

Questions for Immigration and Colonialism in the Inter-War Years

Elisa Camiscioli, *Reproducing Citizens, Reproducing the French Race*

How did both pro-natalism and France's status as a colonial power influence French attitudes towards immigrants in the 1920s and 1930s?

Why were Italians, Poles, and Spaniards considered the most desirable immigrants group?

Why did pro-natalists particularly favor marriages between foreign men and French women ?
What commonly accepted stereotypes about gender roles influenced their ideas?

Alice Conklin, *Redefining Frenchness*

Why did the 1912 law allowing for Africans to obtain French citizenship become problematic for French colonial administrators after World War I?

Why were white French women allowed to accompany their husbands to West Africa in the post-World War I years when they had not been able to do so before?

What role were women supposed to play in the colonies?

How did their arrival complicate race-relations?

Why did concern about "race-mixing" become stronger in the inter-war years?