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The Promise and Legacies of the League of Nations



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PROGRAMME

18 September » ISCTE-IUL, Building II, 1st floor

11:00–13h00 / 14:00–16:00 | Registrarion

18 September » National Library of Portugal, Auditorium

14:30–15:00 | Welcome remarks

Maria Inês Cordeiro, Director of the National Library of Portugal

Representative from the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Pedro Aires Oliveira, Institute of Contemporary History of the NOVA School of Social Sciences and Humanities – NOVA FCSH (on behalf of the organizing committee)

15:00–17:15 | Round table: *The League of Nations: History and Legacies*

Moderation: Pedro Aires Oliveira (Institute of Contemporary History – NOVA FCSH)

With: Patricia Clavin (University of Oxford), Patrick Finney (Aberystwyth University), Philippe Rygiel (École Normale Supérieure de Lyon), Rui Tavares (ISCTE-University Institute of Lisbon)

17:30–18:30 | Panel: *League of Nations Archival Projects*

- Colin Wells (United Nations Library at Geneva): *The League of Nations Goes Digital: New Opportunities for Research in the League of Nations Archives*
- Margarida Lages (Archive and Library of the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Portugal) & Helena Pinto Janeiro (Institute of Contemporary History – NOVA FCSH): *Mapping out the League of Nations in Portugal*

18:30 | Port wine tasting

19 September » ISCTE-IUL, Building II

08:30–13:00 / 14h00–18h30 | Registration (1st floor)

09:00–09:40 | Keynote address (Auditorium B2.03, 2nd floor)

Moderation: Cristina Rodrigues (Institute of Contemporary History – NOVA FCSH)

Nicholas Werth (Institut d'Histoire du Temps Présent): *L'Union des Républiques Socialistes Soviétiques à Genève, 1934-1939*

09:40–11:20 | Parallel sessions

Session 1 | *The League of Nations Institutional Dimensions* (Auditorium B2.03, 2nd floor)

Moderation: Fernando Martins (University of Évora)

Katja Naumann (Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe & Leipzig University): *Empowering the League of Nations: Postimperial Transformations in Eastern Europe and Trans-national Agency in the League's Secretariat*

Karen Gram-Skjoldager (Aarhus University): *An Institution in the Making. A Sociological Exploration of the League of Nations Secretariat 1919-1946*

Torsten Kahlert (Aarhus University & Humboldt University of Berlin): *Inventors of International Bureaucracy. Prosopography of International Civil Servants of the League of Nations Secretariat*

Session 2 | *The League of Nations and Technical Cooperation* (Room C2.05, 2nd floor)

Moderation: João Paulo Avelãs Nunes (Centre of 20th Century Interdisciplinary Studies of the University of Coimbra – CEIS20-UC)

Paul Weinbaum (Duquesne University Pittsburgh): *Epidemics, Politics and Public Health, Ludwik Rajchman MD, The League of Nations Health Organization and the Creation of a Transnational Health Organization*

Quintino Lopes (Institute of Contemporary History – University of Évora): *Science and Diplomacy in the 1930s: The [Portuguese] National Education Board and the League of Nations*

David Petruccelli (Dartmouth College): *The League of Nations and the Making of the Illiberal International Order*

Session 3 | League of Nations, Refugees and the Minorities Question (Room B1.02, 1st floor)

Moderation: Yvette Santos (Institute of Contemporary History – NOVA FCSH)

David J. Smith (University of Glasgow): *Talking Past Each Other. Minority Rights and the Differing Statehood Conceptions of the European Nationalities Congress and the League'*

Marina Germane (University of Glasgow): *'The Two Great Minorities of 1918': Germans and Jews at the Congress of European Nationalities (1925-1933)*

Oskar Mulej (University of Vienna): *The German Nationalist Subversion of the European Nationalities Congress, 1933-1938*

Timo Aava (University of Vienna): *Mikhail Kurchinskii's International Minority Activism in the European Nationalities Congress, 1925-1939*

11:20– 11:40 | Coffee-break (1st floor)

11:40– 13:00 | Parallel sessions

Session 1 | Women and the League of Nations (Room C2.05, 2nd floor)

Moderation: Helena Pinto Janeiro (Institute of Contemporary History – NOVA FCSH)

Sara Ercolani (University of Bologna): *The Fight against the Traffic of Women and Minors Before and Within the League of Nations: A Path to Legitimacy for the European Civil Society*

Nova Robinson (Seattle University): *The Committee of Experts on the Legal Status of Women and Measuring the Status of "All the World's Women"*

Session 2 | *The League of Nations and International Security* (Room B1.02, 1st floor)

Moderation: Bruno Cardoso Reis (ISCTE-IUL)

Joseph A. Maiolo (King's College London): *The League of Nations, the Problem of Raw Materials and the Crisis of World Order in the 1930s*

David Ekbladh (Tufts University): *Plowshares into Swords: The League as an Instrument of War*

Natali Stegmann (University of Regensburg): *Social Rights and Conceptions of Peace in an East Central European Perspective*

13:00– 14:30 | Lunch

14:30– 15:10 | Keynote address (Auditorium B2.03, 2nd floor)

Moderation: João Paulo Avelãs Nunes (CEIS20-UC)

Philippe Rygiel (École Normale Supérieure de Lyon): *Dreaming of a Forum? International Legal Conversations on the Society of Nations in the Pre-1914 World*

15:10– 16:30 | Parallel sessions

Session 1 | *The United States and the League of Nations* (Room C2.05, 2nd floor)

Moderation: Mónica Dias (Portuguese Catholic University)

Geert Van Goethem (Institute of Social History & Ghent University): *Sidelined: International Social Policy and the American Architects of a New World Order (1941-1943)*

Ross A. Kennedy (Illinois State University): *A Commitment to Judge: Woodrow Wilson's Conception of Collective Security under the League of Nations*

Session 2 | Regional Perspectives on the League of Nations (Room B1.02, 1st floor)

Moderation: Pedro Aires Oliveira (Institute of Contemporary History – NOVA FCSH)

Carolin Liebisch-Gümüs (Kiel University): *Turkish Nation Building through the Lens of the League of Nations*

Jesús Manuel Bermejo Roldán (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia): *Comparative Analysis of the Integration and Performance of the Two Small Iberian Powers in the League of Nations (1919-1939)*

Andrei Mamolea (McGill University's Faculty of Law): *Escaping Washington's Tutelage: Latin America at the League of Nations*

16:30–16:50 | Coffee-break (1st floor)

16:50–18:10 | Parallel sessions

Session 1 | Cultural Approaches (Room C2.05, 2nd floor)

Moderation: Cláudia Ninhos (Institute of Contemporary History – NOVA FCSH)

Carolyn Bilotft (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies): *Switzerland: Decoding the Balance Sheet: Material Objects, Symbolic Capital and the Liquidation of the League of Nations*

Sebastian M. Spitra (University of Vienna & University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor): *Constructing International Community within the League of Nations: The Ambivalent Case of Cultural Heritage*

Ilaria Scaglia (Aston University): *Feeling the League of Nations: A Perspective from the History of Emotions*

20 September » ISCTE-IUL, Building II

08:30–13:00 / 14h00–16h00 | Registration (1st floor)

09:00–09:40 | Keynote address (Auditorium B2.03, 2nd floor)

Moderation: Patrick Finney (Aberystwyth University)

Patricia Clavin (University of Oxford): *Britain, Security, and the League of Nations*

09:40–11:20 | Parallel sessions

Session 1 | *The Mandate System and Empires* (Auditorium B2.03, 2nd floor)

Moderation: Helena Pinto Janeiro (Institute of Contemporary History – NOVA FCSH)

Thomas Gidney (Institute of International and Development Studies): *An Anomaly among Anomalies': Colonial Member States at the League of Nations*

Kate Burlingham (California State University): *From Hearing to Heresy: Angola, the Ross Report, and the League of Nations' Temporary Slavery Commission*

Jelmer Vos (University of Glasgow): *The League of Nations and the Discourse of 'New Slaveries' in Africa, 1900-2000*

Gavan Duffy (National University of Ireland–Galway): *"The Obligation to Work [is] Recognised in all Civilised Nations": The Permanent Mandates Commission and Labour Issues in the British Empire C Mandates 1920-1926*

Session 2 | *Women and the League of Nations* (Room C2.05, 2nd floor)

Moderation: Maria Inácia Rezola (Institute of Contemporary History – NOVA FCSH)

Rebecca Shriver (Missouri Southern State University): *Europe's Threat to the League: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom's Debate over European Integration and Protecting the League of Nations, 1923-1933*

Marie-Michèle Doucet (Royal Military College of Canada): *The Women of the World Want to Disarm: The League of Nations and the Disarmament Questions in the early 1930s*

Andrew M. Johnston (Carleton University): *“A Little Child, Born of Dissipated Parents”*: *The Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom’s Feminist Critique of the League of Nations, 1919-1924*

Session 3 | *The League of Nations Institutional Dimensions* (Room B1.02, 1st floor)

Moderation: Rui Aballe Vieira (Institute of Contemporary History – NOVA FCSH)

Martin Bemmann (University of Freiburg): *The League and the World. How and Why the League’s Economic Intelligence Service Shaped the Statistical Image of the World Economy*

Hannah Tyler (University of Lausanne): *Show Me the Money: The Financial Structure of the League of Nations Between 1920 and 1933*

11:20–11:40 | Coffee-break (1st floor)

11:40–12:40 | Parallel sessions

Session 1 | *The League of Nations and International Security* (Room C2.05, 2nd floor)

Moderation: Luís Nuno Rodrigues (ISCTE-IUL)

Thomas W. Bottelier & Nicholas Mulder (Erasmus University Rotterdam / King's College London & Columbia University): *Not Appeasement but Internationalism: A New Look at Non-Intervention in the Spanish Civil War*

Rob Konkel (Princeton University): *The League’s Raw Materials Problem: Metallic Minerals, Trading Blocs, and the Limits of Internationalism in the Age of Disequilibrium*

Session 2 | *Refugees and Humanitarianism* (Room B1.02, 1st floor)

Moderation: Yvette Santos (Institute of Contemporary History – NOVA FCSH)

Tomás Irish (Swansea University): *The “Moral Basis” of Reconstruction: The League of Nations and Intellectual Relief in the Aftermath of the Great War*

Hazuki Tate (Musashi University): *Cooperation and Competition between the League of Nations and the Red Cross Movement in their First Humanitarian Activities in the Post-War World*

12:40–14:00 | Lunch

14:00–14:40 | Keynote address (Auditorium B2.03, 2nd floor)

Moderation: Patricia Clavin (University of Oxford)

Patrick Finney (Aberystwyth University): *Aberystwyth and the League Experiment*

14:40–16:00 | Parallel sessions

Session 1 | *The League of Nations and Anti-imperialism / Anti-imperialist Movements* (Room C2.05, 2nd floor)

Moderation: Aurora Almada e Santos (Institute of Contemporary History – NOVA FCSH)

Michele L. Louro (Salem State University): *The Search for a “Real” League of Nations: The League against Imperialism and Alternative Histories of Interwar Internationalism*

Dolf-Alexander Neuhaus (Free University Berlin): *Betraying Asia: Criticisms of the League of Nations in Colonial East Asia, 1919-1926*

Reem Bailony (Agnes Scott College): *Competing Internationalisms and the Syrian Revolt of 1925*

Session 2 | *League of Nations and the “New Diplomacy” / Open or Public Diplomacy* (Room B1.02, 1st floor)

Moderation: Daniel Marcos (Portuguese Institute of International Relations – Universidade NOVA de Lisboa)

Erik Koenen, Arne L. Gellrich & Stefanie Averbeck-Lietz (University of Bremen): *The League of Nations “Open Diplomacy” – Strategy for a New Information Order*

Pelle Van Dijk (European University Institute): *Influencing Indian Public Opinion: The League of Nations’ Bombay Office*

Michael Auwers (University of Antwerp): *“Ces Dangereux Moyens de Pacifier l’Europe”*.
On the Strained Relationship between Professional Diplomats and the League of Nations

16:00–16:20 | Coffee-break (1st floor)

16:20–17:00 | Keynote address (Auditorium B2.03, 2nd floor)

Moderation: Bruno Cardoso Reis (ISCTE-IUL)

Mónica Dias (Portuguese Catholic University): *On American Greatness, Again... and the Urgency of Wilsonian Internationalism Today*

17:00–18:20 | Parallel sessions

Session 1 | *The League of Nations and Non-State Actors* (Room C2.05, 2nd floor)

Moderation: Ana Mónica Fonseca (ISCTE-IUL)

Sarah Shields (University of North Carolina): *The League of Nations, Non-State Actors, and the Challenges of Intervention*

Anne-Isabelle Richard (Leiden University): *The International Federation of League of Nations Societies*

Jan Stöckmann (University of Oxford): *The Architects of International Relations: Academia and Diplomacy at the League of Nations*

Session 2 | *The League of Nations and the Clash of Ideologies* (Room B1.02, 1st floor)

Moderation: Nicolas Werth (Institut d'Histoire du Temps Présent)

João Arsénio Nunes (ISCTE-IUL): *The Comintern and the League of Nations*

Martin Beddeleem & Hagen Schulz-Forberg (Aarhus University): *Intellectual Cooperation at the League of Nations: A Cradle for Neoliberalism?*

18:20 | Closing session (Auditorium B2.03, 2nd floor)

