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*Scorched Earth: A Conversation with  
Emmanuel Kreike on War and the Environment*

Thursday, 31 March 2022

## ***SCORCHED EARTH: A CONVERSATION WITH EMMANUEL KREIKE***

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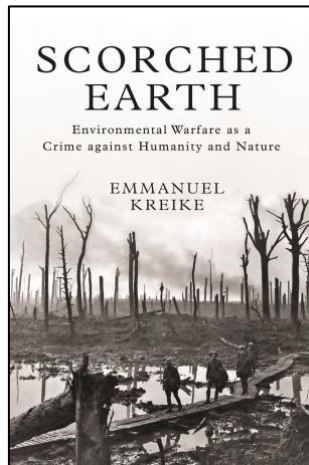
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**Participants:** Emmanuel Kreike (Princeton University)  
Munira Khayyat (American University in Cairo)

**Moderator:** Gaetano Di Tommaso (RIAS)



**WEBINAR** Organized by the RIAS and the Centre for Modern History - City, University of London

**DATE** Thursday, 31 March 2022, 17:00-18:00 (CET)

**LOCATION** Online via Teams (register [here](#))

The environmental infrastructure that sustains human societies has been a target and instrument of war for centuries, resulting in famine and disease, displaced populations, and the devastation of people's livelihoods and ways of life. Historian Emmanuel Kreike's latest book, *Scorched Earth* traces the history of how war, from the sixteenth to the twentieth century, has resulted in the deliberate destruction of the environment – an “environcide” as Kreike puts it. For this reason, Kreike argues, war should constitute a crime against both humanity and nature.

Prof. Kreike will address instances of environcide and population displacement in the Americas and will converse about the impact of war on society and the environment with Prof. Munira Khayyat, whose research revolves around life in war and whose forthcoming manuscript – *A Landscape of War: Ecologies of Resistance and Survival in South Lebanon* – explores the ways in which humans and other living beings survive and even thrive in militarized and war-seasoned environments.

Dr. Gaetano Di Tommaso will moderate the event, which will include a Q&A session.

**To attend the webinar, please register [here](#)**

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The link to access the webinar will be made available to the registered participants on the day of the event.

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