Citizenship in wartime. Subjects, foreigners, enemy aliens, and stateless people from the French Revolution to WWII

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Class Days:
- 3 November, Room 5
- 10 November
- 16 November
- 24 November
- 1 December
- 7 December, 17-19, Room 2
- 15 December
- 22 December
Time: 9-11 (but for 7 December)
Meeting place: Room 2, but for the first session which will take place in Room 5
Papers’ Presentation: TBD
Overview

Wars and revolutions played a crucial role in the redefinition of national and imperial conceptions of citizenship and in the way in which rights (political, civil, and social) were acknowledged, allocated, or redistributed. The course analyzes how European states redefined the boundaries of inclusion and exclusion and the relationship between citizens and foreigners during the interstate wars that occurred between the French Revolution and the First World War. It focuses in particular on enemy aliens and their treatment in interstate wars that occurred between the end of the 18th century and the First World War, addresses the historical changes in conceptions and practices of citizenship, identifies the main dilemmas and challenges raised by the different politics of inclusion and exclusion faced by liberal-democratic and authoritarian states in wartimes.

Organization of the course

The course consists of 10 two-hour sessions. An introductory class will provide a general overview of concepts and historiography. The seven following sessions concentrate on specific wars and moments of crisis. The last two will, be devoted to the presentation and discussion of students’ papers.

Grading

Students will be required to prepare a paper that will be discussed in the last two sessions of the course. Papers must be submitted by February 4. The topic will be confirmed with the instructor by December 22. The papers’ presentations will take place in the second half of February. Final grades for the course will be evaluated on the basis of attendance and active participation in discussion (20%); the presentation of the course readings in class; and a final paper (5000-7000 words) (50%).

Readings

The reading materials will be available online via the Unina digital library or on paper at university libraries or provided by instructors and uploaded in a shared OneDrive folder. The instructor will provide the sources.
SESSIONS

Session 1: Introduction. The emergence of the enemy alien
3 November, 9-11, Room 5 (I9)

Topics:

- A few words about the instructor
- Presentation of the course
- Organization of the course and grading
- A methodological challenge: Writing a European, transnational, and global history of enemy aliens.
- What is an enemy alien?
- Enemy aliens in the Revolutionary and the Napoleonic Wars
- Enemy aliens in the USA: from the Alien and Sedition Acts to the War of 1812

Readings:


Session 2: Enemy aliens and the “Civilization” in Warfare
10 November, 9-11, Room 2

Topics:

- The Crimean War
- Persecution and confiscation: can the American Civil War be considered as an interstate war?
- The expulsion of German enemy aliens during the Franco-Prussian War
- The Laws of War: International Conventions, Territorial Occupations and Non-Combatants

Readings:

Session 3:  
16 November, 9-11, Room 2  
Topics:  
- Citizens and aliens in peacetime  
- Changes in citizenship laws between the 1860s and 1914  
- Asylum, expulsion, and the status of aliens in international law  
- Incorporating aliens: annexations, options, and collective changes of citizenship  
- Including and excluding Aliens: naturalization and denaturalization  
- Women citizenship  

Readings:  

Session 4:  
24 November, 9-11, Room 2  
Topics:  
- Civilized wars? The Russo-Japanese War, the Sino-Japanese War, and the Russo-Japanese War  
- Expelling Italians in the Italo-Ottoman War of 1911-1912  
- The Balkan Wars: atrocities and population exchanges  

Readings:  

Session 5:  
1 December, 9-11, Room 2
Topics:

- The First World as a watershed
- Enemy aliens in the First World War
- State of emergency
- First measures against enemy aliens
- Internment and concentration camps
- The war on enemy aliens expands across the world.

Readings:


Session 6:
7 December, 17-19, Aula 2

Topics:

- Inclusion and exclusion during WWI
- Inclusion and exclusion in the wake of the war: options, denaturalization, statelessness
- Borders and migration control

Readings:


Session 7:
15 December 9-11, Aula 2

With the participation of Cristiano La Lumia (PhD student)

Topics

- Enemy aliens and property rights
- Economic nationalism
- Sequestration and confiscation during the war
- The end of the war: and treaties
- Confiscation, restitution, and compensation after the war
- Statelessness as a strategic resource

Readings:


**Session 8.**
22 December, 9-11, Room 2

**Topics:**
- In the wake of the war
- The end of the state of emergency
- Back to normality?
- How to protect civilians in wars. International lawyers, humanitarian interventions, and failed attempts at writing an international convention.
- The League of Nations and the protection of minorities

**Readings:**


**Sessions 9 and 10**

TBD

Papers’ presentation