



**6 & 7 MARCH 2026**

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# **VIOLENCE AND EMPIRE FROM THE EARLY 1800S TO THE END OF THE GREAT WAR**

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**6 MARCH**

**Via Mezzocannone 4, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 2**

**15:00-15:15 Opening Remarks**

**15:15-16:30 1<sup>st</sup> Keynote Speaker**

Professor Dr **Tanja Bühler**: *Violence and Empire during the Long Nineteenth Century*

**16:30-17:00 Coffee Break**

**17:00-19:00 First Panel**

***Violence in Policing the Empire***

**Joshua Meeks** (US Naval War College): *Empire at Home: Violence, Administration, and the Making of French Rule in Corsica, 1790–1815.*

**Jamal Ali Bashir** (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg): *Security, Patronage, and Everyday Violence in Colonial Naseerabad.*

**Franco Barchiesi** (The Ohio State University):

*“The Point of View of the Dominant Race”:*

*Violence, the Employment Contract, and Liberal Spectralities of Slavery in South Africa from the*

*“Langeberg Rebellion” (1896-97) to the*

*“Chinese Labor Question” (1904-07).*

**20-23 Conference Dinner**

**7 MARCH**

**Largo S. Marcellino 10, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 2**

**9:00-10:30 Second Panel**

***Imperial Violence and Law***

**Kamil Ruzsata** (Jagiellonian University of Kraków): *Pandora’s Box of Imperial Violence: Wartime State of Exception, Violence of Isolation in Late Habsburg Empire.*

**Martin Klečacký** (Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague): *The Violence in the Name of Law: A Statistical Anatomy of Coercion in the Late Habsburg Empire.*

**Kato Desaeveer** (KU Leuven): *Violence for Profit: The Legal Architecture of Violence Imbedded in the Land Regime of Congo Free State (1885–1908).*

**10:30-11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:00-12:30 Third Panel**

***Violence from Within the Empire***

**Emilia Musumeci** (University of Teramo): *Spectacle and Discipline: Corporal Punishment in Italian Colonial Eritrea (1890–1918).*

**Lukas Rijntalder** (University of Potsdam and University College, Dublin): *Law, Punishment, and the Civilising Mission: Institutionalised Violence in the Dutch East Indies, 1830–1904.*

**Carla-Maëlys Barboutie** (Universities of Grenobles Alpes): *Colonial Violence from Within: Disciplinary practices in the French Foreign Legion in 19th Century Africa.*

**12:30-13:30 Lunch**

**13:30-15:00 Fourth Panel**

***Civilising through Punishment***

**Neus Anglès i Borràs** (Rovira i Virgili University): *Sacredness and power: Afro-Cuban religions in contexts of intra-imperial violence.*

**Ilaria Masseroni** (KU Leuven): *Symbolic and Socio-Legal Violence in the Congo Free State: Polygamy as a Site of Imperial Control.*

**Florian Neiske** (University of Marburg): *Violent Storms. Disaster Politics and Ecological Violence in Colonial Bengal, 1864-1899.*

**15:00-15:30 Coffee Break**

**15:30-17:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Keynote Speaker**

Dr **Georgina Sinclair**: *Revisiting the impact of ‘colonial’ and ‘authoritarian’ policing models in an era of global disruption, 1945 - 2025*

**17-17:30 Closing Remarks**