



Call for Papers

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

IMPERIAL EXPERIENCES IN FAMILY VIOLENCE: CRIMES AND CRIMINOLOGY IN 19th-20th CENTURIES

Date: December 15–16, 2025

Location: Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania, Vilnius, Lithuania

The University of Helsinki and the Lithuanian Institute of History are pleased to announce the international conference "Imperial Experiences in Family Violence: Crimes and Criminology in 19th–20th centuries." The event will take place at the Martynas Mažvydas National Library's which serves as a partner in hosting the conference. This gathering aims to examine the historical dimensions of family violence within imperial contexts.

By exploring legal practices, social perceptions, and criminological approaches across different empires, the conference seeks to analyze how state policies, legal transformations, and cultural norms shaped responses to violence in the family. Bringing together scholars from diverse disciplines, the event fosters a comparative discussion on the intersection of law, crime, history, and family dynamics in imperial settings.

We invite scholars and practitioners to submit original paper proposals. Contributions may address, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Legal definitions and regulations of family violence in imperial systems
- The role of courts, law enforcement, and state institutions in addressing domestic violence
- The impact of legal reforms on the prosecution and adjudication of family violence
- Imperial legal frameworks and their relationship with gender, family authority, and social hierarchy
- Social perceptions and responses to family violence among state authorities, religious institutions, and communities
- Legal and extralegal punishments for domestic crimes and their evolution over time
- Judicial and societal treatment of intimate partner homicide, child abuse, and other forms of family violence
- The influence of class, ethnicity, religion, and geography on legal and social responses to family violence
- Comparative perspectives on family violence across different empires, including Russian, Ottoman, British, and Soviet contexts
- The adaptation and exchange of legal and social measures in regulating family violence between imperial authorities
- Family violence in colonial and peripheral regions versus imperial centers
- The role of patriarchal norms and power structures in shaping family violence and state responses
- Women's and marginalized groups' strategies for resisting, reporting, and legally challenging domestic violence
- The impact of modernization, nationalism, socialism, and colonial rule on attitudes and policies toward family violence
- Archival, judicial, and media representations of family violence and their reflections on broader social transformations

The conference will be held in person in Vilnius, Lithuania. The working language of the event is **English**. There is **no participation or registration fee**. A limited number of bursaries to cover conference costs for young scholars without funding or scholars coming from low-income countries will be available.

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the **Conference Organizing Committee** to determine the final list of speakers. Accepted participants are expected to participate in the post-Conference publication (the format to be determined based on

the abstracts submitted). Speakers will be required to submit a longer version of their presentation (3,000-5,000 words) before the conference by **December 1, 2025.**

Submission Guidelines:

Please submit a 300-500 words original abstract along with a short academic biography via the link here.

Submission deadline: June 15, 2025

Notification of acceptance: July 15, 2025

For any inquiries, please contact: feverhelsinki@gmail.com

Organizers: University of Helsinki and Lithuanian Institute of History



Partners: The Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania, University College Dublin, NGO Ribologija, The Family, Women and Children History Researchers Network, The National Archives of Latvia and The Lithuanian Association of Criminologists.



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