

Interwar Crossroads

Entangled Histories of the Middle Eastern and North Atlantic World between the World Wars

Studying the entangled histories of the areas conceptualized as Middle Eastern and North Atlantic World in the interwar years is crucial to understanding the two areas' respective and common histories until today. However, many of the manifold connections, exchanges, and entanglements between the areas have not received thorough scholarly attention yet. The contributors to this volume address this by bringing together various innovative and interdisciplinary approaches to the topic. They thereby further the understanding of the two areas' entangled histories and diversify prevailing concepts and narratives. Through this, the volume also offers enriching insights into the global history of the early 20th century.

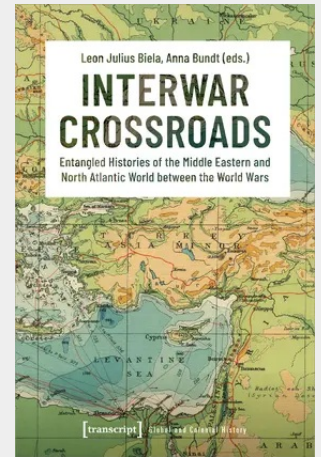
1. Why did you choose this topic? Both of us were working on projects related to what would become the topic of the volume. We realized that there are still many aspects of the entangled histories of the Middle Eastern and North Atlantic World during the interwar years that remain to be explored or are in need of being revisited from new perspectives. This is why we decided to edit a volume that brings together the innovative research results of early career scholars in the field and thus furthers the understanding of the regions' entangled histories.

2. What new perspectives does your book offer? The volume understands the two regions' histories as entangled in a way that makes it necessary to study them together. Furthermore, it promotes an understanding of the 1920-30s on their own right, not as a mere bridge between two World Wars. Within this framework, the volume's chapters employ various methodical approaches, showing the dense interconnections of the interwar histories of the Middle Eastern and North Atlantic World and their lasting consequences.

3. What makes your topic relevant for current research debates? In the last two decades, historical research has become increasingly concerned with the global and transnational. The volume positions itself squarely within this current and the research debates it engendered. It seeks to enrich them with its conceptual framework and its focus on the exchanges, connections, and entanglements of the Middle Eastern and North Atlantic World in the interwar years. Due to their innovative and interdisciplinary approaches, each chapter is a contribution to ongoing research debates.

4. Choose one person you would like to discuss your book with! About 20-25 years ago, many scholars set out to explore what global, transnational, and entangled histories were or should be. They theorized about the potential such approaches could yield, talked about possible outcomes, and imagined which new questions these approaches could raise and eventually answer. For us, it would be highly interesting to talk to those pioneering scholars about their opinion on what has happened in the field since, whether their hopes and expectations have been met.

5. Your book summary in one sentence: A multi-faceted and interdisciplinary approach to the entangled histories of the Middle Eastern and North Atlantic World in the interwar years.



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