## Citizenship status and anti-miscegenation legislation in Samoa: American and German Samoa 1889-1914 in historical context

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The changes in law and policy regarding anti-miscegenation in German colonial Samoa and in turn of the century American Samoa foreshadowed the segregation laws of 20th century Western cultures. Although both the German and U.S. governments sought to incorporate native Samoans into the governing of the islands in some capacity, the ambitions of the two Western presences in Samoa differed significantly.

The dissertation will examine the German colony and the United States territory managed by the U.S. Navy regarding their laws and policies involving the rights and citizenship of native Samoans.

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