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Luca Di Mauro, Archivio di Stato di Milano

The European Constitutional Brothers and La Fayette's (Attempted) Comeback

Although famous throughout the world and a member of the elected Chamber during the Restoration, the Marquis de La Fayette participated in several conspiracies against the throne of Louis XVIII between 1820 and 1823. These also had an international dimension through affiliation with the secret society of the Fratelli Costituzionali Europei, founded by Guglielmo Pepe with the aim of bringing together the continent's liberal elites and enabling joint political projects.

However, the failure of the secret society's ambitious plans marked La Fayette's departure from the world of clandestinity and the start of his triumphant journey to the United States, the abandonment of any conspiratorial plans and, eventually, his support for the new constitutional monarchy of the Orleans.

Keywords: La Fayette; Secret Societies; Restauration; International Liberalism.

Calixte Madej, Université Paris 1 «Panthéon-Sorbonne»

Trans-State Volunteering. French Residents in Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil during the Franco-Prussian War of 1870–71

The article examines the mobilisation of French expatriates from South Atlantic America (Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil) during the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-1871. Building on, yet moving beyond, existing scholarship on transnational armed volunteering, it introduces the category of “trans-state volunteering” to investigate the motivations, practices, and the tensions surrounding the patriotism of hundreds of French citizens – often long-term residents or even native of foreign countries – who decided to take up arms in support of France.

Keywords: Armed Volunteering; Citizenship; Foreigners; National Identity; Nationalism.

Pierre Julhes, Sorbonne Université, Paris

The World of Prisons. International Penitentiary Reform in the Long Nineteenth Century

Based on research into the construction and circulation of penitentiary knowledge over the long 19th century, this paper focuses on the formalization and institutionalization of an international penitentiary issue. By studying the dynamics involved in bringing together the scholarly and political worlds interested in the question of detention, we will be able to observe the gradual structuring of a transnational movement in favor of prison reform. From the end of the 18th century, the penal prison was negotiated and debated across the world, through voyages, research missions, congresses and exhibitions. These new events were designed to defend its social role in penal matters.

Keywords: Prison Reform; Scientific Travel; Prison Reformers.

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Massimiliano Vaghi, Università di Bergamo

France in India during the Wars of the American Revolution. Notes on the Franco-Anglo-Indian Conflict in the Deccan (1782–1783)

This article examined the pivotal question of the continuity of French policy in India, a major theatre of the Anglo-French global rivalry throughout the 18th century. During this period, relations between the French, the British, and the Indian states evolved toward an ever-growing European interference in the internal affairs of the Indian states, especially during the so-called “struggle for India” between Britain and France in the Seven Years’ War. According to the Treaty of Paris (1763), the French were confined to their coastal settlements by their British rivals and were compelled to dismantle all defensive works. Nevertheless, the French government did not forget the economic relevance of its Indian possessions, nor the role those colonies had played in the global struggle with Britain. For the French elites, the American Revolution represented a new opportunity to restart the conflict in India – a truly global war, fought also in the Deccan with the support of Indian allies.

Keywords: France; Deccan; Anglo-French Rivalry (18th Century), American Revolution.