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**“HAS ANYTHING BEEN DONE ABOUT SHIPPING 20,000 INTERNEES TO NEWFOUNDLAND OR ST. HELENA?”**

Much has been written and researched about the Third Reich's slave labour policies that saw millions of Europeans deported to German concentration camps in occupied Europe. Likewise, the war crimes committed by Germans in the European theatre of war have become an important research field for lawyers of international criminal and military law and for historians alike. But after all, it was a World War - that draw on any resources the Axis-powers and the Allies could mobilize. It often meant that the Geneva Convention on the treatment of prisoners of war was violated. The quote used in my title is from a memo Churchill wrote in June 1940.

As the British government anticipated the German invasion after the defeat of the French and British armies at Dunkirk in 1940, all German, Austrian and Italian nationals residing in GB became enemy aliens. The British government decided to remove them from Great Britain to British Crown colonies and countries half-sovereign like the Dominion of Canada.

In my talk, I will provide some insight into my current research of the Allied Internment Camps in Canada and will broadly review the policies under which these programs were executed. I will give an outline of the motivations for deportation and internment policies and introduce to the groups of people who became victim of these policies. Based on diaries of interned civilian refugees, I will share personal accounts of their detention, deportation and life in the internment and labour camps in the Dominion of Canada. The talk will close with some conclusions about the public recognition of these Allied camps, the crimes committed in execution of these policies and the pertinent Canadian memory politics.

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