COLLOQUIUM
Friday, May 16 2014

100 years after:
the Memory of the First World War


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Location/Lieu:
GOETHE-INSTITUT ATHEN
(Omirou 14-16)
Program

09:00  Arrival of the participants
09:15  Welcome speeches
09:30  Lecture by Prof. Georges-Henri SOUTOU, UMR IRICE-Paris IV University

Existe-t-il une mémoire européenne de la Grande Guerre?
Chair: Maria COURUOCLI, CNRS/École française d’Athènes
Discussion

10:30  Coffee Break

SESSION A: Chair: Christina KOULOURI, Panteion University

11:00  Frédéric GUELTON, Defence Historical Service, Paris
La mémoire de la "Guerre de 14" en France

11:30  Florin TURCANU, University of Bucharest
Mémoire et historiographie de la Grande Guerre en Roumanie à l’époque communiste (1948-1989)

12:00  Gueorgui PEEV, New Bulgarian University
La mémoire officielle de la Première guerre mondiale en Bulgarie

12:30  Elli LEMONIDOU, University of Patras
La Première guerre mondiale des Grecs : une guerre "inconnue" et oubliée
Discussion

13:15  Keynote lecture by Prof. Jay WINTER, Yale University
The Great War: A Transnational Perspective
Chair: Pantelis KIPRIANOS, Deputy Rector of the University of Patras

14:15  Lunch Break
SESSION B:

Chair: Despoina PAPADIMITRIOU, Panteion University
Nicolas MANITAKIS, University of Athens

16:00  Dusan BATAKOVIĆ, Institute of Balkan History, Belgrade
Serbia's Effort in the Great War. Testimonies, Celebrations, Interpretations

16:30  Nils LÖFFELBEIN, University of Frankfurt
War Victimization and the Memory of the First World War in Germany after 1918

17:00  William PHILPOTT, King’s College
"Oh, what an ambiguous war!" The contested memory of the First World War in Britain

17:30  Nicola LABANCA, University of Siena
Writing Italian military history of the First World War in the last two decades: changing historical research in time of vanishing memory

18:00  Discussion

18:15  Coffee Break

18:45  ROUNDTABLE

Participants:
Jay WINTER, Yale University
Georges-Henri SOUTOU, Paris IV University
Nicola LABANCA, University of Siena
Dusan BATAKOVIĆ, Institute of Balkan History, Belgrade

Chair:
Kostas KOSTIS, University of Athens

* For all lectures simultaneous translation to Greek will be provided
Perceptions and interpretations constituting the memory of the First World War vary substantially among European nations. France and Britain, for example, have seen in recent years a certain revival of the remembrance of the First World War, especially through the creation of sites of memory and the publication of new studies. In other countries, though, the First World War holds a less important role in the symbolic construction of the nation. In all cases the collective experience of the war constitutes part of the cultural tradition of each country and contributes to the construction of national memory.

The aim of the Colloquium is to bring together the national historiographical approaches through the juxtaposition and comparative examination of multiple analyses and interpretations of the events of the First World War in the national traditions of European countries. There will be a focus on the analysis of various forms of interpretation and mediation, while some special ways of transmission of memory of the First World War in European societies, as well as the issue of the relations between memory and history in the various national traditions, will also be examined.

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