

Illegitimate Violence during
the French Revolutionary
and Napoleonic Wars
(1792–1815)

Preliminary Program

Thursday, February 22

📍 **Gesellschaftswiss. Fakultät, Rudolfskai 42, HS 382**

Until 13 Arrival and Registration

13–13.30 Welcome and Introduction

Tanja Bührer/Isabelle Deflers/Gundula Gahlen
Illegitimate Violence during the French Revolutionary
and Napoleonic Wars: An Introduction

Panel 1: Military Violence against Civilians

Chair: Brendan Simms (University of Cambridge)
13.30–15.15

Kurt Baird (Independent Scholar)
“Abandoning the Spirit of Revenge”: Legitimising
Violence against Civilians in the Habsburg Army,
1792–1816 (online)

Ute Planert (Universität zu Köln)
Close Encounters: Patterns of Violence and Atrocity
(online)

Valeria Pansini (Université Rennes 2)
Violence without Enemy. Analyzing Forms of Violence
against Civilians during the Portugal Campaign
(1810–1811)

15.15–15.45 Coffee Break

Panel 2: Irregular Violence against Soldiers

Chair: Arno Strohmeyer (Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg)
15.45–17.30

Matilda Greig (National Army Museum London)
The Illegitimacy of the Irregular: Accounts of Guerrilla
Warfare in the Peninsular War

Nebiha Guiga (Leibniz-Zentrum für Literatur- und
Kulturforschung Berlin)
Violence against the Wounded in a Non-Insurrectionary
Context during the Napoleonic Wars (1805–1813)

Leighton James (Swansea University Wales)
"the whole people were in arms against us": German
Soldiers' Experiences and Representations of Violence
during the Russian Campaign 1812' (online)

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18.30–19.30 Keynote
Chair: Sönke Neitzel (Universität Potsdam)

Philip Dwyer (University of Newcastle)
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Panel 3: Violence illégitime: Zoom sur la France

Illegitimate Violence: France in Focus
Chair: Isabelle Deflers (Universität der Bundeswehr
München)
9.00–10.45

Aurélien Lignereux (Institut des hautes études politiques
de Grenoble)
Plus qu'une Ombre au Tableau: La Figuration des
Violences Guerrières Illégitimes dans la Propagande
Antinapoléonienne

Natalie Petiteau (Université d'Avignon)
Enquête sur la Violence de Guerre Illégitime dans les
Armées Napoléoniennes (online)

Anne Rolland-Boulestreau (Université catholique de l'Ouest)
Violences et Guerre Civile, Combattre en Vendée Militaire
(1793–1796)

10.45–11.15 Coffee Break

**Panel 4: Violence against Prisoners of War and
Deportees**

Chair: Christin Pschichholz (Universität Potsdam)
11.15–12.30

Renaud Morieux (University of Cambridge)
Political Deportation in the Indian Ocean. The
Deportation of Alleged French ‘Jacobins’ by the British
East India Company

Jasper Heinzen (University of York)
Prisoners of War, Custom, and the Negotiation of
(Il)legitimate Violence in Uncertain Times

12.30–13.30 Lunch Break

Panel 5: Legal Norms and Discourses

Chair: Jasper Heinzen (University of York)
13.30–15.15

Brendan Simms (University of Cambridge)
British Violence in Europe: The Case of Copenhagen

Anke Fischer-Kattner (Universität der Bundeswehr München)
(In-)Humanity in Siege Warfare? French Revolutionary
Violence Against the Imperial Fortress of Philippsburg in
1799

Amerigo Caruso (Universität Bonn)
Patterns of (Extra)ordinary Violence: The ‘Political’
State of Siege in a Transnational Perspective, 1790–
1850 (online)

15.15–15.45 Coffee Break

**Panel 6: Communication Strategies in Dealing with
illegitimate Violence**

Chair: Philip Dwyer (University of Newcastle)
15.45–17.00

Kerstin Maria Pahl (Max-Planck-Institut für
Bildungsforschung Berlin)
“The Howl of the Ferocious Wolf”. Illegitimate Violence
and ‘Cruelty’ in British Military Memoirs from the
Napoleonic Wars

Julia Hasselhorn (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt)
How does one Moderate Foreign Rule? Communication
Strategies of Rulers Using the Example of Violent
Excesses in the Context of Republican / Napoleonic
Foreign Rule in the Kingdoms of Naples and Bavaria

19.00 Conference Dinner

Saturday, 24 February

 Naturwissenschaftl. Fakultät, Hellbrunner Str. 34, HS 431

Panel 7: Space as an Explanation of Illegitimate Violence

Chair: Laurence Cole (Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg)
9.30-11.15

Gundula Gahlen (Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg)
Space as an Explanation of Illegitimate Violence in the
Austrian and French Armies

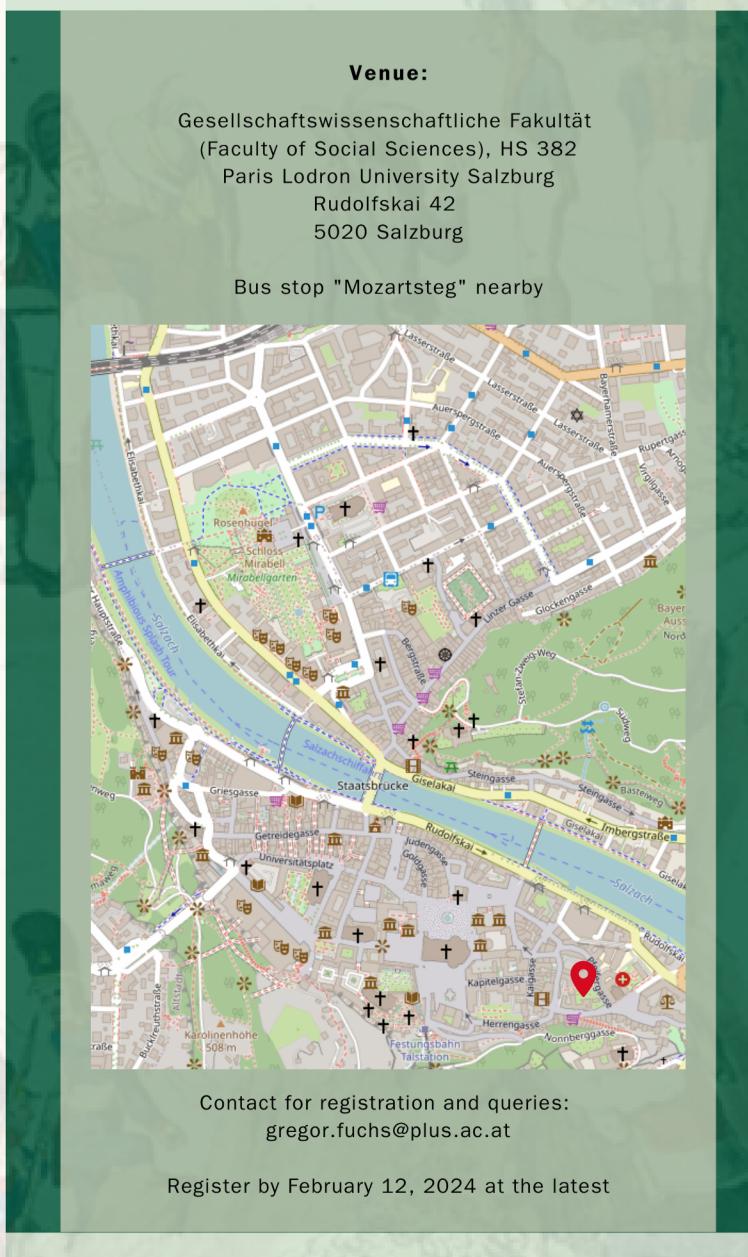
Friedemann Pestel (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg)
Peace, Enslavement, Extermination and Revenge: The
Haitian War of Independence as Space of Unbound
Violence, 1802-4

Michael Wenzel (Herzog August Bibliothek Wolfenbüttel)
Illegitimate Violence in 'Eastern Austria' in 1809 as
Seen from the Perspective of Austrian Civilian Archives

11.15-11.45 Lunch/Coffee Break

11.45-12.45 Final Discussion
Karen Hagemann (University of North
Carolina)

Final Comment
Chair: Tanja Bührer (Paris Lodron
Universität Salzburg)



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Register by February 12, 2024 at the latest

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