

**Violence and Social Change in
Lithuania, Belarus, and
Central-Eastern Europe in the 20th Century**

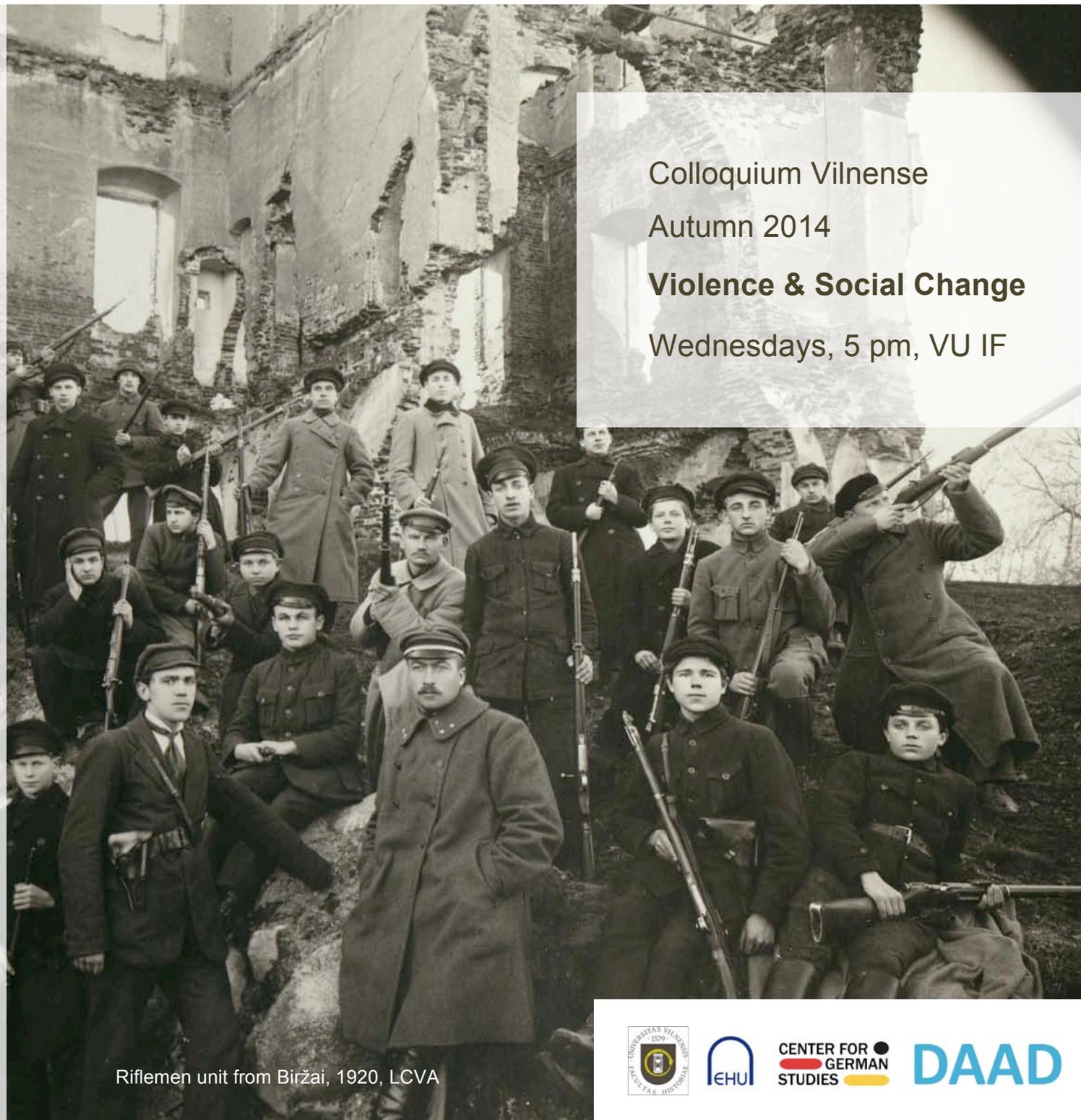
The 'short 20th century'—as opposed to 'the long 19th century'—was characterized by high levels of destruction. Wars, ideological conflicts, population mobilizations, massive displacements, and genocides lay at the heart of the emergence of modernity across the continent. Throughout the century, Lithuania, like many other European societies, was a 'shatterzone' in which different nationalist, liberal, and socialist aspirations clashed, each claiming parts of the region and its people as part of their 'new orders.'

The seminar series is designed to discuss the latest research on the relationship between different forms of violence and the constitution of modernity in Lithuania and a broader East European region in the 20th century. It aims to generate interdisciplinary discussion by bringing together scholars from various disciplinary and cultural backgrounds. Our speakers will explore a variety of military, ideological, ethnic, and social conflicts and their impact on social and cultural transformation in Lithuania and other Central and Eastern European societies. We will explore the link between the dynamics of military violence, paramilitary cultures, forced migrations, genocide, social disruptions, and mobilizations. Special attention will be paid to those groups traditionally perceived as lacking 'historical agency' and often unrepresented in dominant historiographies: war refugees, deportees, displaced persons, brutalized soldiers, civilians, and ethnic minorities.

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Riflemen unit from Biržai, 1920, LCVA

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29 October 2014 | 18.30 | English | Universiteto g. 7 / 211
Stephan Lehnstaedt (Warsaw)

**Military rule and economic management:
The example of Poland during two world wars**

Comment: Zenonas Norkus (Vilnius)

26 November 2014 | 17.00 | English | Universiteto g. 7 / 329
Juozapas Paškauskas (Vilnius)

**Hooliganism in early 20th-century Vilnius:
Social sources of violence**

Comment: Ryšardas Gaidis

4 February 2015 | 17.00 | English | Universiteto g. 7 / 329
Almira Ousmanova (Vilnius)

Ethics and poetics of the moment (of death)

Natalija Arlauskaitė (Vilnius)

How to look at the Archive of Atrocities

12 November 2014 | 17.00 | English | Universiteto g. 7 / 329

Rasa Antanavičiūtė, Laimonas Briedis,
Laima Laučkaitė-Surgailienė, & Lara Lempertienė

**War in Lithuania:
Culture, identity and memory**

Comment: Andrea Griffante (Vilnius)

2 December 2014 | 17.00 | English | Universiteto g. 7 / 329
Franziska Exeler (Moscow)

**Determining Guilt in Post-Nazi Occupation
Soviet Belorussia**

Iryna Kashtalian (Minsk)

Family-relations in post-war Belarus

Comment: Irina Romanowa (Vilnius)

11 February 2015 | 17.00 | English | Universiteto g. 7 / 329
Michael Galbas (Konstanz/Moskau)

**Social strategies of legitimisation of the
Soviet-Afghan war in 21st-century Russia**

Felix Ackermann (Vilnius)

**Successors to the Great Victory:
Afghan veterans in post-Soviet Belarus**

19 November 2014 | 17.00 | English | Universiteto g. 7 / 329
Klaus Richter (Birmingham)

**Displacement without moving borders:
Territory and population politics in Lithuania,
1915 – 1926**

Comment: Tomas Balkelis

10 December 2014 | 17.00 | English | Universiteto g. 7 / 329
Markus Nesselrodt (Berlin)

**Polish-Jewish Displaced Persons and their
Story of survival in the Soviet Union**

Violeta Davoliūtė (Vilnius)

**Jewish deportees to the Gulag:
Lithuania's forgotten story**

18 February 2015 | 17.00 | English | Universiteto g. 7 / 211
Jörg Baberowski (Berlin)

Khrushchev and the end of violence

Comment: Saulius Grybkauskas (Vilnius)