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Annual Conference



**World War I in Central and Eastern Europe:
Politics, Culture and Society**

9 - 10 May 2014

**UCD School of History & Archives and Centre for War Studies
Newman Building
Rooms K114-K115**

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Friday 9 May 2014

Saturday 10 May 2014

09.00 – 10:00 Registration and Welcome

Panel 1: 10.00 - 11.30

The Soldier's Experience: the Front Line

- Andreas Agocs, (Pacific): 'The Emperor's Broken Bust: Letters from the Habsburg Army in World War I'.
- Snezhana Dimitrova, (University of South West Bulgaria): 'Bulgarian Soldiers' War Writings'.
- Georg Grote (UCD): 'Reading Kaiserjäger Feldpost Postcards of a Disappearing *Heimat*'.

11.30 – 11.45 Coffee

Panel 2: 11.45 - 1.00

The Soldier's Experience: POWs

- Simone Bellezza, (Trento): 'Choosing their Nation: National and Political Identities of Italian POWs in Russia 1914-1921'.
- Alessandro Salvador, (Trento): 'The Captivity and De-Mobilisation of Italian-speaking Austro-Hungarian Prisoners'.

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

Panel 3: 14.00 - 15.15

Population Displacement and Refugees

- Kate Densford, (George Washington): 'War Refugees in Moravia in World War I'.
- Francesco Frizzera, (Trento): 'Population Displacement in the Austro-Hungarian Empire'.
- Tomas Balkelis, (Vilnius): 'War Exodus, Repatriation and Nation-making in Lithuania 1914-22.'

15.15 – 15.30 Coffee

Panel 4: 15.30 – 16.45

War Cultures and Legacies

- Mark Lewis, (CUNY): 'Fractured Forces: the Political Police in Austria and Serbia 1914-19'.
- Jan Szkudlinski, (Gdansk): 'The Conduct of German Army Units on the Eastern Front: 1914 and 1939 Compared.'
- Diana Covaci (Cluj-Napoca): 'The Church and War Propaganda in Transylvania'.

17.00 - 18.00 Keynote Speaker

- Dr Alexandre Sumpf (Strasbourg)
- 'A mutilated society. The disabled ex-servicemen of the Tsarist Army 1914-1919.'

18.00 – 19.00 Wine Reception, Common Room, Newman Building

20.30 Keskh Cafe Dinner, 71 Mespil Road, Dublin 4

Panel 5: 9.00 - 10.15

The Cultural Front

- Ezster Balazs, (Kodolany College): 'Lajos Kassak: the Hungarian Avant-Garde and Pacifism'.
- Natalia Poltavtseva (RGGU): 'The Theme of War in Viacheslav Ivanov's *Rodnoe i Vselenskoe*'.
- Justin Doherty (Trinity College Dublin): 'War and the Russian Avant-Garde'.

Panel 6: 10.15 - 11.30

The Home Front: Civilian Experience

- Michal Wilczewski, (Illinois at Chicago): 'The War at Home: the Polish village war experience'.
- Borislav Chernev (American University): 'Workers against the War, the Great January 1918 Strike in Austria as a prelude to Revolution in Central Europe'
- Dora Czeferner, (Pecs): 'Women, Work and Gender Roles in Wartime Hungary'.
- Tamara Gella, (Orel): 'Orel Province in World War I: Politics and Culture'.

Panel 7: 11.45 - 13.00

Symbols and Memory of Sacrifice

- Yulia Zherdeva, (Samara): 'Commemoration and Forgetting in Wartime Samara'.
- Dorota Sajewska, (Warsaw): 'Representations of the Body in the Visual Documents of World War I'.
- Vlasis Vlasidis, (Thessalonika): '"This is not Our War": Macedonian War Memory'.

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

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Panel 8: 14.00 - 15.15

Memory and Commemoration

- John Paul Newman, (NUIM): 'Serbia's War Victory in Inter-War Political Culture. Yugoslavia War Memory'.
- Joanne Urbanek, (Warsaw): 'Veterans and Polish War Memory in the 1920s'.
- Isabelle Davion, (Sorbonne): 'Memory of the War: the Czech Unknown Soldier'.

15.15 - 15.30 Coffee

Panel 9: 15.30 – 16.45

Cultural Encounters: West meets East

- Shannon Brady (NUIM): 'Charity Politics: the Anglo-Russian Hospital in Petrograd 1915-18'.
- Steven Balbirnie, (UCD): '"The White Man's Burden": British Troops in North Russia 1918-19'.
- Alun Thomas, (Sheffield): 'The British Upper Silesian Border Force'.