location: [Singel 425](#) in Amsterdam city centre.

Panel Information

Please feel free to share papers with each other in advance of the conference but we do not expect you to do this. Panels are one hour and thirty minutes long. Most panels are made up of three papers. We envisage 20 minutes a paper and thirty minutes for Q&A.

For those panels of four people, we think you should aim to talk for 15 minutes with thirty minutes Q&A.

Powerpoint will be available. Please let me know if you want to present using slides and we will sort out the administration for this.

The conference is going to be very busy so it is important that panel chairs keep the conference to time.

Day 1

Please note: names highlighted in red have withdrawn or are yet to register – more to follow

08.30-09.00: Arrival and Registration – Coffee available on arrival

09.00-09.30: Introduction and Welcome:

09.30-11.00	
Panel 1: Historical Reconsiderations of the American Empire	Panel 2: Veterans
Chair: Prof Brian McAllister Linn	Chair: Prof Bill Allison
Dr Matthew McDonough: Uncertain Empire: 19th century American attitudes on Manifest Destiny.	Monika Zychlińska: Heroines of Compassion and National Consolers: Vietnam Women Veterans in American Public Memory
Dr Shari Orisich: In the Shadow of Empire: Cuban Memory and History of The Spanish-American War.	Dr Anndal Narayanan: Continuing ‘the essential combat’: The Algerian War veterans’ movement in France and the imperial origins of the National Rally (1957-2012)
Prof Brandon Palmer: Aftermath of Empires: The American Occupation’s Impact on Korean Historiography of the Japanese Colonial Era.	Dr Dónal Hassett: ‘The Propagators of the New Algeria’: Veteran Policy in the Algerian War of Independence

11.00-11.15: Break for tea and coffee



11.15-12.45	
Panel 3: Humanitarianism(s) in the British Empire during and after the Second World War	Panel 4: Eastern Europe
Chair: Dr Andreas Weiß	Chair: Prof Peter Wilson
Dr Antara Datta: The politics of rehabilitation: Kazakh refugees in late colonial South Asia?	Dr Jacek Jędrysiak: The Stronghold for the German Empire: Poland and Lithuania in the German Army Concepts of the future Eastern Border Defense System during the First World War
Dr Maria Framke: Non-state humanitarian relief during and after the Second World War: The Indian National Congress and Burma	Dr Aleksandra Pomiecko: Borderlands, Proxy Wars, and Imperial Processes in Eastern Europe, 1917 – 1921
Dr Jochen Lingelbach: From Imperial to International Refugee Regime. MERRA, UNRRA and European Refugees in British Colonial Africa, 1942 to 1951.	Dr Oksana Dudko: Galician Ukrainians and (Anti-) Imperial Violence: Imperial Soldiers, Nation-Builders, or Red Revolutionaries?

12.45-13.45: Lunch

13.45-15.15	
Panel 5: Frontier Violence and Military Spaces in Colonial India	Panel 6: Religion and Belief
Chair: Dr Antara Datta	Chair: Prof Kim Wagner
Dr Gagan Kumar: Frontiers as theatres of ‘small wars’ in colonial India, 19 th century.	Joshua Madrid: Opposition and Obedience: The Role of Archbishop Thomas Roberts SJ in the Second World Wars
Dr Uditi Sen: A Forgotten Frontier War: Ferrar’s expedition against the Aang tribe in the Andaman Islands.	Dr Eva Ward: “The Temptations of the East:” Missionaries and American Military Conquest in the Philippines - WITHDRAWN
Dr Erica Wald: ‘Pacification’ and everyday war: negotiating military space in colonial India.	Dr Roy Doron: Dealing with Juju: The British Empire and the Supernatural in the Scramble for Nigeria (1885-1914)

15.15-15.30: Break for tea and coffee

15.30-17.00	
Panel 7: Black Soldiers in Imperial Atlantic History	Panel 8: Imperial Soldiers
Chair: Prof David Anderson	Chair: Dr William Sheehan
Dr Jesús Sanjurjo: Black Soldiers of the Caribbean: General Lorenzo's Uprising of 1836 in Santiago de Cuba	Sadie Sunderland-Rhoads: Irish Catholic Recruitment into the British Army during the American Revolution: A case study of the 46th Regiment of Foot
Kyle Prochnow: Frontier Fighters: African Soldiers and Colonial Expansion in British West Africa	Dr Otman Bychou: Oppression as a Strategy of Recruiting Colonial Soldiers in the French Army: The Case of Moroccan Fighters in the Second World War
Dr Maeve Ryan: 'At the Absolute Disposal of the Crown': Liberated African Soldiers in the Atlantic World	Prof Peter Romijn: Anti-Nazi resisters turning into soldiers of colonial oppression

17.15.-18.15: **Keynote Speaker: Professor Santanu Das**, All Souls College Oxford, Doelenzaal, University of Amsterdam Library

18.30: Conference Dinner

Kantjil & De Tijger

Spuistraat 291-293

1012 VS Amsterdam

A two minute walk from the conference location. Map here: <https://goo.gl/maps/z2bVR1LLhEtavh6n6>

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Day 2

Conference Registration 08.30-09.00

08.30-09.00: Society for the History of War – Annual General Meeting

09.00-10.30	
Panel 9: The meaning of 'colonial violence'	Panel 8: Literary perceptions and echoes
Chair: Prof Brian McAllister Linn	Chair: Dr Jesús Sanjurjo
Prof Kim Wagner: “Such monstrous perfection”: The Savage Warfare Paradigm, 1885-1914	Prof Catherine Fletcher: Firearms and the early European empires
Dr Mark Condos: Revenge and Honour in European Colonial Warfare	Dr Wayne Hsieh: “Science and Daring”: Discipline, Freedom, and Modernity in the Nineteenth Century
Dr Gavin Rand: The surf that marks the edge and advance of the wave of civilization: frontier conflict in colonial South Asia	Prof Rick Herrera: Airtime Power: Empire, Sea Power, and the Maritime Origins of Air Power Theory, 1909-1940
Dr Thijs Brocades Zaalberg: De-exceptionalizing colonial violence: excessive force in colonial and non- colonial warfare	

10.30-10.45: Break for tea and coffee

10.45-12.15	
Panel 11: Civil-military relations in the formation of colonial violence	Panel 12: Nations, Identity, Empire
Chair: Prof Sibylle Scheipers	Chair: Prof Martin Thomas
Prof David Anderson: Punitive expeditions in British East Africa, 1895-1919: towards a definition and periodisation of colonial violence §	Dr Daniel Steinbach: 'Empire, Nation, Race: Contested Identities in Wartime Africa, 1914-1919'



Dr Huw Bennett: Managing local security force loyalty in the South Arabian insurgency, 1963-1967	Dr Teresa Nunes and Dr António Paolo Duarte: Portuguese Young Turkish – how Republican concepts of Nation and Empire inspired military political intervention and imperial policies (1910-1926)
Assoc Prof Edward Burke: Bargains, Mutinies and Rebellion: The Assyrian (Iraq) Levies, 1924-1932	Dr Kevin Noles: A question of loyalty: Indian Prisoners-of-War and Australian war-crimes trials of Japanese military personnel after World War Two
	Dr William Sheehan: The Killing of Gunner Burke

12.15-13.00: Lunch

13.00-14.30	
Panel 13: The many faces of Portuguese warfare in early modern Asia	Panel 14: The Limits of Imperial Effort
Chair: Prof Catherine Fletcher	Chair: Prof Peter Romijn
Dr André Murteira: Full-rigged Ships and Western Military Exceptionalism: The Portuguese Naval Fleet in Asia (16th-17th Centuries)	Dr Ana Paula Pires: Humanitarian mobilization in Portuguese Africa during the Great War
Dr Roger Lee de Jesus: War, Society and Mestization: the soldiers of the Estado da Índia (16th-17th centuries)	Prof Jennifer Foray: War, Without End? Imperialism, Decolonization, and (Continued) Mobilization in the Netherlands
Dr Graça Almeida Borges: Cross-Cultural Perceptions of Violence and War in the Portuguese Estado da Índia (16th-17th-centuries)	Dr Filipa Sousa Lopes: "... certainly, the issue will not be resolved by peaceful means" - The Goa case (1950-1961)

14.30-14.45: Break

14.45-16.15	
Panel 15: Civil-Military Boundaries and Encounters	Panel 16: Attitudes
Chair: Dr Nivi Manchanda	Chair: Prof Jan Hoffenaar
Prof Kate Venables: 'Dear Annie and Flo': tracing changes in attitude to Empire in a sequence of letters from the Burma front in the Second World War	Dr Sandra Ricker: Post-Imperial Reconstruction at the League of Nations: The German Society for a League of Nations and the New International Order, 1918-1923

Dr Michelle Lynette-Jones: Encountering Children in Theatres of Armed Conflict: Using oral testimonies from British Soldiers to understand how children are used in theatres of armed conflict (with a case-study focus on the former British ruled state of Sierra Leone and Northern Ireland)	Prof Bill Allison: Corruption Versus the Rule of Law: The Imperialism of Consumerism and Culture in the American War in Vietnam
Dr Nicola Perugini: Decolonising the civilian	Dr Alex Hobson: From Imperial Post to Strategic Chokepoint: The Bab al-Mandab and the Fallacies of Periodizing Empire

16.15-16.30: Break for tea and coffee

16.30-18.05	
Panel 17: Resources, ecologies and colonial violence	Panel 18: Literary perceptions and echoes
Chair: Dr Huw Bennett	Chair: Professor Santanu Das
Dr Camden Elliot: The Long Branches of the Dawnland's Trees: Atlantic Environments, Imperial Warfare, 1670-1770	Dr Emily Rowe: Little England: Nationalism and the Early Modern Military Camp in English Literature
Dr Tom Menger: "Methodically and with deliberation": the war of devastation in colonial warfare, c.1880-1914	Dr Alice Rae: Pro Patria Mori: Classics and Imperialism in British First World War Literature
Dr Roel Frakking and Dr Christiaan Harinck: 'Independence or Death'? Food and Social Mobility as Mobilizational Tools: Indonesia and Malaysia compared, ca. 1945-1960	Maria Rio Creech-Nowagiel: Did Malayan 'Emergency' end in 1960? Using storytelling in contemporary fiction to unsettle official periodisation
Prof Martin Thomas: The Other Plastics Revolution: Plastic-based landmines, decolonization and the globalization of landmines	

18.05-18.15 - Break

18.15-19.00: Roundtable Discussion
Decolonising the Study of War and Strategy
Chair: Professor Sibylle Scheipers
Discussants:
Professor Tarak Barkawi Professor Martin Evans Dr Nivi Manchanda Professor Kim Wagner

19:00- 20.00 — Day 2 Wine Reception

Conference closes

