

GENOCIDAL MASSACRE IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE, ASIA, AND THE AMERICAS

Saturday 29 September 2012 - 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
Jackman Humanities Building
170 St. George Street – Room 100 A
Toronto, Ontario

This interdisciplinary and cross cultural discussion of genocide deliberately moves the discussion out of the twentieth century and European/Western contexts that shape so much of current research. Experts will discuss incidents of genocide in early modern Latin America, Goa, Vietnam, the Caribbean, Bengal, and the Great Lakes area of North America; some, though not all, involved European soldiers and settlers. This will be followed by an open panel discussion on historical, theoretical, and linguistic issues: how do we speak to and about genocide?

Schedule:

9:00 – 10:30 Forms of Genocide

Chair: Nicholas Terpstra

“Genocide and Gendercide in Sixteenth Century Portuguese Goa.”

Bindu Malieckal, Saint Anselm College

“Chiattorer Monnontor: Taxation, Mortality and the Bengal Famine of 1770”

Amrita Sen, Oklahoma City University

“Anti-Catholic Violence in Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Vietnam?”

Nhung Tran, University of Toronto

10:30-10:45: Break

10:45-12:00: Discourses of Genocide

Chair: Nicholas Terpstra

“The Destruction of the Huron Wendat and the Language of Genocidal Massacre”

Heidi Bohaker, University of Toronto

“Discourses of Violence: Writing the Massacre at the Templo Mayor”

Pablo García Loaeza, West Virginia University

“The narrative of 'aboriginal absence' in the Caribbean”

Melanie Newton, University of Toronto

12:00-12:15: Break

12:15-1:30: Panel – How Do We Talk about Early Modern Global Genocide?

Participants: Doris Bergen (History - Toronto) & Ato Quayson (CDTS)

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