

UCD CENTRE FOR WAR STUDIES



10 -11 September 2010

Demobilizing Empires: The Transition from War to 'Peace' after the Great War



Venue: Clinton Institute, Seminar Room
University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland

This symposium will seek to provide a global perspective on the often violent (and sometimes peaceful) paths of transition from war to 'peace' in the years following the First World War in both the formal and informal territories of the 'blue-water' imperial powers.

In this exploratory workshop we will bring together scholars to examine the seeds of decolonization and patterns of demobilization and remobilization in the European and Asian empires in the aftermath of the First World War. Through comparative discussion and debate organized in themed subject panels, this workshop will work towards a transnational understanding of the origins, nature and consequences of war imperialism, anti-colonial resistance, religious and communal unrest, and imperial policing and paramilitary violence in the extra European world.

Friday, 10 September 2010

13:00 Registration

13:30 Welcome and Introduction: Robert Gerwarth and Andrew Syk

‘The Limits of Demobilization: Paramilitary Violence in Europe and the Wider World’

13:45 – 15:30 Panel 1: War, Demobilization and Colonial Unrest 1914-1919

Chair: Andrew Syk (UCD)

Kees van Dijk (KITLV/Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies, Leiden), ‘The Fall and Rise of Dutch Authority in the Netherlands Indies 1910-1929’

Richard Smith (Goldsmiths, University of London), ‘Discourses of military service and paramilitary activity in the Anglophone Caribbean after the First World War’

Stephen Garton (University of Sydney), ‘Demobilization, Embittered Veterans and the Struggle for Citizenship Rights in Australia 1915-1923’

15:30 – 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 – 17:45 Panel 2: Policing Insurgency: State-sponsored violence

Chair: Robert Gerwarth (UCD)

Priya Satia (Stanford University), ‘The Defense of Inhumanity: Air Control and the British Idea of Arabia.’

Michael Provence (UC San Diego), ‘Ottoman Imperial “Demobilization” and Anti-Colonial Insurgency 1918-1930’

Andrew Syk (UCD), British Imperial Paramilitary policing: Demobilisation and Paramilitary violence in Madras c.1918-1922’

19:30 DINNER (Speakers & Chairs Only)

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Saturday, 11 September 2010

**09:30 - 11:15 Panel 3: Anti-Colonial Resistance
Movements after 1918**

Chair: Stephan Malinowski (UCD)

Franziska Roy (University of Warwick), 'Train, discipline, organise' - Militarism and national discipline of British-Indian youth organisations in the aftermath of the Great War'

Rabah Aissaoui (University of Leicester), 'Migration and political mobilisation: Algerian nationalism and anti-colonial resistance during the interwar period'

Bill Nasson (Stellenbosch University), 'Rural rebellion and Urban insurrection in 1920s South Africa'

11:15 - 11:30 BREAK

11:30 - 13:15 Panel 4: Colonial Violence and the Metropole

Chair: Christopher Prior (UCD)

Jan Schmidt (University of Bochum), 'Informal Empire under Duress in an Age of New Diplomacy - Anti-Japanese Protests in China and Domestic Reaction in Japan to the 'China Problem', 1914-1922'

Susan Kingsley Kent (University of Colorado), "Trauma and Colonial Rule: The Impact of the Great War."

13:15 Conclusions: Speaker TBC

13:30 LUNCH AND CLOSE OF SYMPOSIUM

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