

**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**



Hamilton Collection, Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives, King's College 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

