



Research Network Military, War and Gender/Diversity (MKGD)

Bundeswehr Centre for Military History and Social Studies (ZMSBw)

First international MKGD-ZMSBw Conference

Gender and Violence in Colonial Wars, Colonial Rule and Anti-colonial Liberation Struggles

Thursday and Friday, January 30 and 31, 2025

At the Center for Military History and Social Studies of the Bundeswehr, Zeppelinstraße
127/128, 14471 Potsdam

Program

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Aims of the Conference

The aim of this first international conference, which the newly founded MKGD research network organizes together with the ZMSBw, is to comparatively examine the manifold violent interactions in colonial wars, colonial rule and anti-colonial liberation struggles with a focus on "gender". In doing so, we want to look at both early modern and modern colonial conflicts up to the end of the Cold War and welcome both: contextualized case studies and diachronic and synchronic comparisons.

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Thursday, January 30, 2025

9:00–9:30: Registration and Welcome Coffee

9:30–10:00: Welcome and Introduction

- **Karen Hagemann** (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) (MKGD)
- **Alaric Searle** (ZMSBw)
- **Bührer** (Paris Lodron University Salzburg) (MKGD)

10:00–11:30: Panel 1: Gender in Early Modern Colonialism

Moderation: Isabelle Deflers (University of the Bundeswehr Munich)

- **Chechesh Kudachinova** (Free University of Berlin)
The Construction of Colonial Masculinities and Agency in 17th Century Siberia
- **Marion Philip and Elodie Bascoul** (University of Geneva)
Studying Masculinities, Violence and Colonial Rule in the 18th Century French Caribbean: Sources and Approaches

11:30–12:30: Lunch Break

12:30–14:30: Panel 2: Women in the Imperial and (Anti)Colonial Project

Moderation: Tanja Bührer (Paris Lodron University Salzburg)

- **Carla Andreas Bauzá** (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona)
Enslaved and Free Women of African Descent in the Ten Years' War in Cuba, 1868-1878
- **Kirsty Campbell** (University of the Bundeswehr Munich)
More than just Kulturträgerin: The Role of German Women Settlers in the Colonial Violence in German South-west Africa, 1884-1915
- **Swati Guha** (Institute of Language Studies and Research, Kolkata)
Reformer or Perpetrator of Gender Crimes? British Colonial Rule in India and the Woman Question

14:30–15:00: Coffee Break

15:00–17:30: Panel 3: Men in the Imperial and (Anti)Colonial Project

Moderation: Christian Stachelbeck (ZMSBw)

- **Marie Muschalek** (University of Basel)

Martial Violence, 'Caring' Violence: Colonial Masculinities in the Mounted Police of German South-West Africa, 1905-1915

- **Susie Protschky** (Free University of Amsterdam)
Race and Soldiering Masculinities in Modern Dutch Colonial Wars in Indonesia
- **Carl Deußen** (University of Amsterdam)
Sexuality and Sexual Violence in Imperial Ethnographic Collecting: The Case of German Anthropologist Wilhelm Joest
- **Rachel McElroy White** (University of Groningen)
Soldier-Photographers' Images of Violence during the Algerian War through the Lens of Military Masculinities

17:30–18:00: Coffee Break

18:00 –19:30: Keynote: Gender in Anticolonial Conflicts: The Example of the Algerian War

- **Prof. Dr. Natalya Benkhaled-Vince** (Oxford University)

Moderation: Karen Hagemann (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

20:00: Conference Dinner

Restaurant Lemon, Kongresshotel Potsdam am Templiner See, Am Luftschiffhafen 1, 14471 Potsdam

Friday, January 31, 2025

9:30– 11:30: Panel 4: Gender, Violence, and Resistance against Colonial Rule I

Moderation: Friederike Hartung (ZMSBw)

- **Michael Rösser** (University of Bamberg)
Gender, War and Violence –Revisiting the Maji Maji War in German East Africa, 1905-1908
- **Maria Tumiotto** (University of Manchester)
Bengali Women Activists In Revolutionary Nationalism in the 1930s: Practices and Narratives
- **Paula Dahl** (University of Hamburg)
Women as Anticolonial Freedom Fighters in Algeria, 1940s-1960s

11:30–12:30: Lunch Break

12:30–14:30: Panel 5: Gender, Violence, and Resistance against Colonial Rule II

Moderation: Frank Reichherzer (ZMSBw)

- **Jonathan Verwey** (University of Leiden)
The Dutch Military Leadership's Approach to Intimate Encounters and Sexual Violence by Dutch Soldiers during the Indonesian War of Independence, 1945-1949
- **Niels Boender** (University of Edinburgh)
Insurgent Masculinities and the Return of Anti-Colonial Mau Mau Fighters in Kenya since 1956
- **Sandra Lourenço** (Universidade de Lisboa)
Struggle, Resistance and Guerrilla: The case of East Timor under Indonesian Neo-colonial Rule in a Gender Perspective, 1975-199)

14:30–14:45: Coffee Break

14:45–16:30: Panel 6: Recollecting and Presenting Colonial Rule and Anticolonial Resistance

Moderation: Anke Fischer-Kattner (University of the Bundeswehr Munich)

- **Silvan Niedermeier** (University of Erfurt)

Gender, Imperial Violence and Family Memory in Private Photo Albums of the Philippine-American War, 1899-1902

- **Claudia Siebrecht** (University of Sussex)

The Testimony of Maria III: Sexual Violence and the Archival Grain, German South West Africa, 1906

- **Carmen Letz** (Université de Limoges / Pilecki Institut, Warszawa/Berlin)

Women in German Southwest Africa: The Theme of Violence against Women in Historical Novels and Films

16:30–16:45: Coffee Break

16:45–17:45: Final Discussion

- **Birthe Kundrus** (University of Hamburg)
- **Alaric Searle** (ZMSBw)

Moderation: Karen Hagemann (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

18:00–19:30: Meeting of the Research Network Military, War and Gender/Diversity (MKGD)

20:00: Joint Dinner at the Trattoria Toscana

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