

4. Section: Religious Missions

Chair: *Jasmin Daam (Kassel)*

14:30-15:30

Stefan Preiß (Konstanz):

Catholic Mission and the Changing Tide of Colonial Rule in Algeria (1868-1930s). The Example of White Fathers and White Sisters

15:30-16:30

Anna Laura Turiano (EFR):

Italian Missionaries and European Imperial Rivalries in Interwar Egypt. The Salesian Schools in the Scramble for Influence

17:00-18:00

Karène Sanchez (EFR):

For God and which Country? British and French Missionaries in Interwar Palestine

18:00-19:00

Final Discussion:

Did Empires Create the Mediterranean as We Know It?

19:30 Dinner

21.03.2019

09:00-11:00

Internal Discussion of the Network's Members

11:00-13:00

Guided Tour through Fascist Rome with **Amedeo Osti Guerrazzi** (Rome)

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After World War I, the Mediterranean was reinvented. The region moved from the margins to the center of political, scholarly and artistic attention and became the object of comprehensive imperial visions. At the same time, new policies arose that were aimed at fundamentally transforming both the region and its people in biological, spatial and temporal terms. After the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire, borders were redrawn on a large scale irrespective of the existing social, ethnic and religious composition of the local populations. While the “Wilsonian moment” delegitimized the concept of empire and witnessed the rise of anticolonial, national movements, France and Britain nonetheless extended their imperial rule to include the former Ottoman provinces in the Levant. In turn, Fascist Italy challenged British and French hegemony over the region and declared the Mediterranean a “mare nostrum”.

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We will discuss in how far the concepts of geopolitics, biopolitics and chronopolitics are helpful for grasping both the visions of the Mediterranean as well as the characteristic features of the imperial practices on the ground. As they played a vital role for Mediterranean thalassocracies, we also take a closer look at islands and the changes their populations were confronted with when these highly contested places changed hands. Furthermore, the workshop scrutinizes mutual perceptions of the Mediterranean empires, the transfer of imperial know-how and imperial brokers. Finally, we hope to highlight the ambivalent role of Christian missionaries. While these protagonists are often overlooked, they played an important role as either backers or critics of empire. Ultimately, our aim is to better understand the making of the modern Mediterranean in what turns out to be a crucial period of its transition.

18.03.2019 (DHI Rome)

18:00-18:30

Martin Baumeister (DHI Rome): Welcome

18:30-19:30

Keynote Lecture by **Roberta Pergher** (Bloomington, IN):
Reimagining Empire in a World of Nations.
Italy's Expansionism in the Interwar Era

19:30 Rinfresco

19.03.2019 (EFR)

09:00-09:15

Catherine Virlouvet (EFR): Welcome

09:15-09:30

Introduction: **Patrick Bernhard**, **Manuel Borutta**,
Fernando Esposito

1. Section: Geopolitics, Biopolitics, Chronopolitics

Chair: Nora Lafi (Berlin)

09:30-10:30

Patrick Bernhard (Oslo):
Deadly Biopolitics. Arabs, Jews and Italian Mass
Violence in North Africa from a Global Perspective

10:45-11:45

Fernando Esposito (Tübingen):
Mare Nostrum. The Chronopolitics
of Fascist Empire

11:45-12:45

Manuel Borutta (Konstanz):
Liquid Continent. Geopolitical Visions of the
Mediterranean in the Interwar Period

13:00-14:30 Lunch

2. Section: Contested Islands

Chair: Fabian Lemmes (Bochum)

14:30-15:30

Alexis Rappas (Istanbul):
European Rule in the Levant or the Paradox of
Impermanence and Containment

15:45-16:45

Deborah Paci (Venezia):
The Renaissance of Imperial Geopolitics. The
Irredentist Claim of Mussolini's Italy over Corsica
and Malta (1922-1942)

16:45-17:45

Andreas Guidi (Paris):
“Youth-as-politics”? The Italian Colonial Rule in
Rhodes and the Emergence of Alternative
Political Identifications

18:00-19:30

Keynote Lecture by **Martin Thomas** (Exeter):
Confrontation and Co-imperialism in the French
and British Mediterranean Empires after 1918

20:00 Dinner

20.03.2019 (EFR)

3. Section: Mutual Perspectives

Chair: Esther Möller (Mainz)

09:15-10:15

Fabrice Jesné (EFR):
Servants of Empire in the “Others” Empires.
Italian Consuls in Lebanon during the 1930s

10:45-11:45

Jacobo Pili (Leeds):
New Carthage. British Civilization, Empire and Race
in the Fascist Italian Discourse

11:45-12:45

Arie M. Dubnov (Washington, DC):
A Zionist Mare Nostrum?

13:00-14:30 Lunch