

## CENFAD Fall 2020 Lecture Series Archive

### Fall 2020

*“Paramilitarism: Mass Violence in the Shadow of the State”*

**Dr. Uğur Ümit Üngör, Professor of History at the University of Amsterdam**  
**Wednesday, September 2, 4:30pm**

Uğur Ümit Üngör is Professor of History at the University of Amsterdam and the Institute for War, Holocaust, and Genocide Studies in Amsterdam. His main areas of interest are the history and sociology of mass violence, with a particular focus on the modern and contemporary Middle East. He is an editor of the *Journal of Perpetrator Research*, and coordinator of the *Syrian Oral History Project*. His publications include *Genocide: New Perspectives* (Amsterdam University Press, 2016, ed.), *Confiscation and Destruction: The Young Turk Seizure of Armenian Property* (Continuum, 2011), and the award-winning *The Making of Modern Turkey: Nation and State in Eastern Anatolia, 1913-1950* (Oxford University Press, 2011). From 2014 to 2019, Üngör coordinated a Dutch Research Council-funded research project on paramilitarism, which led to the monograph *Paramilitarism: Mass Violence in the Shadow of the State* (Oxford University Press, 2020). He is currently working on its follow-up monograph *Assad's Militias and Mass Violence in Syria* (forthcoming, 2021).

- [Interview with Uğur Ümit Üngör](#)
- [Video of Uğur Ümit Üngör's Lecture](#)

*“In Camps: Vietnamese Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Repatriates”*

**Dr. Jana K. Lipman, Associate Professor of History at Tulane University**  
**Wednesday, September 30, 4:30pm**

Dr. Lipman is a scholar of U.S. foreign relations, U.S. immigration, and labor history. While her research spans numerous geographies, from Cuba to Hong Kong, at its core it investigates the local histories of diplomatic politics. Her first monograph, *Guantánamo: A Working-Class History between Empire and Revolution* (University of California Press, 2009), argued how Cuban base workers were key actors in shaping U.S.-Cuban relations in Guantánamo, before, during, and after the revolution.

Her new book, *In Camps: Vietnamese Refugees, Asylum-Seekers, and Repatriates* (University of California Press, 2020), reveals how first asylum sites (places that hosted refugee camps) “pushed” the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to reshape international refugee policy. It also argues how Vietnamese activists in the camps and diasporic activists in resettlement countries influenced U.S. and international refugee policy. This project engages with questions raised by historians of human rights, humanitarianism, refugee studies, and Asian American studies. *In Camps* raises key questions that remain all too relevant today: Who is a refugee? Who determines this status? And how does it change over time? Drawn from archival research in Malaysia, Hong Kong, the Philippines, the UNHCR, and southern California, *In Camps* pays close attention to host territories and Vietnamese activism in the camps and the diaspora.

Dr. Lipman has also published essays about the relationship between the U.S. military and refugee camps, and she co-edited multiple projects on U.S. Empire. Her future projects include investigating the histories of sexual violence and the U.S. military, collaborative projects on Southeast Asia and U.S. foreign relations, and an ongoing commitment to public history.

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*"Workers of the World, Modernize: Labor Transnationalism, the CIA, and the Nonstate Origins of Kennedy's Trade Union Development Program for Latin America"*

**Dr. Thomas Field Jr., Professor of History at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**

**Wednesday, October 7, 4:30pm**

Thomas C. Field Jr. (PhD, London School of Economics) is author of *From Development to Dictatorship: Bolivia and the Alliance for Progress in the Kennedy Era* (Cornell University Press, 2014), which received the Thomas McGann Award from the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies and was named a Choice "Outstanding Academic Title" by the American Library Association. Field is also the recipient of the Stuart L. Bernath Scholarly Article Prize and the Betty M. Unterberger Dissertation Prize, both from the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. He is currently writing a book on the 1967 death of Ernesto "Che" Guevara and its impact in Bolivia, Latin America, and the wider Third World.

- [Video of Thomas Field Jr's Lecture](#)

*"Colombia's Security Situation Four Years After Peace"*

**Dr. Robert Karl, Associate Professor of Arts & Humanities at Minerva Schools at Keck Graduate Institute**

**Wednesday, October 28, 4:30pm**

Robert Karl is an expert on Latin America/Caribbean history and contemporary affairs. He is the author of *Forgotten Peace: Reform, Violence, and the Making of Contemporary Colombia* (2017), and is currently researching the history of impunity in modern Colombia. In addition to his scholarly work, he has served as an expert country-conditions witness in the cases of more than two dozen Colombian asylum seekers, and as a Senior Advisor to the Princeton Asylum Project. He is currently Associate Professor of Arts & Humanities at Minerva Schools at KGI, and was previously Assistant Professor of History at Princeton University (2010–19) and Member at the Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science (2019–20).

- [Interview with Robert Karl](#)
- [Video of Robert Karl's Lecture](#)

*"Enemies and Lovers: Soviet-American Relations during the Cold War"*

**Dr. Rósa Magnúsdóttir, Associate Professor of History at Aarhus University**

**Wednesday, November 4, 4:30pm**

Rósa Magnúsdóttir is Associate Professor of History at Aarhus University, with a focus on cultural diplomacy, propaganda, and ideology during the Cold War. Her most recent publications focus on the Soviet-American cultural Cold War, Soviet-American intermarriage, Cold War biography, and European soft power and public diplomacy. She is currently working on a joint biography of two Icelandic communists as well as a monograph on Soviet-American intermarriage during the Cold War. In her presentation at CENFAD, she will present the main conclusions of her most recent book, *Enemy Number One: The United States in Soviet Ideology and Propaganda, 1945-1959* (Oxford University Press, 2019) in the context of how the two superpowers navigated the personal relations of their citizens.

- [Video of Rósa Magnúsdóttir's Lecture](#)

*“How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States”*

**Dr. Daniel Immerwahr, Professor at Northwestern University**

**Wednesday, November 18, 4:30pm**

Look at a map of the United States and you'll see the familiar cluster of states in North America, plus Hawai'i and Alaska in boxes. But what about Puerto Rico? What about American Samoa? The country has held overseas territory—lands containing millions of U.S. nationals—for the bulk of its history. They don't appear often in textbooks, but the outposts and colonies of the United States have been central to its history. This talk explores what U.S. history would look like if it weren't just the history of the continental states but of all U.S. land: the Greater United States.

Dr. Daniel Immerwahr, is a professor of history at Northwestern University, where he teaches global history and U.S. foreign relations. His first book, *Thinking Small* (Harvard 2015), a history of U.S. grassroots antipoverty strategies, won the Organization of American Historians' Merle Curti Award for best work of U.S. intellectual history. His second, *How to Hide an Empire* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2019), a retelling of U.S. history with the overseas parts of the country included in the story, is a national bestseller. Immerwahr is currently working on two research projects, one on the pop culture of U.S. global hegemony, the other a book about nineteenth-century urban catastrophes. Immerwahr's writings have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, *Slate*, *The Nation*, and *The New Republic*.

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- [Video of Daniel Immerwahr's Lecture](#)