

The Balkan Wars 1912/13. Experience, Perception, Remembrance

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Call for Papers

The conference aims to explore the two Balkan Wars of 1912/13 from the perspective of New Military History. We call for cross-disciplinary proposals approaching the Balkan Wars through a triple lens as *experienced*, *perceived* and/or *remembered*. Proposals should aim at scrutinizing these two wars on the basis of their manifold interconnections. We invite scholars to reflect on Koselleck's *Semantics of Historical Time(s)* (*Zeitschichten*) in order to approach the two wars as an integral part of the history of European wars in the 20th century.

We wish to explore the potential entanglements between the wars of 1912/13 and the wars that followed. In so doing, we will draw on recent research that has found connections between the worlds of meaning of the Second World War and the Yugoslav wars of the 1990s. The fact that the Balkan Wars knew no fully fledged post war era, for example, has received little attention so far. In addition to scholars of the Balkan Wars, therefore, we encourage scholars of the "other" European wars of the 20th century - the First and the Second World War as well as the Yugoslav wars of the 1990s - to submit proposals. Their contributions will foster a discussion that integrates the Balkan Wars into the perspectives put forth by the New Military History.

Potential topics include the social history of the military; war technology / modern warfare / war operations; front and homeland; physical violence; population movements; propaganda and censorship; life worlds of peace and war; symbols, imagery, (changing) discourses; illness, death, and health care; gendered perspectives; economy of the wars; diplomacy; remembrance.

The realization of the conference conceptualized by this Call for Papers is subject to the organizers' attainment of adequate funding.

The conference language is English.

Proposals must be no longer than **300 words**. Please include also a short biographic note and your institutional affiliation, as well as your contact details.

Deadline: 31 October, 2011.

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