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## 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.

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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 <b>Wilhelm Krull</b> , Secretary General, Volkswagen Foundation, Germany <b>Andreas Gestrich</b> , Director, German Historical Institute London, UK  Introduction <b>Ulrike Freitag</b> , Zentrum Moderner Orient, Germany
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#### SESSION 1: Post-War Political Frameworks, Networks and Movements

Chair: Jennifer Jenkins, University of Toronto, Canada

1:20 p.m.	The First World War as a Crisis of the Imperial Order <b>Radhika Desai</b> , University of Manitoba, Canada  The shaping of transnational racial and civilizational identities in the Middle East and/or the Far East <b>Cemil Aydin</b> , University of North Carolina, USA
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<b>New Research Projects</b>	
<u>Chairs:</u> <b>John Horne</b> , Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, and <b>Heather Jones</b> , London School of Economics, UK	
2:45 p.m.	<b>Ceren Aygül</b> , Institute for European History, Mainz, Germany <b>Veronika Hager</b> , Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, Germany <b>Jaspal Singh</b> , University of Delhi, India <b>Hanna Smyth</b> , University of Oxford, UK <b>Christopher Rominger</b> , City University of New York Graduate Center, USA <b>Alp Yenen</b> , University of Basel, Switzerland
3:30 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break and Poster Session</i>
<b>SESSION 2: New Fault Lines, New Wars</b>	
<u>Chair:</u> <b>Michael Provence</b> , UC San Diego, USA	
4:00 p.m.	East Asian History Wars as a Legacy of the First World War <b>Yang Biao</b> , East China Normal University, Shanghai, China  Oil and the First World War: Beginning of a New Age <b>Dan Tamir</b> , Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel  The physical and mental presence of arms and demilitarization in East Africa <b>Felix Brahm</b> , German Historical Institute London, UK
6:00 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break and Poster Session</i>
<b>SESSION 3: Arab Liberalism in the 1920s</b>	
<u>Chair:</u> <b>Astrid Meier</b> , Orient Institute Beirut, Lebanon	
6:30 p.m.	<b>Elizabeth F. Thompson</b> , Farsi Chair in Islamic Peace, American University in Washington, DC, USA
7:30p.m.	<i>Dinner</i>

**Tuesday, May 9, 2017**

**SESSION 4: Humanitarianism**

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

9:00 a.m.	International and Transnational Initiatives on behalf of Prisoners of War and Refugees at the End of the First World War <b>Francesca Piana</b> , SUNY Binghamton University, USA  Humanitarianism and China <b>Alexandra Pfeiff</b> , EUI Florence, Italy
10:30a.m.	<i>Coffee Break and Poster Session</i>

<b>SESSION 5: Ecological Impacts of the War</b> <b>Chair: Chris Gratien, Harvard University, USA</b>	
11:00 a.m.	<p>Environmental Impact of the First World War with a Focus on South Asia  <b>Iftekhar Iqbal</b>, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Brunei</p> <p>The Long Term Impacts of the First World War on the Food Security of the Southern Red Sea Region  <b>Steven Serels</b>, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Germany</p>
12:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch Break</i>
<b>SESSION 6: Reversed Attitudes</b> <b>Chair: Torsten Weber, Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien, Tokyo, Japan</b>	
2:00 p.m.	<p>Interaction between African, Indian, and European Soldiers and Civilians in the Colonial Theatres of War  <b>Daniel Steinbach</b>, King's College London, UK</p> <p>Women in Post-World War One Japan  <b>Andrea Germer</b>, University of Düsseldorf, Germany</p>
3:30 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break and Poster Session</i>
<b>SESSION 7: Remembrance without "Zeitzeugen"?</b> <b>Chair: Santanu Das, King's College London, UK</b>	
4:00 p.m.	<p>Digging Deep, Crossing Far - The First World War from the Radio to Sound Art  <b>Julia Tieke</b>, Deutschlandradio Kultur and others, Germany</p> <p>"Forgotten Soldiers of Empire" – The First World War as a Film Documentary  <b>Min Yong-Eung</b>, EBS, South Korea</p> <p>The First World War in International Textbooks  <b>Kerstin Schwedes</b>, Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research, Germany</p> <p>"Antoine the Fortunate"  <b>Nefin Dinc</b>, Kadir Has University, Turkey</p>
5:30 p.m.	<i>Apéritif</i>
<b>Book Launch: World(Counter)Revolutions 1917-1920</b> <b>Chair: Stefan Rinke, Free University of Berlin, and Michael Wildt, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany</b>	
6:00 p.m.	<p>Contributors:  <b>María Inés Tato</b>, Universidad de Buenos Aires/ CONICET, Argentina  <b>Guoqi Xu</b>, University of Hong Kong, China  <b>David Hopkins</b>, University of Glasgow, UK  <b>Abdulhamit Kirmızı</b>, Istanbul Sehir University, Turkey  <b>Karina Kriegesmann</b>, Free University of Berlin, Germany</p>
7:00 p.m.	<i>Dinner</i>

<b>Wednesday, May 10, 2017</b>	
<b>SESSION 8: Sharing History: Museums and Exhibitions</b> <u>Chair:</u> Leonard Smith, Oberlin College, USA	
9:00 a.m.	<p>War and Sikhs: Road to the Trenches <b>Jasdeep Singh Rahal</b>, The National Army Museum, London, UK</p> <p>“Carnival of Hell”. The First World War and the Senses <b>Franziska Dunkel</b>, Haus der Geschichte Baden-Württemberg, Germany</p> <p>Exhibitions on the First World War in Russia <b>Oxana Nagornaja</b>, South Ural Institute of Management and Economics, Russia</p>
10:30 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break and Poster Session</i>
<b>SESSION 9: New Historiographies</b> <u>Chair:</u> Christine Hatzky, University of Hanover, Germany	
11:00a.m.	<p>The First World War: Commemoration, New Research and Debates during the Centennial in Europe <b>Michael Epkenhans</b>, Zentrum für Militärgeschichte und Sozialwissenschaften der Bundeswehr, Potsdam, Germany</p> <p>The First World War: Commemoration, New Research and Debates during the Centennial in Africa, the Middle East and South Asia <b>Katrin Bromber, Katharina Lange and Heike Liebau</b>, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Germany</p>
<b>SESSION 10: Towards a New Chronology</b> <u>Chair:</u> Andreas Gestrich, German Historical Institute London, UK	
12:15 p.m.	<p><b>Santanu Das</b>, King’s College London, UK <b>Jennifer Jenkins</b>, University of Toronto, Canada <b>Michael Provence</b>, UC San Diego, USA <b>Brigitte Reinwald</b>, University of Hanover, Germany <b>Torsten Weber</b>, Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien, Tokyo, Japan</p>
1:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch and End of Conference</i>