

A violent world? Changes and limits to large-scale violence in early modernity

June 29 – July 1 2017

All Souls College, University of Oxford

29 June, Thursday

1.30 pm Registration

2 pm Introduction: Erica Charters, Marie Houlemare, Peter Wilson

2.15 pm Session 1: Multi-scale Violence

Richard Reid (SOAS): 'None could stand before him in the battle, none ever reigned so wisely as he': Violence and its uses in early modern Africa

Cécile Vidal (EHESS, Paris): Chattel Slavery, War, and Multi-Scale Violence in Early English and French America

Chair: Trevor Burnard (Melbourne)

3.45 pm Tea and Coffee, Dining Hall

4.15 pm Session 2: Interpersonal and State Violence

Stuart Carroll (York): Violence and the state in early modern Europe

Speaker tbc: paper on Africa

Chair: Peter Wilson (Oxford)

6 pm Drinks Reception, Codrington Library

30 June, Friday

9.15 am Session 3: Overseas violence

James Belich (Oxford): Plague, the Military Revolution, and European Expansion

Adam Clulow (Monash): Drawing Lines in the Sea: The Dutch East India Company, the Zheng Maritime Network and the Uses of Early Modern Law

Chair: Erica Charters (Oxford)

10.45 Tea and Coffee, Dining Hall

11.15 Session 4: Representations of Violence

Pratyay Nath (Ashoka University): 'The Wrath of God': Justification of Military Violence in Mughal Imperial Discourse

Michel van Duijnen (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam): 'Sacrificed to the madness of the bloodthirsty sabre': The Great Turkish War and the visualization of violence in the Low Countries

Chair: Brian Sandberg (Northern Illinois University)

12.45 Lunch, Dining Hall

2 pm Session 5: Banditry, Raids and Non-state Warfare

Brian Sandberg (Northern Illinois University): Raiding war and globalization in the Early Modern World

Alexandr Osipian (National University of Kyiv): Dealing with bandits and authorities: legal and customary restraints of violence in the caravan trade between the Ottoman Empire, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, and Russia

Chair: Lauren Benton (Vanderbilt)

3.30 Tea and Coffee, Dining Hall

4 pm Session 6: Collective Violence, Riots and Massacres

Mark Meuwese (Winnipeg): The outburst and restraint of racial massacres in European colonies in the mid-eighteenth century

Gulay Yilmaz (Akdeniz University, Antalya): Violence taking over the Ottoman capital, urban protests of 17th century Istanbul

Chair: Adam Clulow (Monash)

7 pm Formal Dinner, Dining Hall (dress code smart casual)

1 July, Saturday

9 am Session 7: Revolutionary Violence

Joseph Clarke (Trinity College, Dublin): 'Preaching Philosophy at Bayonet Point': Violence and the French Revolutionary Wars

Anthony McFarlane (University of Warwick), Counter-Revolutionary Violence in Spanish America, 1810-1825.

Chair: Stuart Carroll (York)

10.30 Tea and Coffee, Dining Hall

11 am Session 8: Patterns of Violent Conquests

Lauren Benton (Vanderbilt): The Law of Small Wars: Rethinking Conquest in the Atlantic World

Wayne Lee (UNC): Conquer, Extract, and Perhaps Govern: Comparative Landscapes, Logistics, and Violence in the Early Modern World

Chair: Marie Houllemare (Amiens / Institute Universitaire de France)

12.30 Lunch and concluding discussion