

MAY 8–10, 2017
 HERRENHAUSEN PALACE, HANOVER, GERMANY
 HERRENHAUSEN SYMPOSIUM



THE LONG END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR RUPTURES, CONTINUITIES AND MEMORIES

The symposium focuses on the relation between global history and social history, highlighting actors and regions, and it systematically engages with the issue of diverse periodizations. In discussing linkages between experience, historiography, and commemoration, the symposium aims at unsettling the notion of a static and clearly defined “end” of the War, a construct mainly based on European developments. How did the developments which marked the end of the War differ regionally, and how did prisoners of war, demobilized soldiers, women, or children from and in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East perceive and experience the “end”? How did this “end” influence new networks, social movements, society, economic processes, or ecological developments? And how were these questions discussed by contemporary intellectuals? With the centennial of the outbreak of the War and the increasing temporal distance it conveys, the nature of remembrance, too, is changing. 2014 was marked by extensive commemoration activities in many parts of the world, not only on various political levels but also in the media, in the fields of literature and in the arts. The symposium asks whether and how they shaped contemporary dialogues on commemoration – not only in Asia, Africa, or Latin America but also in Europe. Can the loss of “Zeitzeugen” be compensated by the use of electronic and other media? And: does this make transnational commemoration easier (or more difficult)? We are particularly interested in issues and questions of what could be called “non-memory”, forgotten or submerged memories. What is written out of historical narratives and what is being rediscovered? In this respect, the symposium will also discuss questions of changing memories and contested commemorations.

Registration: <https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/veranstaltungskalender.html>

There is no charge for attendance, but registration is essential.

Monday, May 8, 2017	
Conference Opening: The Long End of the First World War Ruptures, Continuities and Memories	
1:00 p.m.	Welcome Addresses Wilhelm Krull , Secretary General, Volkswagen Foundation Andreas Gestrich , Director, German Historical Institute London Introduction Ulrike Freitag , Zentrum Moderner Orient, Germany
SESSION 1: Post-War Political Frameworks, Networks and Movements Chair: Jennifer Jenkins , University of Toronto	
1:20 p.m.	The First World War as a Crisis of the Imperial Order Radhika Desai , University of Manitoba The shaping of transnational racial and civilizational identities in the Middle East and/or the Far East Cemil Aydin , University of North Carolina

New Research Projects

Chairs: **John Horne**, Trinity College Dublin, and **Heather Jones**, London School of Economics

2:45 p.m. | Young researchers present their posters in a short talk

3:30 p.m. | *Coffee Break and Poster Session*

SESSION 2: New Fault Lines, New Wars

Chair: **Michael Provence**, UC San Diego

4:00 p.m. | East Asian History Wars as a Legacy of the First World War
Yang Biao, East China Normal University, Shanghai

The First World War and Oil
Dan Tamir, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The physical and mental presence of arms and demilitarization
Felix Brahm, German Historical Institute London

6:00 p.m. | *Coffee Break and Poster Session*

SESSION 3: Arab Liberalism in the 1920s

Chair: **Astrid Meier**, Orient Institute Beirut

6:30 p.m. | **Elizabeth F. Thompson**, University of Virginia

7:30p.m. | *Dinner*

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

SESSION 4: Humanitarianism

Chair: **Maria Framke**, University of Rostock

9:00 a.m. | International and Transnational Initiatives on behalf of Prisoners of War and Refugees at the End of the First World War
Francesca Piana, Swiss National Science Foundation

Humanitarianism and China
Alexandra Pfeiff, EUI Florence

10:30a.m. | *Coffee Break*

SESSION 5: Ecological Impacts of the War

Chair: **Chris Gratien**, Georgetown University

11:00 a.m. | Environmental Impact of the First World War with a Focus on South Asia
Iftekhhar Iqbal, Department of History University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

The Long Term Impacts of the First World War on the Food Security of the Southern Red Sea Region
Steven Serels, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Germany

12:30 p.m. | *Lunch Break*

SESSION 6: Reversed Attitudes

Chair: **Torsten Weber**, Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien, Tokyo

2:30 p.m.	Interaction between African, Indian, and European Soldiers and Civilians in the Colonial Theatres of War Daniel Steinbach , King's College London Women in Post-World War One Japan Andrea Germer , Kyushu University
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4:00 p.m. *Coffee Break*

SESSION 7: Remembrance without "Zeitzeugen"?

Chair: **Santanu Das**, King's College London

4:30 p.m.	"Forgotten Soldiers of Empire" – The First World War as a Film Documentary Min Yong-Eung , EBS South Korea The First World War in International Textbooks Kerstin Schwedes , Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research Digging Deep, Crossing Far - The First World War from the Radio to Sound Art Julia Tieke , Deutschlandradio Kultur and others
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6:00 p.m. *Dinner*

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

SESSION 8: Sharing History: Museums and Exhibitions

Chair: **NN**

9:00 a.m.	War and Sikhs: Road to the Trenches Jasdeep Singh , The National Army Museum, London "Carnival of Hell". The First World War and the Senses Paula Lutum-Lenger , Haus der Geschichte Baden-Württemberg (tbc) Exhibitions on the First World War in Russia Oxana Nagornaja , South Ural Institute of Management and Economics
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10:30 a.m. *Coffee Break*

SESSION 9: New Historiographies

Chair: **Christine Hatzky**, University of Hanover

11:00a.m.	<p>The First World War: Commemoration, New Research and Debates during the Centennial in Europe Michael Epkenhans, Zentrum für Militärgeschichte und Sozialwissenschaften der Bundeswehr, Potsdam</p> <p>The First World War: Commemoration, New Research and Debates during the Centennial in East Africa, the Middle East and India Katrin Bromber, Katharina Lange and Heike Liebau, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Germany</p>
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SESSION 10: Towards a New Chronology

Chair: **Andreas Gestrich**, German Historical Institute London

12:15 p.m.	<p>Santanu Das, King's College London Ulrike Freitag, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Germany Jennifer Jenkins, University of Toronto Michael Provence, UC San Diego Brigitte Reinwald, University of Hanover Torsten Weber, Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien, Tokyo</p>
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Closing Remarks

1:10 p.m.	Wilhelm Krull , Secretary General, Volkswagen Foundation
1:15 p.m.	<i>Lunch and End of Conference</i>