



Aldebert | Henrich-Franke | Laborie | Proschmann | Thiemeyer [Eds.]

# Conflict in Cooperation

Crossborder Infrastructures in Europe  
Facing the Second World War



Nomos

**The series**

**“Historical Dimensions of European Integration”**  
**is edited by**

**Prof. Dr. Guido Thiemeyer | Dr. Christian Henrich-Franke**

**Founding editor:**

**Prof. Dr. Gerold Ambrosius**

**Volume 34**

Valentine Aldebert | Christian Henrich-Franke  
Léonard Laborie | Sabrina Proschmann  
Guido Thiemeyer [Eds.]

# Conflict in Cooperation

Crossborder Infrastructures in Europe  
Facing the Second World War



© Coverpicture: Deutsche Bahn AG, Verkehrsmuseum Nürnberg

The series “Historical Dimensions of European Integration” was edited by Nomos up to volume 29 on behalf of the Institut für Europäische Regionalforschungen (Institute for European Regional Research) by Prof. Dr. Gerold Ambrosius and was published under the title “Institut für Europäische Regionalforschungen – Institute for European Regional Research”.

**The Deutsche Nationalbibliothek** lists this publication in the Deutsche Nationalbibliografie; detailed bibliographic data are available on the Internet at <http://dnb.d-nb.de>

ISBN            978-3-8487-8885-9 (Print)  
              978-3-7489-2940-6 (ePDF)

#### **British Library Cataloguing-in-Publication Data**

A catalogue record for this book is available from the British Library.

ISBN            978-3-8487-8885-9 (Print)  
              978-3-7489-2940-6 (ePDF)

#### **Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data**

Aldebert, Valentine | Henrich-Franke, Christian | Laborie, Léonard  
Proschmann, Sabrina | Thiemeyer, Guido  
Conflict in Cooperation  
Crossborder Infrastructures in Europe Facing the Second World War  
Valentine Aldebert | Christian Henrich-Franke | Léonard Laborie  
Sabrina Proschmann | Guido Thiemeyer (Eds.)  
257 pp.  
Includes bibliographic references.

ISBN            978-3-8487-8885-9 (Print)  
              978-3-7489-2940-6 (ePDF)

1st Edition 2022

© The Authors

Published by

Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG  
Waldseestraße 3–5 | 76530 Baden-Baden  
[www.nomos.de](http://www.nomos.de)

Production of the printed version:

Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG  
Waldseestraße 3–5 | 76530 Baden-Baden

ISBN            978-3-8487-8885-9 (Print)  
ISBN            978-3-7489-2940-6 (ePDF)  
DOI            <https://doi.org/10.5771/9783748929406>



This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution  
– Non Commercial – No Derivations 4.0 International License.



Onlineversion  
Nomos eLibrary

# Table of Content

Conflict in Cooperation – Some Introductory Words	7
Chapter I: Wartime Postal and Telecommunications	
<i>Sabrina Proschmann</i>	
European Postal Services During the Second World War – German Hegemony vs. Technochratic Traditions	23
<i>Valentine Aldebert</i>	
“Cooperate!” – The Occupied French Administration, European Telecommunications and War: A Fragile Balance	43
<i>Christian Henrich-Franke</i>	
‘Objective Operations’ under Swiss Neutrality? The International Broadcasting Union during WWII	71
<i>Valentine Aldebert</i>	
Giuseppe Gneme (1872-1958): The “Dean” of Telecommunications	81
<i>Pascal Griset</i>	
Pierre Marzin: Innovator and Techno-Patriot	87
<i>Christian Henrich-Franke, Sabrina Proschmann</i>	
German Careers within the European Postal and Telecommunications Union (EPTU) – Continuities and Discontinuities	109
<i>Sabrina Proschmann</i>	
Representing the EPTU to a Wider Public – Stamps Commemorating the Union’s Foundation	119
Chapter II: Comparison With Inland Transport Infrastructures	
<i>Guido Thiemeyer</i>	
Inland Navigation Infrastructures and the Second World War: The Example of the Rhine Region	125
<i>Martial Libera</i>	
Canalization of the Moselle River during the Second World War: Continuities or Departures between Nazi Policy and Long-Term River Improvement Plans?	145

*Table of Content*

*Jiří Janáč*

- Navigating the Middle: Integration of Inland Navigation in Central Europe and the Second World War 161

*Léonard Laborie*

- Railways: Halted Multilateral Cooperation, Valid Multilateral Agreements 193

*Mathieu Flonneau*

- Shaping Motorway Europe: Between War and Peace 207

*Martial Libera*

- Karel Paul van der Mandele (1880-1975) 215

*Claire Aslangul-Rallo*

- Prosperity and Identity: European Networks in *Signal Magazine*. An Argument used to promote the Nazi Project for the Continent's Unification 219

*Julia Eichenberg*

- A View from London – Some concluding Remarks 247