USA AND BRAZIL IN WARTIME
A COMPARATIVE STUDY FROM THE 1860S

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This presentation compares manpower shortages during the US Civil War and during Brazil’s War with Paraguay (both in the 1860s), and the crisis those shortages created in both governments. In particular, Dr. Izecksohn will analyze the consequences of the Enrollment Act (1863) that nationalized recruitment in the United States, and the Brazilian government’s decree 3383 (1865), that transferred nearly 15,000 soldiers of the Brazilian National Guard to the front with Paraguay.

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