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October 6-10, 2014

Academy for Civic Education, Tutzing

**„The First World War and the Balkans – Historic
Event, Experience and Memory“**

Convenors:

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Höpken, Leipzig University
Dr. Wim van Meurs, Assoc. Prof, Radboud University Nijmegen

HSW 2014

Theme

Over the last ten to twenty years, historians and social scientists have again studied the history of the First World War intensively. In the historiographies of the West European countries (both former victors and defeated nations) there has been a noticeable shift from military and diplomacy history to alternative aspects such as wartime experiences, war crimes and cultures of violence, propaganda and images preparing citizens for war, the consequences for society and the state as well as the cultural memories. Overall, the war has become more of a state of extreme tension for individuals, societies and states.

In historical studies of Southeast Europe, this paradigm shift has hardly been implemented so far. The reorganization and reorientation of the relevant scientific disciplines after the end of communist rule has also indeed favoured historical perspectives focussing on human experiences. Nevertheless, more often than not conventional military and political history continues to dominate the field of war studies, while cultural and socio-historical dimensions are being ignored. Conversely, the unspoken assumption that war and violence constituted less of an exceptional situation for the Balkans figures into this state of affairs, too. On the triadic reading of war as historic event, experience and memory, this year's Hochschulwoche commemorates the centenary of the Sarajevo murders by taking stock of recent research on the war decade from 1908 to 1918. On the other hand, the conference features a comparative perspective that includes the latest insights and approaches of recent European studies on the First World War II.

Draft programme as of 3 June 2014

Monday Oct. 6, 2014

till 16.30 hrs *arrival of participants at the Academy for Civic Education, Tutzing*

17:00 hrs **Welcome and introduction**

Prof. Dr. Ursula Münch, Director, Academy for Civic Education, Tutzing
Dr. h.c. Gernot Erler, MP, President Southeast Europe Association, Berlin

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Prof. Dr. Gerhard **Hirschfeld** (Stuttgart University) (confirmed)

18:30 hrs *Reception*

Tuesday Oct. 7, 2014

from 8.15 hrs *breakfast*

09:00 hrs **Introduction by the convenors**

Wolfgang Höpken, Leipzig University
Wim van Meurs, Assoc. Prof, Radboud University Nijmegen

10:00 hrs *coffee break*

10:30 hrs PANEL I: IMAGES OF WAR

Rumjana **Koneva** (Institute of History, Sofia): *War in the Bulgarian intellectual discourse, 1912-1918* (tbc)

Maria **Bucur** (Indiana University, Bloomington): *Heroes and Victims: Discussions on War in Romania* (confirmed)

12.30 hrs *lunch*

Afternoon: WORKING GROUPS

18.30 hrs *dinner*

Wednesday Oct. 8, 2014

from 8.15 hrs *breakfast*

09:00 hrs PANEL II: WAR-TIME REGIMES

Daniel Marc **Segesser** (Berlin University): *Beyond „regular warfare“ – Violence during World War I* (tbc)

Tamara **Scheer** (Ludwig-Boltzmann Institute, Vienna): *Occupational Regimes in the Balkans* (confirmed)

10:00 hrs *coffee break*

Björn **Opfer-Klinger** (Leipzig): *„Unification“ and / or Occupation: Bulgaria's Wartime Rule in Macedonia, 1915-1918* (confirmed)

Uğur Ümit **Üngör** (Utrecht University): *"Disastrous Decade: Armenians and Kurds under Young Turk Rule, 1915-25"* (tbc)

Heather **Jones** (London School of Economics): *"Prisoners of war"* (tbc)

12.30 hrs *lunch*

Afternoon: WORKING GROUPS

18.30 hrs *dinner*

Thursday Oct 9, 2014

from 8.15 hrs *breakfast*

09:00 hrs PANEL III: POST-WAR: SOCIETIES AFTER THE WAR

John Paul **Newman** (Dublin): *The Consequences of Warfare on State, Society and the Economy* (confirmed)

10:00 hrs *coffee break*

Heike **Karge** (Regensburg University): *"Psychical Effects of War"* (confirmed)

Snežana **Dimitrova** (University "Neofit Rilski", Blagoevgrad): *"Birth of Social Welfare: Disease, Hunger, and Women Revolts (The Bulgarian Example of WWI)* (confirmed)

Afternoon: WORKING GROUPS

18.30 hrs *dinner*

Friday Oct. 10, 2014

09:00 hrs

PANEL IV: POST-WAR: CULTURES AND MEMORY

Danilo **Šarenac** (Institut za savremenu istoriju, Belgrad): *Remembering Victory: The Case of Serbia/Yugoslavia* (confirmed)

Evelina **Kelbečeva** (American University Blagoevgrad): *Remembering Defeat: The Case of Bulgaria* (confirmed)

Angela **Richter** (Halle): *War and Literature – War in Literature* (confirmed)

Summary of the conference

12.00 hrs

lunch

end of the conference

at approx. 13.00 hrs bus transfer from Tutzing to Munich (Central Station)

Conference team:

Dr. Wolfgang Quaisser, Academy for Civic Education, Tutzing

Dr. Johanna Deimel, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

Sonja Rothmüller, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

Conference Venue:

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