

OCTOBER 28 - 30, 2013
HERRENHAUSEN PALACE, HANOVER, GERMANY
HERRENHAUSEN SYMPOSIUM

THE WORLD DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR Perceptions, Experiences, and Consequences

a symposium by the Centre for Modern Oriental Studies, the Department of History, University of Hanover
the German Historical Institute London and the Volkswagen Foundation



When the First World War is described as the seminal catastrophe of the 20th century, this refers mainly to its effects on Europe. However, this perspective does not adequately capture the global dimensions of the War, especially when it comes to the investigation of socio-historical aspects, war experiences, or the perceptions of veterans and populations. The symposium entitled "The World during the First World War - Perceptions, Experiences, and Consequences" aims to focus on the First World War as a global event with far-reaching consequences. Examination of incidents in Asia, Africa, and Latin America not only makes it possible to address the causes, courses, and consequences of the First World War in their global diversity, but it also allows the determining factors of time and space to be taken into account. During the conference emerging issues will be tackled, questions will arise concerning new methodological approaches, and a "relativist chronology" in the sense of Reinhart Koselleck's "Layers of Time" will be discussed.

In particular regional developments and their actors need to be examined very closely. This includes not only active combatants such as soldiers, officers, and rear services, but also the civilian population, intellectuals, and policy makers. Analysis of local social, economic, and political movements in Asia, Africa, and Latin America before, during, and after the First World War with respect to the mandate solutions and the October Revolution removes research from the constraints of a narrow European approach.

Monday October 28th, 2013

from
12:00 a.m. Registration and Get Together

Conference Opening

2:00 p.m. Welcome Addresses
Dr Wilhelm Krull
Secretary General, Volkswagen Foundation, Germany
Professor Ulrike Freitag
Centre for Modern Oriental Studies, Germany
Professor Helmut Bley
Department of History, University of Hanover, Germany

SESSION 1
The World Dimension of the First World War Rediscovered

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

2:25 p.m. Keynote: Not the End of the World – The Great War in a Global Perspective
Professor Stig Förster
University of Bern, Switzerland

3:30 p.m. Coffee Break

4:00 p.m.	<p><i>The World Dimension of the First World War Rediscovered – The Regional Perspective</i></p> <p>Professor Stefan Rinke Institute for Latin American Studies, Free University of Berlin</p> <p>Professor Toyin Falola Frances Higginbotham Nalle Centennial Professor in History, University of Austin, Texas, USA</p> <p>Professor Stefan Reichmuth University of Bochum, Germany</p> <p><i>Chinese Perceptions and Experiences with the Great War and their Consequences</i></p> <p>Professor Guoqi Xu History Department, University of Hong Kong, China</p>
6:15 p.m.	Break
7:00 p.m.	Conference Dinner

Tuesday October 29th, 2013	
SESSION 2 Impacts of the War on Political Movements <u>Chair: Professor Michael Provence</u> , Department of History, University of California, San Diego	
9:00 a.m.	<p><u>Keynotes:</u></p> <p>Professor Touradj Atabaki Department of History, University of Amsterdam</p> <p>Professor Jennifer Jenkins Department of History, University of Toronto, Canada</p>
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break

	<p>SESSION 3</p> <p>Circulation of People and Ideas</p> <p><u>Chairs:</u> Dr Katrin Bromber, Centre for Modern Oriental Studies, Germany Professor Stefan Rinke, Institute for Latin American Studies, Free University of Berlin</p>	<p>SESSION 4</p> <p>Human Consequences of War in Non-European Societies</p> <p><u>Chairs:</u> Professor Ravi Ahuja, Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen, Germany Professor Helmut Bley, Department of History, University of Hanover, Germany</p>	<p>SESSION 5</p> <p>New Social and Political Movements</p> <p><u>Chairs:</u> Dr Susanne Kuß, Department of History, University of Freiburg, Germany Jan Schmidt, MA, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Bochum, Germany</p>
11:00 a.m.	<p><u>The Impact of the Great War on National Consciousness</u></p> <p><i>The Effects of the Gallipoli Catastrophe</i> Professor Joan Beaumont College Executive Art & Social Sciences, Australian National University, Australia</p> <p><i>Title tbc</i> Dr Michael Göbel Free University of Berlin, Germany/Harvard University, USA</p>	<p><u>The Laborers</u></p> <p><i>Entwined Labor Regimes: Core-Colonizer-Colonized 1880s to the Aftermath of World War One</i> Professor Dirk Hoerder University of Bremen, Germany</p> <p>Professor Guoqi Xu History Department, University of Hong Kong, China</p>	<p><u>The International Dimension</u></p> <p><i>The Russian Revolution and Political Movements in the non-European World by the Example of the Comintern and South Asia</i> Dr Ali Raza Centre for Modern Oriental Studies, Germany</p> <p><i>The Latin American Left and the Great War: The Case of the Socialist Party of Argentina</i> Professor Patricio Geli Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina</p>
12:30 p.m.	<p>Lunch Break and Walk in the Herrenhausen Gardens</p>		

2:30 p.m.	<p><u>War Experiences of Soldiers and Workers</u></p> <p><i>Indian Coolies and Porters in the Army</i> Professor Radika Singha Jawaharlal Nehru University, India</p> <p><i>Forced Labor in French West Africa</i> Professor Babacar Fall Department of History/Geography, University Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal</p>	<p><u>Social impact of the War</u></p> <p><i>Greeks in World War I and in the Postwar Period in Turkey</i> Sara Ellinor Morack Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, Free University of Berlin, Germany</p> <p><i>Social Impact of the War in the Ottoman Empire / Middle East</i> Professor Yigit Akin College of Charleston, Charleston, USA</p>	<p><u>The Pangaeian Dimension</u></p> <p><i>Pan-Africanism in the First World War and in the Postwar Period</i> PD Dr. Katja Füllberg-Stolberg Department of History, University of Hanover, Germany</p> <p><i>A Global Islamic Revolution? The Ottoman-German Jihad Declaration Reconsidered</i> Professor Mustafa Aksakal Georgetown University, USA</p>
4:00 p.m.	Coffee Break		
4:30 p.m.	<p><u>War Experiences of Civilians and Children</u></p> <p><i>Prisoners of War and Interned South Asian Civilians</i> Franziska Roy, MA University of Warwick, United Kingdom</p> <p><i>Influencing the Next Generation: Children's Experiences of the War</i> Dr Nazan Maksudyan Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellow</p>	<p><u>Pandemics and Red Cross</u></p> <p><i>The Unexpected Death - Influenza</i> Professor Howard Philipps Department of Historical Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa</p> <p><i>Indian Humanitarian Relief Work in the First World War</i> Dr Samiksha Sehrawat Newcastle University, United Kingdom</p>	<p><u>The Empirical Dimension</u></p> <p><i>The End of the Ottoman Empire</i> Professor Erik-Jan Zürcher Institute for Area Studies, Leiden University, The Netherlands</p> <p><i>Britain's Perception of Empire during the War</i> Professor Keith Neilson Department of History, Royal Military College, Canada</p>
6:00 p.m.	Break		

SESSION 6

Public Lecture

Chair: **Professor Ulrike Freitag**, Centre for Modern Oriental Studies, Germany

7 p.m.
- 8 p.m.

The War in Literature

Keynote

Dr Santanu Das

Department of English, King's College, London, United Kingdom

Wednesday October 30th, 2013

SESSION 7

Open Research Questions and New Approaches to the First World War

Chair: **Dr Heike Liebau**, Centre for Modern Oriental Studies, Germany

9:00 a.m.

Professor Oliver Janz

Free University of Berlin, Germany

Professor Robert Gerwarth

Center for War Studies, University College Dublin, Ireland

Dr Barbara Göbel

Ibero-American Institute, Germany

Professor Shinichi Yamamuro and Professor Akeo Okada

Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Kyoto, Japan

Dr Britta Lange

Humboldt-University of Berlin, Germany

10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
<p>SESSION 8 The World Dimension of the First World War: Breakup of the Periodization?</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Brigitte Reinwald, Department of History, University of Hanover, Germany</p>	
11:00 a.m.	<p>Professor Jürgen Kocka Free University of Berlin, Germany</p> <p>Dr Susanne Kuß Department of History, University of Freiburg, Germany</p> <p>Dr Katrin Bromber Centre for Modern Oriental Studies, Germany</p> <p>Professor Helmut Bley Department of History, University of Hanover, Germany</p> <p>Professor Andreas Gestrich German Historical Institute, London</p>
12:15 p.m.	<p>Closing Remarks Dr Wilhelm Krull, Secretary General, Volkswagen Foundation</p>
12:20 p.m.	Lunch and End of Conference