

“Samoa's Annexation” (1899)

Abstract

In 1900, the German Empire declared the island nation of Samoa a German protectorate and thus it became the colony of German Samoa. Due to its non-violent colonization, Samoa was regarded as a German “model colony”. This caricature by Ottmar Zieher accordingly depicts the process of colonization as the courtship of a gallant (male) empire personified as a diplomat for the exotic (female) Samoa.

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