

HIEU 183/283. Bandits & Pirates of the Mediterranean

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GRADING CRITERIA

Grade Criteria

Seminar Participation: 30%

Notes: 20%

Each week you will submit your notes on that week's readings. A Word template file has been provided for your use.

Writing Assignments (2 x 25% each): 50%

You will a 8-10 page (3000 words) paper using the secondary and primary sources for the two case studies. The historians' accounts are based on the sources that you will reading. You are: 1) summarize the main points and arguments in the historical literature; 2) assess those summaries and arguments based on your reading of the primary sources; 3) offer your own interpretation of case study under review.

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READINGS

Week 2. The Big Picture

Eric Hobsbawm, Bandits, 2001 edition.

Week 3. The Social Bandit Debate

Gallant, Thomas W. (2014). Outlaws: Bandits, Pirates and the Making of the Modern World. New York: Routledge. "Chapter 1.Introduction: Studying Outlaws".

Blok, Anton (1972). The Peasant and the Brigand: Social Banditry Reconsidered. Comparative Studies in Society and History, 14, 494-503.

Hobsbawm, Eric. (1972). Social Bandits: A Reply. Comparative Studies in Society and History, 14, 503-505.

Slatta, Richard W. (2004). Eric J. Hobsbawm's Social Bandit: A Critique and Revision. A Contracorriente, 2, 1-30.

Kim, Wagner. (2007). Thuggee and Social Banditry Reconsidered. The Historical Journal, 50(02), 353-376.

Week 4. Bandits in Society

Gallant, Thomas W. (2014). Outlaws: Bandits, Pirates and the Making of the Modern World: "Chapter 4. Bandits, Pirates and the Development of a Capitalist World Economic System"

- Anscombe, Frederick. (2005). Albanian and "Mountain Bandits". In Frederick Anscombe (Ed.), Ottoman Balkans, 1750-1830 (pp. 87-114). Princeton: Markus Wiener Publishers.
- Driessen, Henk. (1983). The 'Noble Bandit' and the Bandits of the Nobles?: Brigandage and Local Community in Nineteenth-century Andalusia. Archive of European Sociology, 24, 96-114.
- Sant Cassia, Paul. (2000). 'Better Occasional Murders than Frequent Adulteries': Banditry, Violence and Sacrifice in the Mediterranean. History and Anthropology, 12(1), 65-99.

Primary Sources:

A selection of government accounts, travelers records, and others on banditry.

Week 5. Political Bandits?

- Gallant, Thomas W. (2014). Outlaws: Bandits, Pirates and the Making of the Modern World: "Chapter 5. Bad Men on the Edge: State Formation and the Consolidation of Power".
- Esmer, Tolga U. (2014) "Economies of Violence, Banditry and Governance in the Ottoman Empire Around 1800." *Past & Present* 224, no. 1 : 163-199.
- Sant Cassia, Paul (1993). Banditry, Myth, and Terror in Cyprus and Other Mediterranean Societies. Comparative Studies in Society and History, 35(4), 773-796.

Primary Sources:

A selection of government accounts, travelers records, and others on banditry.

Week 6. Imagining Bandits

- Currott, Nicholas A., & Fink, Alexander. (2012). Bandit Heroes: Social, Mythical, or Rational? American Journal of Economics and Sociology, 71(2), 470-497.
- Seal, Graham. (2009). The Robin Hood Principle: Folklore, History, and the Social Bandit. Journal of Folklore Research, 46(1), 67-89.
- Dodds, Ben. (2011). Jaime el Barbudo and Robin Hood: bandit narratives in comparative perspective. Social History, 36(4), 464-481.

Primary Sources:

1. A selection of Greek "bandit" folksongs
2. A selection of visual images of bandits.

Week 7. Cultures of Violence

- Gallant, Thomas W. (2000). Honor, Masculinity, and Ritual Knife-fighting in Nineteenth Century Greece. American Historical Review, 105(2), 359-382.
- Gallant, Thomas W. (2008). 'When Men of Honor' Met 'Men of Law': Violence, the Unwritten Law and Modern Justice. In Shani d'Cruze, Efi Avdela & Judith Rowbotham (Eds.), Crime, Violence and the Modern State, 1780-2000 (pp. 1-25). London: Edwin Mellen.
- Wilson, Stephen. (1981). Conflict and Its Causes in Southern Corsica, 1800-1835. Social History, 6(January), 32-69.
- Montecón, Tomás. (2007). The Pattern of Violence in Early Modern Spain. Journal of the Historical Society, 7(2), 229-264.
- Gould, Roger V. (2000). Revenge as Sanction and Solidarity Display: An Analysis of Vendettas in Nineteenth-century Corsica. American Sociological Review, 65(5), 682-705.

Week 8. Piracy

- Anderson, John L. (1995). Piracy and World History: An Economic Perspective on Maritime Predation. *Journal of World History*, 6(2), 175-199.
- Ginio, E. (2001). Piracy and Redemption in the Aegean Sea during the first half of the Eighteenth century. *Turcica*, 33, 135-147.
- Gounaris, Basil C. "Unwanted Heroes? British Privateering, Commerce, and Diplomacy in the Mid-Eighteenth-Century Eastern Mediterranean." *Mediterranean Studies* 22, no. 2 (2014): 135-165.
- Rejeb, Lotfi Ben. (2012). 'The general belief of the world': Barbary as genre and discourse in Mediterranean history. *European Review of History—Revue européenne d'histoire*, 19(1), 15–31.
- Pennell, Chris R. (1994). The Geography of Piracy: Northern Morocco in the Mid- nineteenth Century. *Journal of Historical Geography*, 20(3), 272-283.

Primary Sources

- Commons, House of. (1840). Papers relative to Piracy in Adriatic. COMMAND PAPERS; ACCOUNTS AND PAPERS (pp. XLVIII.65). London: House of Parliament.
- Vasdravellis, J D. (1975). *Klephts, Armatoles and Pirates in Macedonia during the Rule of the Turks*. Thessaloniki: Makedoniki Bibliothiki. Selected documents.

Week 9. Case Study 1. Kidnapping and Captivity Narratives

- Blinkhorn, Martin. (2000). Liability, Responsibility and Blame: British Ransom Victims in the Mediterranean Periphery, 1860-81. *Australian Journal of Politics and History*, 46(3), 336-356.
- Blinkhorn, Martin. (1999). Narratives of captivity: bandit hostages in the Mediterranean periphery, 1860-1914, presented at SSHA 25th Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, 1-14.

Primary Sources

- About, Edmond (1854). *King of the Mountain*. Boston: D. C. Heath & co.
- Moens, W J C. (1866). *English Travellers and Italian Brigands: A Narrative of Capture and Captivity*. New York: Harper & Brothers Publishers.

Week 10. Case Study 2. The Dilessi Murder

- Jenkins, Romilly. (1999). *The Dilessi Murders*. London: Prion Press.

Tzanelli, Rodanthi. (2002). Unclaimed Colonies: Anglo-Greek Identities Through the Prism of the Dilessi/Marathon Murders (1870). *Journal of Historical Sociology*, 15(2), 169-191.

Primary Sources:

- Muncaster, L. (1989). *Ransom and Murder in Greece: Lord Muncaster's Journal 1870*. Cambridge: Lutterworth.
- Gennadios, J. (1870). *Notes on the Recent Murders by Brigands in Greece*. London: F.T. Cartwright.
- Tuckerman, C K. (1872). The Massacre Near Marathon. *Harper's New Monthly Magazine*, 45(267), 434-444.

Selection of Newspaper Clippings on both events.