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Ajangiz, Rafa, [The European Farewell to Conscription \[1\]](#), In , [The Comparative Study of Conscription in the Armed Forces \[2\]](#) Oxford, JAI/Elsevier, , 2002, pp. 307-333

Discusses the relative impact of 'reasons of state' and 'social mobilization' (against conscription) as factors leading to the abandonment of conscription.

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Surveys provisions for conscientious objection to military service, and expresses particular concerns in relation to treatment of COs in some countries. Recommends the release of all COs in prison, that all member states of EU and Council of Europe re-examine their legislation regarding conscientious objection, and that the EU include in the criteria for membership the recognition of conscientious objection and provisions for alternative service 'of non-punitive length'.

Biesemans, Sam, [The Right to Conscientious Objection and the European Parliament \[4\]](#), Brussels, European Bureau for Conscientious Objection, 1995, pp. 109

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Blatt, Martin ; Davis, Uri ; Kleinbaum, Paul, [Dissent and Ideology in Israel: Resistance to the Draft, 1948-1973 \[5\]](#), London, Ithaca Press for Housmans Bookshop, WRI, Middle East Research Group (MERAG) and Lansbury House Trust Fund, 1975, pp. 194

Accounts by Israeli conscientious objectors of their experience and the reasons for their stance. Editors relate these to a critique of Zionism.

Braithwaite, Constance, [Conscientious Objection to Compulsions Under the Law \[6\]](#), York, William Sessions, 1995, pp. 421

History of conscientious objection to compliance with various legal provisions involving compulsion of citizens, including taking of oaths, vaccination and religious education. Chapter on ethical and political problems related to conscientious objections takes the form of imaginary dialogue between author and a critic of her thesis.

Brock, Hannah, [The Return of Conscription? \[7\]](#), War Resisters' International, 18/01/2018,

The author, a full time worker at War Resisters' International with a focus on support for conscientious objectors to military service, discusses whether the previous trend towards the abolition of conscription around the world is being reversed. She notes that it has been reintroduced in Ukraine, Georgia, Lithuania and Kuwait (after a short period when it was not in force) and introduced for the first time by Qatar and the United Arab Emirates; in total over 100 states practice, responding with varying degrees of harshness to objectors. Most states impose conscription for men, but both Norway and Sweden (where it had been reintroduced) extend it to women. The article discusses the varying regional security situations, which influence states to use conscription and carrying rounds for exemption.

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Anthology of prison memoirs by conscientious objectors from World War One to the Cold War. Contributions from Britain, Canada, New Zealand and the USA.

Casquette, Jesus, [The Sociopolitical Context of Mobilization: The Case of the Anti-Militarist Movement in the Basque Country](#) [9], *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*, Vol. 1, issue 2 (Sept), 1996, pp. 203-212

Cinar, Ozgur Heval, [Conscientious Objection to Military Service in International Human Rights Law](#) [10], New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2013, pp. 276

An updated overview of the recognition of the right to conscientious objection in international human rights law, with a focus on the UN and Council of Europe.

Cinar, Ozgur Heval ; Usterci, Coskun, [Conscientious Objection: Resisting Militarized Society](#) [11], London, Zed Books, 2009, pp. 272

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Explores theoretical arguments for and against selective objection, together with case studies from US, Britain, Australia, Germany and Israel.

Elster, Ellen ; Sørensen, Majken Jul, [Women Conscientious Objectors: An Anthology](#) [14], London, War Resisters' International, 2010, pp. 156

A collection of essays by and about women COs in USA, Europe, Turkey, Israel, Eritrea, Korea, Paraguay and Colombia.

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Flynn, Eileen P., [My Country Right or Wrong: Selective Conscientious Objection in the Nuclear Age](#) [17], Chicago IL, Loyola University Press, 1985, pp. 98

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The most authoritative country by country survey of the position on conscription and conscientious objection in all member states of the UN, following the same formula in each case and setting out legal possibilities for avoiding military service. Historical overview of the evolution of conscription and conscientious objection appended to many country reports. There are also often additional sections on forced recruitment by non-governmental armed groups. Each report is dated. The online version includes updates, especially 2008, on all the countries (and then candidate countries) in the Council of Europe, see <http://www.wri-irg.org/co/rtba/index.html> [19]. The 2008 update also published separately as: , [Professional soldiers and the right to conscientious objection in the European Union](#) [20] Brussels, Tobias Pfluger MEP, European Parliamentary Group European United Left/Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL), , 2008, pp. 60

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Speck, Andreas, [Refusal in the International War Resistance Movement: An Outline of Contemporary Refusal and Refusal Movements in Various Political Circumstances throughout the World](#) [32], War Resisters' International website, 05/09/2007,

Speck, Andreas, [Transnational Solidarity and War Resistance: The Case of Turkey](#) [33], In Clark, [People Power: Unarmed Resistance and Global Solidarity](#) [34] (A. 1.b. Strategic Theory, Dynamics, Methods and Movements [35]), London, Pluto Press, pp. 164-170

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