Course Description

Day 1 (27/08) Militarism and early constitutionalism

09:00 – 10:30 Presentation and Comments  
10:30 – 10:45 Break  
10:45 – 12:00 Questions, Answers and General Discussion  

Discussion on Day 1 will focus on ways in which the first growth of constitutionalism was connected to military pressures in eighteenth-century Europe. It will discuss how basic forms of constitutional subjectivity and citizenship were inseparable from military roles, showing that the first emergence of normative principles that support democratic transformation was driven by military requirements and military constructions of human obligation.

Day 2 (28/08) Militarism and the growth of democracy

09:00 – 10:30 Presentation and Comments  
10:30 – 10:45 Break  
10:45 – 12:00 Questions, Answers and General Discussion  

Discussion on Day 2 will examine how the rise and consolidation of constitutional democracy in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries were determined by the militarization of national populations, such that democratic enfranchisement occurred as the domestic result of inter-state conflict. It will address ways in which the essential structure and diction of modern democratic politics were shaped by war.

Day 3 (29/08) Militarism and modern democratic systems

09:00 – 10:30 Presentation and Comments  
10:30 – 10:45 Break  
10:45 – 12:00 Questions, Answers and General Discussion  

The discussion on Day 3 will consider how modern democratic systems have been pacified, especially since 1945, and it will consider the patterns of constitutional norm construction that shaped this process. Emphasis will also be placed on ways in which contemporary democracies are increasingly exposed to the threat of remilitarization.

Suggested Bibliography


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