Cultural Encounters during Global War, 1914-1918: Traces, Spaces, Legacies

London Conference, 21-22 January 2016

Programme

Jointly organised by ‘Cultural Exchange in a Time of Global Conflict: Colonials, Neutrals and Belligerents during the First World War’ (CEGC) & The German Historical Institute London

Wednesday 20 January

7.30pm-9.00pm In Different Skies: music & readings from the First World War
The Chapel, King’s College London, Strand Campus, WC2R 2LS

9.00pm-10.00pm Drinks Reception
Chapters, King’s College London

Thursday 21 January

The Council Room, King’s College London, Strand Campus, WC2R 2LS

9.00am-9.30am Arrival & Registration

9.30am-10.00am Welcome by Santanu Das & Daniel Steinbach
10.00am-11.30am  **Session 1: The Front and Beyond: Military Encounters**

Chair: Santanu Das, King’s College London

Michelle Moyd, Indiana University Bloomington
*The Intimacies of Column Life: Emotion and Gender in the East African Campaign*

Anna Maguire, King’s College London
‘A Pageant of Empire?’ Colonial Entanglements in Military Camps

Burcin Cakir, Glasgow Caledonian University
*Life at the Trenches: Scenes and Narrations from Gallipoli*

11.30am-11.45am  **Coffee break**

11.45am-1.30pm  **Session 2: Negotiating Nation, Race and Gender**

Chair: Alison Fell

Amany Soliman, University of Alexandria
*Painful Encounters: The British Medical arrangements in Egypt during the First World War*

Nadia Atia, Queen Mary University of London
*Nursing Narratives in the Middle East, 1914-1919*

Angela K. Smith, Plymouth University
*Outsider Positions: Negotiating Nationality and Memory in the War Writing of Enid Bagnold*

Rachel Gillett, Harvard University
*Women at War with Race: Women’s work and World War One Encounters*

1.30pm-2.30pm  **Lunch**
2.30pm-4.00pm

**Session 3: Uneasy Coexistence: Soldiers and Civilians**

Chair: John Horne, Trinity College Dublin

Nicole Immig, Friedrich Schiller Universität Jena

*Urban Spaces of Cultural Encounters? The City of Salonica in World War One*

Mahon Murphy, Trinity College Dublin

*The British Military Occupation of Jerusalem 1917-1920: Soldiers as Tourists and Pilgrims?*

Daniel Steinbach, King’s College London

*Balancing Friends and Enemies: The Allied Occupation of German East Africa*

4.00pm-4.15pm

**Tea Break**

4.15pm-5.45pm

**Session 4: Emerging Racial and National Identities**

Chair: Heather Jones, London School of Economics

Stacy Fahrenthold, University of California Berkeley

*Becoming ‘Syrian’ on the Battlefield: Ottoman Emigrant Troops on the Western Front*

Richard Smith, Goldsmiths, University of London

*Pan-African Perspectives among West Indian Troops during and after the First World War*

Jennifer Keene, Chapman University

*African American Soldiers in a Black World: The Politics of Cultural Interactions*

6.00pm-7.00pm

**Drinks Reception**

Council Room, King’s College London
Friday 22 January
German Historical Institute London, 17 Bloomsbury Square, WC1A 2NJ

9.00am-9.30am  Arrival

9.30am-9.45am  Welcome by Andreas Gestrich

9.45am-11.15am  Session 5: Pan-Islamism and Anti-Colonial Agitation

Chair: Justin Jones, University of Oxford

Samuel Krug, Freie Universität Berlin
*North Africans in the ‘Nachrichtenstelle für den Orient’: Between Subjugation and anti-European Propaganda*

Odile Moreau, Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier/IMAF Paris 1
*Cultural Encounters in a Neutral Country: A transnational anti-colonial movement acting in Spain*

Piro Rexhepi, New York University
*An Ummah after the Ummah: Post-Ottoman Pan-Islamism and Anti-colonialism in the Balkans*

11.15am-11.30am  Coffee break

11.30am-1.30pm  Session 6: Germany’s Revolutionary Programme

Chair: Heike Liebau, Zentrum Moderner Orient

Jennifer Jenkins, University of Toronto
*Global Strategy and National Committees in Berlin during the First World War*

Larissa Schmid, Freie Universität Berlin/Zentrum Moderner Orient
*Tracing Sheich Salih at-Tunisi in Transnational Networks in the First World War*

Tessa Lobbes, Universiteit Utrecht
*German Pan-Islamic Agitation in the Dutch Indies and the Allied Counter Propaganda*

Geert Buelens, Universiteit Utrecht
*German Agitation in Neutral Belgium*
1.30pm-2.30pm  
**Lunch**

2.30pm-4.00pm  
**Session 7: Traces of Wartime Encounters**  
Chair: Jay Winter, Yale University  
Melvin Page, East Tennessee State University  
*Africa's First 'High-Tech' War: The Technological Impact of World War One on Africans*  
Michael Hammond, University of Southampton  
*Blues in the Trenches*  
Lynda Mugglestone, University of Oxford  
*Language Barriers? Contact, Conflict, and Communication in 1914-1918*

4.00pm-4.15pm  
**Tea Break**

4.15pm-5.45pm  
**Session 8: Cosmopolitans at War**  
Chair: Andreas Gestrich, German Historical Institute London  
Jay Winter, Yale University  
*Pierr Loti: Going Native*  
Ziad Elmarsafy, King’s College London  
*Massignon’s War*  
Santanu Das, King’s College London  
*East-East by East-West: Tagore and the First World War*

5.45pm-6.00pm  
**Closing Remarks**

6.30pm-8.30pm  
**Conference Dinner**  
The Library, German Historical Institute London