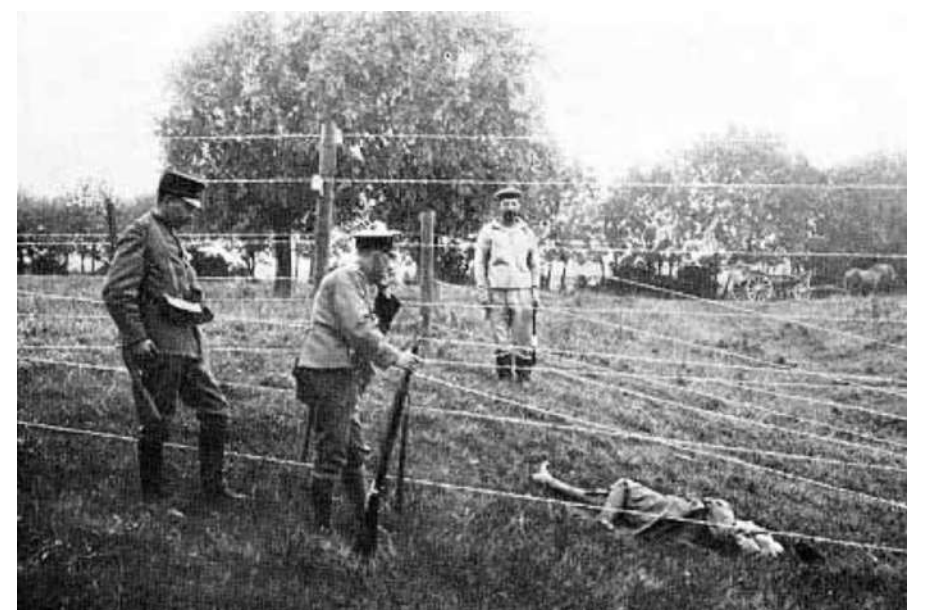
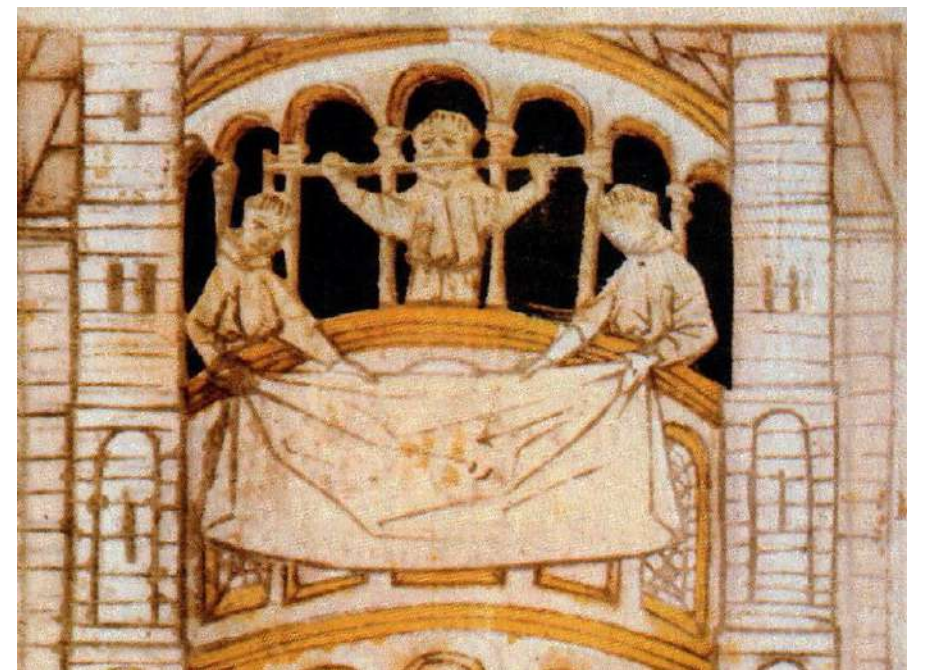


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We draw the past

Migration

People migration is an actual theme in Europe. As a result of the war situation in Syria, many people were on the move, with a extreme in 2015. But migration is of course not a novelty of today. Migration is as old as people roam the earth. Before people got settled, hunters and gatherers migrated along rivers and lived in cave dwellings. Since the early Neolithic period people started building houses and villages, keeping livestock and feeding themselves through agriculture. And from that moment on, land was possessed, people defended their possessions and migration became a problem. Through time, this problem changed in form and intensity. Today's migration-'problems' in that sense completely fit in our human history.



Pilgrims

Pilgrims came to and traveled between Euregional cities. Aachen and Maastricht were and still are famous pilgrger-destinations. As punishment for crimes or to gain indulgences, pilgrims walked, prayed and kneeled for relics of various saints. These pilger masses could even take the form of temporary mass-migrations, in times of the septennial pilgrimages (Heiligdomsvaarten). Many Euregional cities also have Saint-James refugio's, in which pilgers could overnight and rest. These stations functioned as transit stations to Santiago de Compostella, during which local churches were visited and relics were worshiped. In the Middle Ages, but even today pilger migration is substantially.

Mobile Armies and WWI Refugees

In the post medieval period armies marched through Europe and the Euregio, for 'national' wars and local rebellion. The soldiers often were foreigners, and influenced the peoples where they temporarily settled. During the First World War, French and Belgian civil refugees came to the Dutch Euregio, to be as safe as possible for the German invaders and for war crimes.