

SUBPROJECTS A01, A03

IN COOPERATION WITH THE BIELEFELD GRADUATE SCHOOL IN HISTORY AND SOCIOLOGY (BGHS)

The history of military development in modern times is a history of mutual observation and comparison. During the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, political and military leaders continuously evaluated the power of their friends and foes. Members of the military, politicians and activists looked to foreign forces for models to avoid or emulate, using comparisons to justify their own military and defense policies.

The workshop "Comparing Militaries in the Long 19th Century" explores the means and methods by which experts and decision-makers observed and compared foreign armies and navies from the era of the Napoleonic Wars to the inter-war period. The workshop aims to launch a discussion on transnational military comparison.

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PRACTICES
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THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2018	
14:15	Welcome and Introduction
14:30	SECTION I – INTER-CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS: FOREIGN SOLDIERING AND COLONIAL WARFARE
	Emmanuel Sobseh, <i>Bamenda</i> : Observing and Comparing Colonial Militaries in German, British, and French Cameroons, 1884–1961
	Ferdinand Göhde, <i>Münster</i> : Foreign Soldiers in European Armies of the 19th Century: Their Role for Military Comparisons
15:45	Coffee Break
16:00	SECTION II – COOPERATION AND COMPETITION IN MILITARY LEARNING
	Jacopo Lorenzini, <i>Naples</i> : Regards Croisés: French Military Attachés in Italy, 1870–1915.
	Niko Rohé, <i>Bielefeld</i> : Observing and Comparing the Wars of 'Others': Europe and the Sino-Japanese Naval Warfare of 1894
	Bernd Lemke, <i>Potsdam</i> : Military History in Comparison: Empires, Genocide, and Colonial Wars, circa 1860–1945
17:30	Break
18:15	PUBLIC LECTURE Markus Pöhlmann, <i>Potsdam</i> : On the Road to Knowledge Management. Observing and Comparing in European Armed Forces Before the First World War
20:00	Dinner

FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2018	
09:15	Arrival and Coffee
09:30	SECTION III – THE POLITICS OF MILITARY COMPARISON
	Jean-Michel Turcotte, <i>Berlin</i> : Militaries vs. Humanitarians? The Contribution of High Military Commands to the Shaping of the Geneva Conventions and the International Humanitarian Laws
	Kerrin Langer, <i>Bielefeld</i> : Naval Force Comparisons and the Expansion of the German Imperial Navy in German Reichstag Debates, 1871–1914
10:45	Coffee Break
11:00	SECTION IV – MILITARY PUBLICATIONS AND THE DIFFUSION OF IDEAS
	Tom Menger, <i>London</i> : Practices of Comparing in British and German Manuals of Colonial Warfare Around 1900
	Nikolay Vlasov, <i>Saint Petersburg</i> : Observing the Germans: Discussion About Prussian Army in Russian Military Press, 1866–1877
	Johannes Nagel, <i>Bielefeld</i> : Three Changes in Military Comparison in the United States of America, 1865–1910
12:30	Lunch
13:30	SECTION V – GENERAL STAFFS AND THE PREPARATION FOR FUTURE WARS
	Lukas Grawe, <i>Bremen</i> : Observing Future Enemies. The German General Staff and its Means of Intelligence Gathering on the Russian and French Armies, 1900–1914

	Sabine Mischner, <i>Freiburg</i> : Comparing Speed: Railroads, Timetables, and Mobilization
14:45	Coffee Break
15:00	Final Discussion
16:00	Official End of the Workshop