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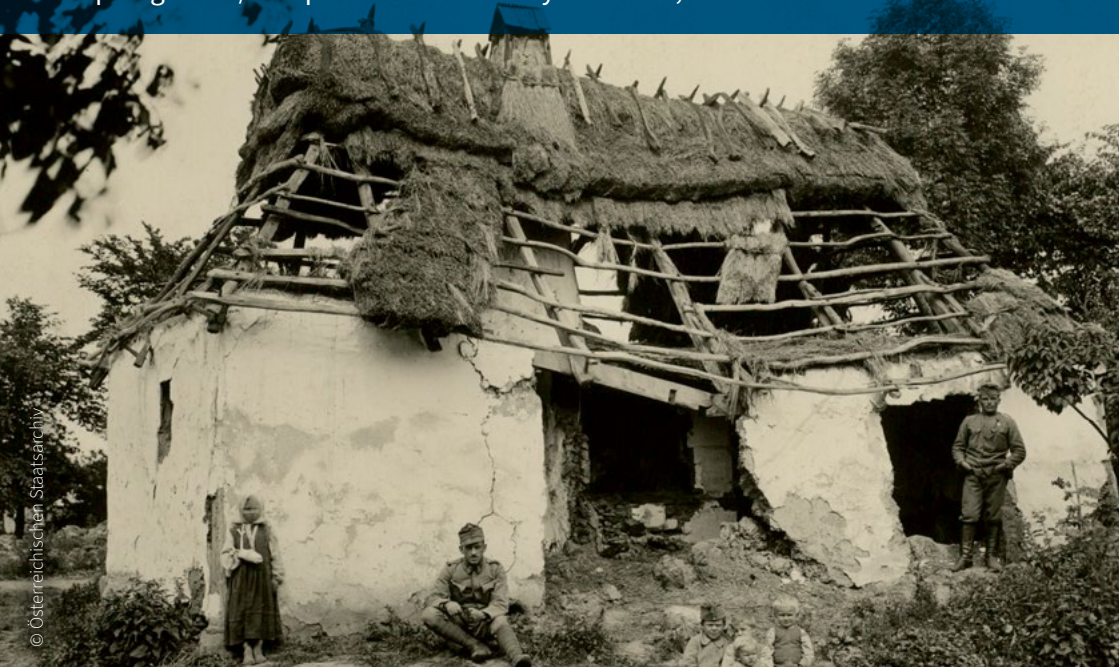
Doctoral School of Historical
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War Crimes and Sexual Violence in World War One and Beyond

University of Vienna, 15 to 16 June 2023

Dissertantenraum of the Department of Eastern European History

Spitalgasse 2/Campus of the University of Vienna, Hof 3 and online via Zoom



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Organised by the Research Group “Sexuelle Gewalt im Ersten Weltkrieg“
(Daniel Gunz, Christa Hämmerle and Lisa Kirchner)

Thursday, 15 June 2023

13:30–14:00 **Welcome and Introduction**
Wolfgang Müller
(Department of Eastern European History, University of Vienna)
Dietlind Hüchtker
(Head of the Doctoral School of Historical and Cultural Studies)
Christa Hämmerle
(Research Group “Sexuelle Gewalt im Ersten Weltkrieg“)
Daniel Gunz and Lisa Kirchner
(University of Vienna)

14:00–15:00 **Keynote I**

Rape in Wartime, 1911 – 1923: Myths and Realities
John Horne (Trinity College Dublin)

15:00–15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30–17:00 **Panel I: Law of War and War Crimes**

“Humanity”, Legitimization of War and Colonial Law. Sexual Violence in Late 19th Century International Law
Anastasia Hammerschmied (University of Vienna)

Suspects, Refugees, or Traitors? Violence against Civilians in Galicia during the First World War
Kamil Ruzsafa (Jagiellonian University, Krakow)

Comment: Franziska Lamp (University of Vienna)

17:00–17:15 **Coffee Break**

17:15–18:15 **Virtual Round Table: Sexual Violence and the Current War against Ukraine**
Kateryna Busol (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy)
in a conversation with Regina Mühlhäuser (Hamburg
Foundation for the Advancement of Research and Culture/
Hamburg Institute for Social Research)
Moderation: Christa Hämmerle (University of Vienna)

Friday, 16 June 2023

9:30–10:30

Keynote II

Cruising Europe in WWII. Wehrmacht Vernacular Photography and the Female Other

Elissa Mailänder (Sciences Po, Paris)

10:30–12:00

Panel II: War Crimes and Sexual Violence in Ego Documents

Gender Relations and (the Gap of) Sexual Violence in German-Written War Accounts

Lisa Kirchner (University of Vienna)

The Great Unwritable? Sexuality and Sexual Violence in Soldiers' Czech-Written Personal Accounts of World War I

Jiří Hutečka (University of Hradec Králové)

Comment: Viktoria Wind (University of Graz)

12:00–13:00

Lunch Break

13:00–14:30

Panel III: Experiencing and Remembering Sexual Violence

Consensual or Forced? The Fluidity of Sexual Violence against Men within the Habsburg's Military (1897-1918)

Daniel Gunz (University of Vienna)

Overcoming the Silence in Post Genocide Literature

Paula Harbig (University of Freiburg)

Comment: Aleksandar Ranković (University of Vienna)

14:30–15:00

Final Discussion

Wars of the 20th century are characterised by multiple forms of war crimes and sexual violence, the latter being juristically acknowledged as a war crime only at the end of the 20th century. During the First World War, soldiers of belligerent armies also perpetrated sexual violence, often against noncombatant civilians. Furthermore, instances of sexual violence were often part of a broader range of wartime atrocities, including looting, internment, forced labour and executions. As such, comprehending the full scope of sexual violence in the context of war requires a multifaceted understanding of the underlying complexities and functions of wartime aggression. Against this background, the workshop will explore how we can study war crimes and sexual violence in World War One and beyond.

We kindly ask for registration in advance
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