

## **HIEU 183/283. Social History and Anthropology of the Mediterranean**

Wednesday, 11:00 - 1:50

H & SS Room 5086

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Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30 -11:30

This seminar introduces you to some of the important topics historians and anthropologists examine in their studies of the peoples who live around the Mediterranean. The topics selected for Spring Quarter 2009 focus on the interrelated issues of honor, gender, banditry and violence.

### Grading Criteria:

Class participation: 30%

Assignment 1: 20%

Assignment 2: 20%

Assignment 3: 30%

There are three graded writing assignments. Please select two of topics listed below (except for those relating to the Mediterranean Debate) and write a 5-8 page review of the assigned readings. You are to summarize the main arguments of each piece and then connect them to one another. **Assignments 1 & 2 are due on the day we discuss the topics you have selected.** Your third assignment is based on your first two. After consulting with me on additional works that you are to read you are to combine your first two papers, adding the new materials and produce a 15-20 page essay on the topics you selected. **Assignment 3 is due on June 3.**



### **Book to Purchase:**

Gallant, Thomas W. Experiencing Dominion: Culture, Identity and Power in the British Mediterranean. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2002.

### **April 1: Introduction.**

April 8: The Mediterranean Debate, part 1

Boissevain, J. "Toward an Anthropology of the Mediterranean." Current Anthropology 20 (1979): 81-93.

Gilmore, David D. "Anthropology of the Mediterranean Area." Annual Review of Anthropology 11 (1982): 175-205.

Herzfeld, Michael "The Horns of a Mediterraneanist Dilemma." American Ethnologist 1115, no. 3 (1984): 439-454/339-351.

Pina-Cabral, J. de "The Mediterranean as a Category of Regional Comparison: A Critical View." Current Anthropology 30, no. June 3 (1989): 399-407.

**April 15: The Mediterranean Debate, part 2**

Sant Cassia, Paul, and Isabel Schäfer. "Mediterranean Conundrums':

Pluridisciplinary Perspectives for Research in the Social Sciences." History and Anthropology 16, no. 1 (2005): 1-23.

Albera, Dionigi. " Anthropology of the Mediterranean: Between Crisis and Renewal." History and Anthropology 17, no. 2 (2006): 109-33.

Horden, Peregrine, and Nicholas Purcell. "The Mediterranean and "The New Thalassology"." The American Historical Review no. 3 (2006), <http://www.historycooperative.org/journals/ahr/111.3/horden.html>.

Gallant, Thomas W. "Europe and the Mediterranean: An Assessment." In Europe and Asia Beyond East and West, edited by Gerard Delanty, 120-37. New York: Routledge, 2006.



**April 22: Honor and shame**

Schneider, Jane "Of Vigilance and Virgins: Honor, Shame and Access to Resources in Mediterranean Societies " Ethnology 10, no. 1 (1971): 1-24.

Blok, Anton "Rams and Billy-Goats: A Key to the Mediterranean Code of Honour." In Religion, Power and Protest in Local Communities: The Northern Shore of the Mediterranean, 51-70. The Hague: Mouton, 1984.

Herzfeld, Michael "Honour and Shame: Problems in the Comparative Analysis of Moral Systems." Man 15 (1980): 339-51.

Galt, Anthony H. "Does the Mediterraneanist Dilemma Have Straw Horns?" American Ethnologist 12 (1985): 369-71.

Baron, Beth. "Women, Honour, and the State: Evidence from Egypt." Middle Eastern Studies 42, no. 1 (2006): 1-20.

**April 29: Honor and Violence**

Gallant, Experiencing Dominion, chapters 4, 5 & 6.

Gallant, Thomas W. "'When Men of Honor' Met 'Men of Law': Violence, the Unwritten Law and Modern Justice." In Crime, Violence and the Modern State, 1780-2000, edited by Shani d'Cruze, Efi Avdela and Judith Rowbotham, 1-25. London: Edwin Mellen, 2008.

Montecón, Tomás. "The Pattern of Violence in Early Modern Spain." Journal of the Historical Society 7, no. 2 (2007): 229-64.

**May 6: Gender, Violence and the Law**

Avdela, Efi "Making sense of "hideous crimes": Homicide and the cultural remaking of sociality in post-civil-war Greece." Conference "Crime, Violence and the Modern State", Rethymno, 9-11 March 2007.

Gallant, Experienceing Dominion, chapter 7.

Gallant, Thomas, "Women, Crime and the Courts on the Ionian Islands during the Nineteenth Century," Hellenic Studies, Princeton University (2008).

Smith, A. "Murder in Jerba: Honour, Shame and Hospitality among Maltese in Ottoman Tunisia." History and Anthropology 15, no. 2 (2004): 107-32.

### **May 13: Bandits and Brigandage**

Gallant, Thomas W. "Brigandage, Piracy, Capitalism, and State-Formation: Transnational Crime from a Historical World Systems Perspective." In States and Illegal Networks, 25-61. London: Berg, 1999.

Sant Cassia, Paul. "Banditry, Myth, and Terror in Cyprus and Other Mediterranean Societies." Comparative Studies in Society and History 35, no. 4 (1993): 773-96.

Sant Cassia, Paul. "'Better Occasional Murders Than Frequent Adulteries': Banditry, Violence and Sacrifice in the Mediterranean." History and Anthropology 12, no. 1 (2000): 65-99.

Driessen, Henk "The 'Noble Bandit' and the Bandits of the Nobles?: Brigandage and Local Community in Nineteenth-Century Andalusia." Archive of European Sociology 24 (1983): 96-114.

### **May 20: Bandits and the State**

Batalas, Achilles. "Send a Thief to Catch a Thief : State-Building and the Employment of Irregular Military Formations in Mid-Nineteenth-Century Greece." In Irregular Armed Forces and Their Role in Politics and State Formation, edited by Diane E. Davis and Anthony W. Pereira, 149-77. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2002.

Bryant, Rebecca "Bandits and 'Bad Characters': Law as Anthropological Practice in Cyprus, C. 1900." Law and History Review 21, no. 2 (2003): 243-70.

Brown, Nathan "Brigands and State Building: The Invention of Banditry in Modern Egypt." Comparative Studies in Society and History 32, no. 2 April (1990): 258-81.

Karabellias, Gerassimos. "From National Heroes to National Villains: Bandits, Pirates and the Formation of the Greek State." In Subalterns and Social Protest: History from Below in the Middle East and North Africa, edited by Stephanie Cronin, 263-83. New York: Routledge, 2008.

Koliopoulos, John S. "Brigandage and Irredentism in Nineteenth-Century



Greece." European History Quarterly 19 (1989): 193-228.

**May 27: Kidnapping and Feuding**

Blinkhorn, Martin. "Liability, Responsibility and Blame: British Ransom Victims in the Mediterranean Periphery, 1860-81." Australian Journal of Politics and History 46, no. 3 (2000): 336-56.



Arsovska, J., and P. Verduyn. "Globalization, Conduct Norms and 'Culture Conflict': Perceptions of Violence and Crime in an Ethnic Albanian Context." British Journal of Criminology 48, no. 2 (2008): 226-46.

Gould, Roger V. "Collective Violence and Group Solidarity: Evidence from a Feuding Society." American Sociological Review 64 (1999): 356-80.

Gould, Roger V. "Revenge as Sanction and Solidarity Display: An Analysis of Vendettas in Nineteenth-Century Corsica." American Sociological Review 65, no. 5 (2000): 682-705.

Shryock, A. S. "Autonomy, Entanglement, and the Feud: Prestige Structures and Gender Values in Highland Albania." Anthropological Quarterly 61 (1988): 113-18.

**June 3: Hand-in Assignment 3**

