



**Genocide in Global Perspective
Spring term**

Organised by Prof. Dirk Moses

Thursday: 17.00-19.00 – Sala Belvedere

In this seminar, we aim to come to a historical understanding of genocide in the modern era, that is, approximately over the last 250 years. We do so in a chronological, i.e., historical, manner, and thereby seek not only to compare genocides but determine how they may be related to one another as moments in various processes, eg. the rise of the modern state or the disintegration of empires.

We meet on Thursdays between 17.00-19.00 (though note change for Weeks 2 and 7)

Week 1: January 13

Our Object of Inquiry—What is Genocide?

- Raphael Lemkin, *Axis Rule in Occupied Europe* (Washington DC, Carnegie Council) 1944), ch. 9, sections I and II:
<http://www.preventgenocide.org/lemkin/AxisRule1944-1.htm>
<http://www.preventgenocide.org/lemkin/AxisRule1944-2.htm#Techniques>
- A. Dirk Moses, 'Lemkin, Culture and the Concept of Genocide', in Donald Bloxham and A. Dirk Moses, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), 19-41.
- Draft Conventions on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide:
<http://www.preventgenocide.org/law/convention/drafts/>
- Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, 1948:
<http://www.preventgenocide.org/law/convention/text.htm>

Week 2: January 17 (note: Monday meeting, 11.00)

Human Rights: Related or rival concept? (guest professor: Stefan-Ludwig Hoffman, Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Berlin)

- Stefan-Ludwig Hoffmann, 'Human Rights' in Hoffman, ed., *Human Rights in the Twentieth Century: A Critical History* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011), 1-26.
- Samuel Moyn, 'On the Genealogy of Morals', *The Nation* (16 April 2007):
<http://www.thenation.com/article/genealogy-morals>
- Samuel Moyn, 'Human Rights in History', *The Nation* (30 August-6 September):
<http://www.thenation.com/article/153993/human-rights-history>

Week 3, January 27

How Can We Explain Genocide, 'Ethnic Cleansing', and 'Demographic Engineering'?

- John McGarry, '“Demographic Engineering”: the State-Directed Movement of Ethnic Groups as a Technique of Conflict Regulation', *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 21, 4 (1998), 613-638.
- Martin Shaw, 'The General Hybridity of War and Genocide', *Journal of Genocide Studies*, 9, 3 (2006), 461-473.
- Ralph J. Hartley, 'To Massacre: a Perspective on Demographic Competition', *Anthropological Quarterly*, 80, 1 (2007), 237-251.



Week 4: February 3

Settler Colonialism and Empire

- Patrick Wolfe, 'Settler Colonialism and the Elimination of the Native', *Journal of Genocide Research*, 8, 4 (2006), 387-410.
- Mark Levene, 'Empires, Native Peoples, and Genocide', in A. Dirk Moses, ed., *Empire, Colony, Genocide, Conquest, Occupation, and Subaltern Resistance in World History* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2008), 183-204.

Week 5: February 10

Genocide and 'Ethnic Cleansing' after WWI

- Edward J. Erickson, 'The Armenians and Ottoman Military Policy, 1915', *War in History* 15, 2 (2008), 141-167.
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Week 6: February 17

Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union

- Tim Snyder, *Bloodlands: Europe Between Hitler and Stalin* (New York: Basic Books, 2010), ch. 6, 'The Final Solution', 275-224.
- Christian Gerlach and Nicolas Werth, 'State Violence—Violent Societies', in Michael Geyer and Sheila Fitzpatrick, eds., *Beyond Totalitarianism: Stalinism and Nazism Compared* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), 133-179.

Week 7: February 21 (note: Monday meeting, 11.00)

Partition, Ethnic Cleansing and the End of Empire, 1947-1948

- Benny Morris, 'Revisiting the Palestinian Exodus of 1948', in Eugene L. Rogan and Avi Shlaim, eds., *The War for Palestine: Rewriting the History of 1948* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2001), 37-59.
- Paul Brass, 'The Partition of India and Retributive Genocide in the Punjab, 1946-47: Means, Methods, and Purposes', *Journal of Genocide Research*, 5, 1 (2003), 71-101.

Week 8: March 3

Postcolonial Genocide? Secessionist Civil War in Nigeria and Pakistan in the late 1960s and early 1970s

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Week 9: March 10

After the Cold War: Yugoslavia, Rwanda, and the Question of Sexual Violence

- Lene Hansen, 'Gender, Nation, Rape: Bosnia and the Construction of Security', *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, 3, 1 (2001), 55-75.
- Christopher C. Taylor, 'Rwandan Genocide: Toward an Explanation in which History and Culture Matter', in Patricia A. McAnany and Norman Yoffee, eds., *Questioning Collapse: Human Resilience, Ecological Vulnerability, and the Aftermath of Empire* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), 239-268.



Week 10: March 17

Darfur and the Question of Humanitarian Intervention

- Mahmood Mamdani, 'The Politics of Naming: Genocide, Civil War, Insurgency', *London Review of Books* (8 March 2007): <http://www.lrb.co.uk/v29/n05/mahmood-mamdani/the-politics-of-naming-genocide-civil-war-insurgency>.
- Richard Just, "'We Can't Just Do Nothin':' Can a Liberal be both Opposed to Imperialism and Devoted to Human Rights?', *The New Republic*, 27 August 2009.
- Alex Bellamy and Paul D. Williams, 'The UN Security Council and the Question of Humanitarian Intervention in Darfur', *Journal of Military Ethics*, 5, 2 (2006), 144-160.
- Alex De Waal, 'Darfur and the Failure of the Responsibility to Protect,' *International Affairs*, 8,3 (2007), 1039-1054.