

BEYOND VERSAILLES:

Governance, Legitimacy, and the Formation of New Polities after the Great War

The end of the war brought massive changes to European empires and nations as well as to the international order. It spelled the demise of traditional, authoritarian regimes in Russia, Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire. At the same time, new states were born, new borders drawn, new forms of political participation implemented, and new rules of citizenship established. This forging of a new order was a multifaceted, open-ended, and competitive process that unfolded well before the leaders of the Allied and Associated Nations convened in Paris to settle the postwar world and continued long after the Peace Treaties had been signed. In much of Europe and beyond, the very substance of what constituted a political community and how it should be governed was up for grabs.

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THURSDAY

15:00 Welcoming Remarks

Marcus M. Payk, *Humboldt Univ. of Berlin*
Roberta Pergher, *Indiana Univ. Bloomington*

15:15 Plebiscites and Political Aspirations

Chair/Comment: Volker Prott, *Tübingen Univ.*

Brendan Karch, *Louisiana State Univ.*
Making and Resisting National Borders in Central Europe

Isabelle Davion, *Sorbonne (Paris IV)*
The Impossible Plebiscite in Teschen (1918–1920): How to Put the Genie back into the Lamp?

Jesse Kauffman, *Eastern Michigan Univ.*
National Self-Determination and Political Legitimacy after Versailles: The German-Polish Borderlands, 1919–1939

Svetlana Suveica, *IOS Regensburg/Moldova State Univ.*
Between Political Ambitions and People's Desire: A Post-WWI Scenario for Bessarabia (1919–1920)

19:00 Conference Dinner

FRIDAY

09:30 The Limits of Influence—Power Centers and Peripheries

Chair/Comment: Marcus M. Payk, *Humboldt Univ. of Berlin*

Jochen Böhrer, *Imre Kertész Kolleg, Jena Univ.*
Allied Military Missions in Poland (1919–1923)

Thies Schulze, *Münster Univ.*
Religious Values, Nations and Ethnicities: The Roman Catholic Church and the Post-Versailles Order

Michelle Moyd, *Indiana Univ. Bloomington*
From Colony to Mandate: Postwar Governance and Local Meanings in Tanganyika, 1916–1922

Timothy Nunan, *Harvard Univ./Humboldt Univ. of Berlin*
Iranian Visions of Nationalism and Inter-Nationalism in a World At War

12:00 Lunch

13:00 The Making of Nationals in the Postwar World

Chair/Comment: Kathrin Kollmeier, *ZZF Potsdam*

John Deak, *Univ. of Notre Dame*
Fashioning the Rest: Forging “Austria” in the Aftermath of the First World War

Jeffrey Culang, *City Univ. of New York*
“The Unmixing of Peoples”: Nationality and Religion in Colonial Egypt

Roberta Pergher, *Indiana Univ. Bloomington*
National Claims and the Rights of Others: Italy and its Newly Found Territories after the First World War

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 Postwar Internationalism

Chair/Comment: Isabella Löhr, *Basel Univ./GWZO, Leipzig Univ.*

Dagmar Wernitznig, *Univ. of Oxford*
Beyond Reconstruction: Rosika Schwimmer (1877–1948), New Politics, and Old Governance

Nadine Akhund, *IRICE, Sorbonne (Paris I)*
The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace: A Newcomer in International Affairs

Stefan Dyroff, *Bern Univ.*
International Monitoring and Governance Beyond Legal Frameworks. Minority Protection and International Administration by the League of Nations in East Central Europe

SATURDAY

09:30 Empire in the Age of Self-Determination

Chair/Comment: Maria Framke, *Rostock Univ.*

Miguel Bandeira Jerónimo, *Lisbon Univ.*
Internationalism and the Post-War Standards of Imperial Civilization: The Case of Colonial Native Labour (1919–1939)

Aimee M. Genell, *Yale Univ.*
Woodrow Wilson in the Ottoman Empire

Caio Simões de Araújo, *Graduate Institute Geneva*
Equality in Versailles and Beyond: the League of Nations, Empire and Race in the Interwar Period

Lidia Santarelli, *Harvard Univ.*
The Mediterranean to the Mediterraneans. Fascism and the Transmission of Political and Aesthetic Ideas of Empire in Europe and America after WWI

12:00 Coffee Break

12:30 Final Discussion

Roberta Pergher, *Indiana Univ. Bloomington*
Mark Roseman, *Indiana Univ. Bloomington*
Stefan Troebst, *GWZO, Leipzig Univ.*
Dorothee Wierling, *FZH, Hamburg Univ.*

13:30 Lunch