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The warfare and hostilities in the Eastern and Balkan Fronts of the First World War challenged, almost immediately (beginning with early August 1914), the legal standards of territorial occupation as laid down by the Hague Convention. The chaotic course of sudden offensives and panic-stricken retreats, and the shock triggered by the unexpectedly huge toll, favoured the release of violence against civilians. Whether the civilians were alien or the army's 'own', did not matter much; the dividing line separated, mostly, the military and the civilians, regardless of their nationality. These developments, so shocking for the European public opinion, occurred – at least to some degree – as a resumption of conquest mechanisms that had been known to Europe (and beyond) for hundreds of years. Some of these mechanisms were, simply, the phenomena inseparably connected with any conflict. Some had a more determinable provenance – such as the contribution system, which first appeared in Eastern Europe during the Thirty Years' War.

While not negating the tragic dimension of war and occupation, the recent studies on social history of war have added to the catalogue of afflictions and calamities the aspect generically described as 'negotiation'. It has been emphasised that the relations with civilians were not always entirely asymmetrical. The picture has gained complexity owing to the establishment of modern occupation regimes, with the addition of the administrative structures – military, civil, or mixed – and their operations.

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