## Military households

Week 15 Seminar

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## Quick class activity (5-10mins):

• With your neighbour(s)/in small groups, discuss the ways in which the military household can be understood as a site of care and a site of violence, Do you think one is ultimately dominant? groups will be invited to share their conversations as the starting-point for our class discussion.

## What is the military household?

- Feminine vs masculine?
- Social reproduction? Is the work done by wives/mothers different from what they do for the economy?
- To what extent, if at all, are military households qualitatively different to 'civilian' households?
- How do militarism and capitalism intersect in the military household? Where/how are gender, sexuality and race present?

Is this work political?

"Very few of the women I spoke to viewed this labour as political – in other words as part of the social fabric on which the military as an institution relies (and, not unproblematically, as an extension of its war work). "(Hyde 2014)

https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/can-europe-make-it/remembrance-and-reservereserve-army-of-labour

Discipline Vs emotion-- Maculine vs feminine

Battlefield not a place of emotion?

marriage or attachment to a family hampers or aids the soldier's fighting ability?

• Differences in the Global north vs Global south?

What does the military household say about society and politics?



• City of Westminster, erected 2005