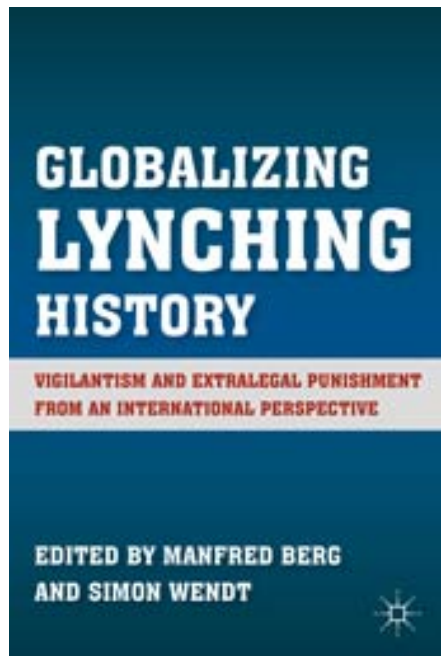


NEW BOOK

Globalizing Lynching History: Vigilantism and Extralegal Punishment from an International Perspective

Edited by Manfred Berg and Simon Wendt



Abstract:

This book takes a first step toward globalizing the history of lynching. Covering fourteen countries and five continents, it demonstrates that lynching has neither been a uniquely American phenomenon, nor did it exclusively target racial and ethnic minorities. Instead, what appears to be common to vigilantism and extralegal punishment around the globe is the ideology of popular justice, the idea that lynching represents a form of communal self-defense against crimes that are unchecked by the state. The multidisciplinary and multiregional approach of this volume will lay the groundwork for a more thorough understanding of mob violence and extralegal punishment in the United States and the world.

Reviews:

“This work is a welcome addition to the literature on lynching and mob violence. It convincingly demonstrates that extralegal killings by non-state actors have historically been a worldwide phenomenon and rightly argues that these unlawful undertakings were often freighted with notions of communal justice. Moreover, this volume charts new directions in the study of mass violence and its philosophical underpinnings.”

--- CLAUDE CLEGG, professor,
Department of History, Indiana University

“Berg and Wendt’s collection broadens the study of lynching by light years. By showing that societies, particularly outside Europe and North America, still often resort to extra-legal communal violence, this ground-breaking work demonstrates that lynching is still alive.”

STEPHEN J. LEONARD, chair and professor of History,
Metropolitan State College of Denver

“*Globalizing Lynching History*, an impressive volume of cross-national research on lynching in Africa, Australia, Europe, Latin America, the Ottoman Empire, and the United States, highlights the relationship of vigilantism to class, state, and change. Berg and Wendt’s thirteen cross-disciplinary chapters produce finely crafted empirical arguments for theorizing modern lynching within relatively hegemonious states that are balancing glaring class inequities with their own legitimacy – particularly when confronted by rapid deterioration of political stability.”

MARTHA K. HUGGINS, Tulane University, and
Author of *Vigilantism and the State in Modern Latin America*