

Rethinking the history of Violence, Health and Care in Wartime, c. 1860-2000s.

Friday 4 June 2021, 09.30 – 17.40 (BST)

Co-organised by Bertrand Taithe, Larissa Fast and Laure Humbert

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9h30 – 10h00. Welcome and Introduction: Rethinking the history of Violence, Health and Care in Wartime, c. 1860-2000s
(Bertrand Taithe and Laure Humbert)

10h00 – 10h40. Keynote: Jessica Meyer (University of Leeds): 'Nursing Under Fire: Nurses and nursing orderlies in First World War combat zones'

- Chair: Laure Humbert

10h40 – 10h50. Break

10h50 – 11h40. First panel : Wartime Violence and the Politics of Neutrality on the ground

- Chair: Bertrand Taithe
- Lia Brazil (Nuffield College Oxford). 'Swapping Red Cross badge for bandolier and gun': Red Cross men in the South African War, 1899 – 1902
- Ana Carden-Coyne (University of Manchester). 'Volatile Spaces and Myths of Safety: Hospital Ships and the Gendered Zones of Total War (1914-1918)'

11h40 – 12h30. Second panel: Neutrality under Fire and the Materiality of Attacks

- Chair: Xavier Crombé
- Frances Houghton (University of Manchester). 'For Those in Peril...': Naval doctors, Medical Neutrality and the War at Sea, 1939-1945'
- Roderick Bailey (University of Oxford). 'Gross abominable bestiality': Axis targeting of Partisan healthcare in Yugoslavia, 1941-44.

12h30 – 13h00. Concluding thoughts on the first two panels (Duncan McLean, MSF): Historical Antecedents to Understanding Contemporary Attacks on Healthcare

13h00 – 13h45. Lunch Break

13h45 – 15h00. Third panel: Beyond Genevan Humanitarianism? Revisiting the history of medical neutrality

- Chair: Laure Humbert
- Leonard Rubenstein (Johns Hopkins). The stubborn persistence of military necessity to rationalize violence against health care.
- Linsey Robb (Northumbria). 'I'll fight it by trying to mend the damage': conscientious objectors and the military medical services during the Second World War
- Xavier Crombé (MSF). Once were warriors: analysing the changing representations of volunteer doctors at war in two documentary films: *Heart of Spain* (1937) and *Witness to War – Dr Charlie Clements* (1984)

15h00 – 15h10. Break

15h10 – 16h25. Fourth panel: Documenting Attacks in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

- Chair: Roisin Read
- Benoit Pouget (Sciences Po, Aix). In the midst of post-colonial violence: French military medical assistance in 1970s conflicts
- Yolana Pringle (University of Roehampton). 'Documenting violence against mental health in Africa, 70s-90s'
- Melanie Sauter (European University Institute). Politicized Healthcare Emergencies and Violent Resistance against Healthcare. The Case of Violence against Ebola Responders in the DR Congo

16h25 – 16h40. Break

16h40h – 17h40 Concluding Roundtable. New directions in the history of violence, health and care in wartime

- Neve Gordon (Queen Mary, University of London); Xavier Crombé (MSF); Bertrand Taithe (HCRI, University of Manchester); Laure Humbert (History, University of Manchester); Roisin Read (HCRI, University of Manchester)