



States of Violence – States of Exception: Probing the Limits of Sovereign Power

Research Seminar

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First Meeting, 30 January 2013, 9.15-18.30
EUI, Villa Schifanoia, Sala Europa

9.15-11.00

Introduction by the Seminar organizers

Concepts

Hobbes and Schmitt (Introduced by Matthew Hoye, EUI)

Hobbes, Thomas. *Leviathan*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012; edited by Noel Malcolm. Chapters XIII-XIV, XVII, XXVII-XXVIII.

Schmitt, Carl. *The Concept of the Political: Expanded Edition*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2010.

Sections 1-4 and 8; Leo Strauss, Notes on Carl Schmitt, pp. 83–107.

Schmitt, Carl. *Political theology. Four chapters on the concept of sovereignty*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2005 [1922/1970]
pp. 5–35.

11.00-11.15 Coffee Break

11.15-12.45

Arendt and Agamben (Introduced by Michal Pullmann, Charles University)

Arendt, Hannah. "What is Authority?" In *Between past and future. 8 exercises in political thought*, 91–141. New York: Viking Press, 1987 [1961].

Here: pp. 91–104 and 136–141.

Arendt, Hannah. *The origins of totalitarianism*. New York: Schocken books, 2004; introduction by Samantha Power.

Here: Total Domination, pp. 565–592.

Agamben, Giorgio. *State of exception*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2005; translated by Kevin Attell.
pp. 1–32 and 74–88.

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch

II Case Studies

14.00-16.30

Expulsion (Introduced by Matěj Spurný, Charles University)

Matěj Spurný, Reliability and the Border. *Czech Borderlands Discourse, 1945-1949* (manuscript)

Plundering (Introduced by Kornelia Kończal, EUI)

Gross, Jan T. *Golden harvest: Events at the periphery of the Holocaust*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2012; with Irena Grudzińska-Gross.
pp. 1–16, 20–38, 50–58, 64–69, 77–103.

Mattei, Ugo, and Laura Nader. *Plunder: When the rule of law is illegal*. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2008.
pp. 10–34.

16.30-16.45 Coffee Break

16.45-18.15

Camp (Introduced by Dirk Moses, EUI)

Hyslop, Jonathan. "The Invention of the Concentration Camp: Cuba, Southern Africa and the Philippines, 1896–1907." *South African Historical Journal* 63, no. 2 (2011): 251–276.

Mühlhahn, Klaus. "The Concentration Camp in Global Historical Perspective." *History Compass* 8, no. 6 (2010): 543–561.

Reid-Henry, Simon. "Exceptional Sovereignty? Guantánamo Bay and the Re-Colonial Present." *Antipode* 39, no. 4 (2007): 627–648.

Brecht, Arnold. "The Concentration Camp." *Columbia Law Review* 50, no. 6 (1950): 761–782.