



CONFERENCE
The First World War in Central European Memory
Trans/national Perspectives, European Contexts
20–22 March, 2014

Draft Programme

Venue

Opening event: National Library, Josefsplatz 1, 1010 Vienna
Conference: Europahaus, Linzer Straße 429, 1140 Vienna

***An international conference initiated by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education and Women's Affairs
and the Hungarian Ministry of Human Resources***

The First World War remains anchored in European memory as a seminal catastrophe and the starting point for the turmoil of the 20th century. One hundred years after its outbreak, the First World War is being remembered in a Europe which is, for the first time, united. However, the nature of these memories is largely determined by national historical traditions, although initiatives encouraging transnational forms of remembrance are increasingly being developed. Such initiatives are already well established in Western Europe: the joint memorial in Verdun became a symbol of the German-French reconciliation process.

The initiators and organisers are taking the occasion of the 1914 centenary as an opportunity to examine the First World War together with their Central European neighbours and, for the first time, from a transnational perspective. In Central Europe in particular, in the states which emerged from the ruins of the Habsburg monarchy, the First World War is interpreted in many different ways; as a history of defeat and loss on the one hand, and as the precursor to state-building and democratisation on the other. However, these historical interpretations are only considered within a national frame of reference; in the Central European countries, there is almost no understanding of the “First World War” within a central-European context.

This is the starting point for a conference aimed at multipliers in the field of teaching methodology (universities and teaching universities, authors of history books, etc.) and historical scholarship. The aim is to discuss the various perspectives on the years 1914 to 1918. The intention is not to develop a “shared” history, one reduced to the lowest common denominator, but rather to understand the relationships between the narratives and to develop a transnational perspective of the national cultures of remembrance. This will make the varied, and sometimes contradictory, national perceptions of the First World War receptive to a “European experience”, namely that of dealing reflexively with their own and other cultures of remembrance.

The conference takes the form of plenary lectures and workshops and will have a particular focus on the following areas:

- The First World War as mirrored in national traditions of remembrance in Central Europe
- The First World War in the classroom – discussion of current educational approaches from national and transnational perspectives
- Developing transnational perspectives for dealing reflexively with one's own and other cultures of remembrance

The conference could also serve as an impulse for greater transnational cooperation and networking. Analysis of the differing interpretations of the First World War would provide the basis for a transnational perspective, one which incorporates the pan-European context.

20.03.2014	
18.00	Arrival of the participants Dinner at the Europahaus
19.00	Transport from the Europahaus to the Austrian National Library (meeting Point Lobby)
20.00–21.30	<p>Opening Event Official Welcome: Johanna Rachinger, Director, Austrian National Library Zoltán Maruzsa, Deputy State Secretary, State Secretariat for Higher Education, Hungary (tbc) Martina Maschke, Director for International bilateral Affairs – Education, Federal Ministry for Education and Women's Affairs</p> <p>The First World War in a Transnational Perspective Jay Winter, Yale University Discussant: Anton Pelinka, Central European University Budapest Moderation: Heidemarie Uhl, Austrian Academy of Science</p> <p>Guided Tours National Library</p>
22.30	Transfer from the Austrian National Library to the Europahaus
21.03.2014	
08.30	Registration
09.00	<p>Plenum</p> <p>The First World War in Central European Memory Perspectives on the Years 1914–1918: Hungary, Austria and Serbia Hungary: István Majoros, ELTE University, Budapest Austria: Helmut Konrad, University of Graz Serbia: Dubravka Stojanović, University of Belgrade Moderation: Laurence Cole</p>
10.30	Coffee break
11.00	<p>Workshops</p> <p>The First World War as Mirrored in National Traditions of Remembrance in Central Europe – Discussion and Reflection on the National Narrative 3 parallel Working Groups</p> <p>Working Group 1 Moderation: Laurence Cole Discussant: Gunda Barth-Scalmani Rapporteur: Zoltán Oszkár Szóts</p> <p>Working Group 2 Moderation: Gerald Lamprecht Discussant: Werner Suppanz Rapporteur: Andrzej Nowak (tbc)</p> <p>Working Group 3 Moderation: István Majoros Discussant: Péter Bihari Rapporteur: Petra Svoljšak</p>
12.30	Lunch
13:30	<p>Plenum</p> <p>Results of the workshop discussions Reports from the 3 rapporteurs Moderation: Heidemarie Uhl</p>
14.30	<p>Workshops</p> <p>The First World War in the Classroom – Discussion of Current Educational Approaches from a National and Transnational Perspective Developing Transnational Perspectives for Dealing Reflexively with one's own and other Cultures of Memory</p>

	<p>Working Group 1: Educational Approaches in the Classroom Moderation: Gabor Albert Discussant: Barbara Christophe Rapporteur: Lucia Kákonyi</p> <p>Working Group 2: Educational Approaches in the Classroom Moderation: Dubravka Stojanović Discussant: EUROCLIO Rapporteur: Conny Benedik (tbc)</p> <p>Working Group 3: Transnational Projects/Perspectives Moderation: Snjezana Koren Discussant: Florian Sochatzy Rapporteur: Corinna Noack-Aetopulos</p>
16.30	Coffee break
17:00–18:00	Working group results Reports from the 3 rapporteurs Moderation: András Masát
18:00–18:10	Market Place of Ideas - what to expect
22.03.2014	
09.00	<p>Transnational History Projects: Good Practice Examples – Market Place of Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "The First Centenary of World War I: Historical Learning, Public History and National, Transnational and European Identities." – Catholic University of Eichstätt • Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe • EUROCLIO – European Association of History Educators • Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research • German-French and German-Polish History Textbooks – Stefan Krawielicki, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
10.00	<p>1) World Café Opportunities for Transnational First World War History Projects Issues/Potential for Cooperation</p> <p>2) Results of Discussion Moderation: tbc</p>
11.30	<p>Closing words Heidemarie Uhl, Austrian Academy of Science Csaba Zabó, Balassi Institute - Collegium Hungaricum (tbc)</p> <p>Moderation: Monika Mott, KulturKontakt Austria</p>
12:30–14:00	Lunch

Co-operation partners:



Balassi Institute
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