

Stefan Manz, “Civilian Internment in the British Empire during WWI. Research Findings and Public Engagement.”

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The Historical, Cultural and Critical Inquiry Cluster at the University of Newcastle (Australia) is pleased to announce the next paper in our 2021 seminar series, on Friday 15 October 2021 from 9.30-10.30am Australian Eastern Daylight Time (GMT+11). A Zoom link is below. Our presenter is:

Civilian Internment in the British Empire during WWI. Research Findings and Public Engagement

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During the First World War, 30,000 civilian ‘enemy aliens’ were interned in Britain and a further 20,000 in its overseas territories. These were German, Austro-Hungarian, Ottoman and Bulgarian nationals who had moved to Empire locations before 1914 and were now seen as a threat to the safety of the realm. Imperial infrastructures allowed for large-scale and long-distance deportations, as well as concentration of ‘enemy aliens’ in imperial outposts. Camps such as Holsworthy in New South Wales, which was the largest facility outside Britain, are now reconsidered within their global context. The paper argues that, although conditions in the camps were generally humane, the operations caused suffering among those interned as well as their families left behind. The second part of the paper will introduce a range of public engagement activities which were part of the wider, AHRC-funded project: an international travelling exhibition, theatre plays, German-

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English translations of original sources, education resources for primary schools, and the Internment Research Centre based in the Scottish Borders Archive.

Monograph: Stefan Manz and Panikos Panayi, *Enemies in the Empire. Civilian Internment in the British Empire during the First World War*, Oxford University Press 2020

Public Engagement: <http://www.stobscamp.org/irc/>

Stefan Manz is Professor of German and Global History at Aston University Birmingham, UK. His current project (2021-22) is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and entitled 'South Africa in World War I: Digital and Virtual Experiences'.

Zoom meeting ID: 870 4036 3272 (Open from 9:15am)

Password: 783069

To Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:
<https://uonewcastle.zoom.us/j/87040363272?pwd=QTJQait4ZFFMa1pKYVgzQzhPTH.>

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The event will not be recorded.

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