

Paramilitary Violence after the Great War, 1918-1923: Towards a Global Perspective



5-6 December 2008

Clinton Institute, University College Dublin

Co-organizers: Robert Gerwarth (UCD) & John Horne (TCD)

Friday, 5th December:

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:15 Introduction – Robert Gerwarth (UCD)

9:15 – 10:30 Class War and Revolutionary Violence: the Bolshevik Project.
Chair: Judith Devlin (UCD)

Peter Holquist (UPenn), *Reflections on the Russian Civil War*
Peter Gatrell (Manchester), *The Russian Revolution and Europe: 1917-1923*

11:00 - 12:30 Eastern Europe: Nation, Ethnicity, Class and Violence.
Chair: John Horne (TCD)

Piotr Wróbel (University of Toronto), *The Seeds of Violence: Wars and Ethnic Conflict in Poland's Eastern Borderlands, 1914-1921*
Serhy Yekelchyk (University of Victoria, Canada), *The Original Failed State: Nationalism, Chaos, and Violence in Ukraine in the Aftermath of WWI*

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 South-Eastern Europe: Nation, Ethnicity, Class and Violence.
Chair: William Mulligan (UCD)

Paul Newman (UCD), *Paramilitary Violence in the Balkans*
Michael Reynolds (Princeton), *The Caucasus Army of Islam and Ottoman Policies in 1918: The Utility of Paramilitaries in a New World Order*

3:30 – 5:00 Declining Empires: Ireland in Context
Chair: Michael Laffan (UCD)

Peter Hart (University of Newfoundland), *The IRA in Comparative Perspective, 1914-1923*
Anne Dolan (TCD), *The Culture of Violence in Post-war Ireland*
Julia Eichenberg (TCD), *Decline of Control, Rise of Brutality: Comparing Military Violence in Poland and Ireland, 1918-1923*

6:00 Buffet supper

7:30 Public Lecture. Emilio Gentile (University of Roma, La Sapienza), *Paramilitary Violence in Post-War Italy*. (Followed by wine reception)

Saturday, 6th December:

9:00 – 10:30 Defeated Empires: Germany and Austria-Hungary

Chair: Bernd Weisbrod (Göttingen)

Mark Cornwall (Southampton), *The Disintegration of the Habsburg Empire and Paramilitary Violence: the Czechoslovak Case*

Robert Gerwarth (UCD), *Counterrevolution in Central Europe – Austria, Hungary and Germany*

11:00 – 12:30 Ambivalent Victors: Italy

Chair: Alan Kramer (TCD)

Mark Jones (EUI), *“The officers are frightfully sick”*: *Wartime Experiences and Post-War Violence in a Comparative Perspective*

Sven Reichardt (Konstanz), *Paramilitary Violence and Fascism*

12:30 - 2:00 Lunch

2:00 – 3:00: Michael Geyer (Chicago), *Revolutions, Defeat, and Imperial Disintegration: How Europe entered the 20th century and stepped back*

3:00 – 3:30: Conclusions. John Horne (TCD)

Advance booking. Please let the organizers know of your intention to participate by Monday, 24 November. There will be a small conference fee of € 50 to cover coffee, lunches and the buffet supper on Friday. The fee does not apply to those speaking or chairing a session.

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