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The Extraterritorial Century

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rethinking nationality and religion
in the Mediterranean, 1815-1915

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The nineteenth century Mediterranean is often thought of as a crucible of imperialism; the new “*age of empire*” can be said to have dawned on the shores of Algeria when France invaded in 1830. Less well understood is the way in which informal imperialism transformed the interactions between Western, Middle Eastern, and North African polities—particularly in the form of extraterritorial privileges for European subjects in the Islamic Mediterranean. The number of Christians, Jews, and Muslims with extraterritoriality skyrocketed in the nineteenth century, setting the stage for a new understanding of nationality as a legal category of belonging on both shores of the Mediterranean. In her workshop presentation, Jessica Marglin will trace the relationship between extraterritoriality and nationality in the nineteenth century in order to recover a connective history of the modern Mediterranean.

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