

# Preliminary Program of the International Conference

## ***Not All Quiet on the Ottoman Fronts: Neglected Perspectives on a Global War, 1914 – 1918***

**Istanbul, April 8 – 12, 2014**

**Monday, April 7**

**09:00 – 18:00**

***Workshop:***

*Lise'de I. Dünya Savaşı'nı Öğretmek. Fransa-Türkiye.*

*Enseigner la Première Guerre mondiale au lycée. France-Turquie.*

With the participation of Ozan Arslan, Mehmet Beşikçi, Laurence de Cock, Frédéric Gérard, Loubna Lamrhari, Eddy Lioret, Pinar Dost-Niyego, Jean-François Pérouse, Frédéric Rousseau,

Işık Tamdoğan, Alexandre Toumarkine, Özgür Türesay, Şerife Ziylan

French-Turkish simultaneous translation

Organized by IFEA & Tarih Vakfı

(Location: İstanbul Fransız Kültür Merkezi)

**TUESDAY, April 8**

**19:00**

***Opening Reception***

*Lecture by Erik-Jan Zürcher*

*What is Different About the Ottoman War?*

Reception

German Consulate General, Kaisersaal

**WEDNESDAY, April 9**

**09:30 – 10:30**

**Opening of the Conference**

**Remzi Sanver (Rector, İstanbul Bilgi University)**

**Bülent Bilmez (Chairman, Tarih Vakfı)**

**Raoul Motika (Director, Orient-Institut Istanbul)**

<b>10:30 – 12:30</b> <b>Forced Migration in Western Anatolia: Socio-Economic, Legal and Ideological Aspects</b> <b>(Chair: Fikret Adanır)</b>	<b>10:30 – 12:30</b> <b>The Politics of Food in Wartime: Local, Imperial and International Contexts</b> <b>(Chair: Mustafa Aksakal)</b>
<i>Pınar Şenışık</i> , Forced Migration in Western Anatolia in the Late Ottoman Empire: From “Ideal Neighbor” to “Intransigent Enemy” <i>Emre Erol</i> , Preparing for the First World War: Forced Migration as a Tool of ‘Demographic Warfare’ in the Pre-War Western Anatolia <i>Ayşe Ozil</i> , In the Villages of Western Anatolia during the First World War: Forced Migration, Economic Boycott and Orthodox Christian Communities <i>Ronald Grigor Suny</i> , Difference and Deportation: Strategy and Perception in the Young Turks’ Policies toward Non-Muslims in World War I	<i>Mustafa Aksakal</i> , Food as a Strategy and Weapon <i>Elizabeth Thompson</i> , Wartime Food Crisis and the Demise of Liberalism <i>Chris Gratien</i> , Economy, Ecology, and War in the Ottoman Provinces <b>Discussant: Şükrü Haniöğlü</b>
<b>12:30 – 14:00 Lunch</b>	
<b>14:00 – 16:00</b> <b>Demographic Warfare in the Ottoman Empire (1914-1922): From Imperial Perspectives to Regional Dimensions</b> <b>(Chair: Hans-Lukas Kieser)</b>	<b>14:00 – 16:00</b> <b>Violence and Resilience in Arab and Armenian Experiences of the Great War</b> <b>(Chair: Heghnar Watenpaugh)</b>
<i>Fuat Dündar</i> , Ottoman Addendum of the World War I: The Demographic Reasons of the Continuation of the War in the post-Ottoman Space <i>Nikos Sigalas</i> , Violence on/and within Civil Populations during World War I in the Ottoman Empire: the Case of the Orthodox Christians of the Canik Vilayet <i>Mekki Uludağ</i> , Cihan Harbi’ne Yerelden Bakmak; Hazro, Silvan, Muş Hattında Harbin Genel Seyri ve Nüfus Hareketleri [Viewing the Great War from a Local Perspective: the Course of the War and Population Movements at Hazro, Silvan, Muş Front] <i>Namık Kemal Dinç</i> , 1916 Kürt Tehciri ve Kürt Mülteciler Meselesi [The 1916 Kurdish Forced Migration and Kurdish Refugees Question]	<i>Seda Altuğ</i> , Memories of Violence in Syria during World War I <i>Melanie Schulze Tanielian</i> , Gender and the Politics of War-time Relief in Ottoman Beirut (1914-1918) <i>Lerna Ekmekçioğlu</i> , The Politics of Abduction and the Politics of Rescue: Armenian Women and their Children during and after the War <i>Heghnar Watenpaugh</i> , Art, Heritage and the Armenian Genocide: A Medieval Manuscript’s Fate during the War <b>Discussant: Elizabeth Thompson</b>
<b>16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break</b>	
<b>16:30 – 18:30</b> <b>Intelligence, Spies and Irregular Warfare</b> <b>(Chair: Abdulrahim Abu-Husayn)</b>	<b>16:30 – 18:30</b> <b>Bringing the Periphery back to the Center</b> <b>(Chair: Erik-J. Zürcher)</b>
<i>Yeliz Cengay Baloğlu</i> , “The Turk Must Go” : British-Zionist Relations and the Role of Jewish NILI Spies in the Fall of the Ottoman Front in Palestine <i>Polat Safi</i> , Teşkilat-ı Mahsusa ne değildir? [What was Teşkilat-ı Mahsusa? What was it not?] <i>Kate Dannies</i> , Alexander Aaronsohn between the Yishuv, the Ottomans and the Allies, 1914-1917 <i>Kadir Kon</i> , Teşkilat-ı Mahsusa’nın 1915 Yılında “Umur-ı Şarkıyye İdaresi”ne Dönüşmesinde Alman Etkisi [The Impact of Germans in the Transformation of “Teşkilat-ı Mahsusa” to “Umur-ı Sarkıyye İdaresi” in 1915]	<i>Serhan Afacan</i> , From Guests to Semi-Citizens: Ajams (Persians) Living in the Ottoman Empire during the First World War <i>Selçuk Esenbel</i> , Friends on Opposite Camps or Enemies from Afar in the Great War: Japanese and Ottoman Turkish Relations in the First World War <i>Amany S. Soliman</i> , The impact of Gallipoli Campaign on Alexandria-Egypt 1915-1916 <i>Bjarne S. Bendtsen</i> , Scandinavians/Danes in the Gallipoli Campaign

**19:30 – 21:00**

**Opening of the Exhibition**

**1914/2014 Schlachtfeld Erinnerung – Open Spaces**

**1914/2014 Anıların Muharebe Meydanı – Open Spaces**

**(Location: Tütün Deposu)**

**THURSDAY, April 10**

<b>09:00 – 10:30</b> <b>The Social and Economic Perspectives: Between State Policy and Unheard Voices (Chair: Şevket Pamuk)</b>	<b>09:00 – 10:30</b> <b>Individuality, Textuality and Autobiography in Wartimes (Chair: Zafer Toprak)</b>
<p><b>Yiğit Akın</b>, Screwing the Bolts as tight as Possible: The First World War and Ottoman Rural Society</p> <p><b>Kemal Arı</b>, Birinci Dünya Savaşı'nda Osmanlı Devleti'nde Göç Ettirilen Gayrimüslimlerden Kalan Emlake İlişkin Uygulamalar [Policies regarding Non-Muslim Property left behind due to Forced Migration during World War One in the Ottoman Empire]</p> <p><b>Murat Metinsoy</b>, Reconsidering Historiography of World War I in Turkey: Writing Ordinary People's Voices and Experiences on the Ottoman Home Front</p>	<p><b>Ayşegül Argit</b>, To Agitate and Reorganize. Exchange between Max von Oppenheim and Shakib Arslan in the Face of World War I</p> <p><b>Snezhana Dimitrova</b>, All Quiet on the Front: War, Trauma, and Microarchive. (Example of the Great War Bulgarian Soldiers' War Writings)</p> <p><b>Christoph K. Neumann</b>, Orientalist Poetics, Autobiographical Fiction, and History Defying Words: Sarkiz Torossian Inscribing Himself into World War I</p>
<b>10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break</b>	

**11:00 – 12:30**

**Thyssen Lecture II**

**JAY WINTER: Understanding the First World War: A Transnational Moment in Historical Study**

<b>12:30 – 14:00 Reception</b>	
<b>14:00 – 16:00</b> <b>Propaganda: Uses and Failures (Chair: Christina Koulouri)</b>	<b>14:00 – 16:00</b> <b>Identities at War: Gender, Motherhood and Female Labor (Chair: Işık Tamdoğan)</b>
<p><b>Özde Çeliktemel Thomen</b>, Cinema and Propaganda during the First World War</p> <p><b>Salim Tamari</b>, War Photography as a Tool of Ottoman Propaganda: The Work of Khalil Raad in the Palestine Front during WWI</p> <p><b>Fatih Tıǧlı</b>, Bir Propaganda Aracı Olarak Sultan V. Mehmed Reşad'ın Çanakkale Gazeli ve Hakkında Değerlendirmeler [Mehmed V. Reşad's Ghazal (Ode) as a Propaganda Tool: Çanakkale Ghazal and its Evaluation]</p> <p><b>Gizem Tongo</b>, The Ottoman Society of Painters during the First World War</p>	<p><b>Zeynep Kutluata</b>, Analyzing Armenian Mothers' Petitions during World War I as a Gendered Practice of Citizenship</p> <p><b>Elif Mahir Metinsoy</b>, Ordinary Ottoman Women during World War I: The Response of Soldiers' Families to the War Mobilization</p> <p><b>Sabine Mangold-Will</b>, A Different Kind of „Asienkämpfer“: German Women at the Ottoman Fronts during World War One</p> <p><b>Nazan Maksudyan</b>, The First Generation of Turkish Gastarbeiter?: Refugee Ottoman Orphans in Germany during the First World War</p>
<b>16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break</b>	
<b>16:30 – 19:00</b> <b>Strategy and Social Structure - A Look at the Experience of the Great War and its Effects on Social Norms and Ethno-confessional Identity (Chair: Holly Shissler)</b>	<b>16:30 – 18:30</b> <b>Visuality of War in Propaganda (Chair: Mehmet Beşikçi)</b>
<p><b>Yaşar Tolga Cora</b>, 'An Absolute Odyssey': Experiences of Kalust Sumerian as an Ottoman-Armenian Officer on the Caucasian Front during World War I</p> <p><b>Ayşe Polat</b>, Religio-Moral Censorship of the Press in post-WWI Istanbul</p> <p><b>Holly Shissler</b>, To Whom Should She Appeal: Resimli Ay and the Problem of Missing Persons, Widows, and Orphans in the Postwar World War I Period</p> <p><b>Erol Ülker</b>, Towards a Military-Financial Complex in the Late Ottoman Empire: Directorate-General of Military Railways and Ports, 1914-1918</p>	<p><b>Issam Nassar</b>, Photographing the Great War in Palestine and Sinai</p> <p><b>Manfred Kerry</b>, The Alliance between the Ottoman Empire and Austria-Hungary from the Perspective of the Picture Coverage of the Imperial War Ministry and its Media Attention</p> <p><b>Alexander Will</b>, A Failure of German Political Intelligence: The Turko-German Expedition to Egypt of 1914/15 Revisited</p> <p><b>Discussant: Irvin Cemil Schick</b></p>

**19:30**

**Public discussion with well-known Turkish authors / filmmakers**  
**Cihan Harbi Bağlamında Tarih, Temsiliyet ve Sinema (in Turkish)**

**Moderator: E. Köroğlu**

**(Location: Albert Long Hall, Boğaziçi University)**

**FRIDAY, April 11**

<b>09:00 – 10:30</b> <b>Germany, Colonialism and the Armenian Genocide</b> <b>(Chair: Taner Akçam)</b>	<b>09:00 – 10:30</b> <b>"Crime" and Punishment: Prisons and Prisoners of War</b> <b>(Chair: Salim Tamari)</b>
<b>Wolfgang Gust</b> , Germany's Intentions in Turkey during World War I and the Armenian Genocide <b>Eric D. Weitz</b> , From Africa to Anatolia: German Military Strategy, Political and Economic Strategy and Population Removals <b>Discussant: Margaret Anderson</b>	<b>Hesna Begüm Özel</b> , Remembrance of the Great War by Turkish Prisoners of War <b>Abdelwahab Shaker</b> , Ottoman Prisoners of War in Egypt during the First World War <b>Tülin Uygur</b> , Swedish Red Cross and Disabled Turkish POWs during First World War
<b>10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break</b>	

**11:00 – 12:30**

**Keynote Lecture:**

**METE TUNÇAY**

***Termination of the Ottoman Empire with the World War***

<b>12:30 – 14:00 Lunch</b>	
<b>14:00 – 16:00</b> <b>Wartime Perception, Post-War Representation and Memory</b> <b>(Chair: Engin Deniz Akarlı)</b>	<b>14:00 – 16:00</b> <b>The Experience of Officers and Soldiers on Ottoman Fronts during WWI</b> <b>(Chair: Eyal Ginio)</b>
<b>Ayhan Aktar</b> , A Righteous Ottoman Local Governor (Kaymakam) during the Armenian Deportations in 1915: Hüseyin Nesimi Bey (1868-1915) <b>Jonathan Black</b> , Uncertain Allies, Formidable Enemies: The Image of Arabs and Turks in British War Art, 1917-21 <b>David Leupold</b> , The Question of Loyalty and the Great War – Portrait of a Turkophone Cilician-Armenian State Officer <b>Suzan Meryem Kalaycı</b> , Colonizing of the Mind: Representation of WWI in Turkish Museums and War Memorials	<b>Ozan Arslan</b> , Experiencing the Great War in the Caucasus: A Comparison of Accounts of the Combatants and Observers <b>Mustafa Gencer</b> , Çanakkale Cephesi ve Almanya [The Çanakkale Front and Germany] <b>Martin Strohmeier</b> , Siege, Mutiny and Surrender: Medina in World War I <b>Oliver Stein</b> , War as a Journey - German Soldiers' Experiences in the Ottoman Empire, 1914-1918
<b>16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break</b>	
<b>16:30 – 18:00</b> <b>Religious and Ethnic Minorities in the Armies of Allied and Central Powers</b> <b>(Chair: Hamit Bozarslan)</b>	<b>16:30 – 18:00</b> <b>Converting and Conflicting Ideologies in Wartime</b> <b>(Chair: Mete Tunçay)</b>
<b>Emmanuelle Cronier</b> , Feeding the Indian Army in Mesopotamia and France: Cultural and Political Stakes <b>Julie D'Andurain</b> , The Black Force during the WWI: Genesis of the Concept and Practices <b>Cloé Drieu</b> , Colonial Disorders in Turkistan's Wartime: the Revolts of 1916 Against the Formation of Labor Battalions and their Consequences	<b>Candan Badem</b> , Kars, Ardahan and Batum during World War I <b>Juliette Honvault</b> , Fighting with the Ottomans: The Islamic Cause in Yemen during World War I <b>Vügar İmanbeyli</b> , Between Tsarism and Ottomans: Russian Muslims in the Writings of M. E. Resulzade during the First World War
<b>18:00 – 18:45</b> <b>Elizabeth Thompson</b> Presentation of the Online Encyclopedia of the First World War	

**20:00**

**Reception by the French Embassy**

**(Location: Palais de France)**

**SATURDAY, April 12**

09:00 – 10:30 Representing the Ottoman World War: Cultural Diplomacy, Memory and Remembrance (Chair: Benjamin Fortna)	09:00 – 10:30 Conflict, Entertainment and Urban Memory in Imperial Cosmopolitan Cities (1914-1922) (Chair: Christoph K. Neumann)
<i>Fabian Stremmel</i> , Fostering a better Understanding between the Ottomans and the Germans? German Cultural Diplomacy in the Wartime Levant <i>Pheroze Unwalla</i> , Remembrance of the Çanakkale Savaşları in the Early Turkish Republic <i>Philipp Wirtz</i> , Personal Experiences of the First World War in Turkish Autobiographies	<i>Andreas Bouroutis</i> , Behind the Front Line: Germans and Turks in Thessaloniki, 1914-1915 <i>D. J. Macarthur-Seal</i> , Punters and Policemen: British Soldiers and the Nightlife Boom in Thessaloniki, Alexandria, and Istanbul, 1914-1923 <i>Carole Woodall</i> , Transnational Constantinople: Ragtime, Modernity, and World War One
<b>10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break</b>	

**11:00 – 12:30**  
**Panel Discussion**

***Researching the Great War: New Perspectives on the Ottoman Fronts  
from the Distance of a Hundred Years***

**Moderator: Oktay Özel**

**Participants: Fikret Adanır, Hamit Bozarslan,  
Alexandre Toumarkine, Elizabeth Thompson**

**12:30 – 12:45**  
**Closing of the Conference**

**Raoul Motika (Director, Orient-Institut Istanbul)  
Bülent Bilmez (Chairman, Tarih Vakfı)**

**13:00 – 14:00 Boat trip to Tarabya and Lunch**

**14:00 – 18:00**  
***Documentary Theater***  
***“Suppressed and Forgotten / Bastırılmış ve Unutulmuş”***

**14:00 – 15:00 Introduction**  
**15:00 – 16:00 Performance**  
**16:00 – 17:00 Discussion**

**Organized by Goethe-Institut  
(Location: German Military Cemetery, Tarabya)**

**17:00 – 18:00**  
**Cocktail**  
**(Location: Summer Residency of the German Ambassador, Tarabya)**

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Turkish-English simultaneous translation will be provided in each panel

**SUNDAY, April 13**

**11:00 – 16:30**

**Workshop:**

***“Gençler 1. Dünya Savaşı'nı Tartışıyor: Farklı Ülkelerin  
Ders Kitaplarında Cihan Harbi”***

**Organized by Tarih Vakfı and participating schools  
(Location: Saint Pulcherie Lisesi Oditoryumu)**