

Programme

National Formations in the Great War: from an imperial mobilization policy to armies of independent nation states

Estonian War Museum-General Laidoner Museum, and Estonian National Defence College
Tallinn-Tartu, 25–26 April 2017

First day, 25 April

Estonian War Museum, Mõisa tee 1, 74001 Viimsi

9:30–10:00 *Registration, morning coffee*

10:00–10:45 Opening of the conference; award ceremony: Hendrik Sepp Prize for the best Estonian publication in military history in 2016
Margus Tsahkna (Minister of Defence)
Hellar Lill (Director of the Estonian War Museum)

Empires and Local Privileges: Central Powers before and during the Great War

10:45–11:15 **Dr. Serhiy Choliy** (National Technical University of Ukraine, Kyiv)
The Local Military Privileges of Late Habsburg Monarchy (1867–1918): Dichotomy of regional traditions and state centralism

11:15–11:45 **Gavin Wiens** (University of Toronto)
Fighting in the Shadow of the Eagle and Lion: Saxons and Württembergers in the German Army, 1914–1918

11:45–12:15 *Coffee break*

From National Formations to Armies of Nation States

12:15–12:45 **Dr. Eyal Pascovich** (University of Haifa, Israel)
The Jewish Legion in the British Army during the First World War

12:45–13:15 **Michał Przybylak** (War Studies University, Warsaw)
From Childhood of the Riflemen's Association through middle-age of the Polish Legions to adulthood in the Polish Army. History of the rebuilt Polish Army, 1914–1920

13:15–13:45 **Dr. Ciro Paoletti** and **Loredana Vannacci** (Italian Commission of Military History)
The Czech Army Corps in the Italian Royal Army in 1918

13:45–14:30 *Catered lunch (both speakers and participants)*

Battles, Myths and Nationalism

14:30–15:00 **Dr. Daniel Marcelino Rodrigues** (IE University, Spain)
The Armée d'Afrique between Myth and Reality: Fighting for France, fighting the World Wars

15:00–15:30 **Valdis Kuzmins** (National Defence Academy of Latvia)
Latvian Rifle Regiments and their Impact on Latvian Military Culture

15:30–16:00 **Prof. dr. Maciej Górny** (Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History, Polish Academy of Science)
Turning Points: Kostiuchnówka, Zborov and the Decline of Imperial Loyalty

16:00–16:15 *Coffee break*

From the First World War to the Second World War

16:15–16:45 **Tobias J. Burgers** (Free University of Berlin)
Japan, the Great War, and how its mobilization for WWI eventually mobilized it for WWII

16:45–17:15 **Conclusion of the first day**

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8:30–9:00 *Morning coffee*

Opening welcome by **Lt. Col. Sten Allik** (Estonian National Defence College)

War, Nationalism, and the Rebirth of Lithuania

9:00–9:30 **Dr. Vilma Bukaitė** (Lithuanian National Museum)
Changing Our Army: Political Self-Identification in Diaries and Letters of Lithuanian Authors in 1915–1919

9:30–10:00 **Dr. Tomas Balkelis** (Lithuanian Historical Institute)
Political Radicalism among Lithuanian Soldiers and Officers in the Russian Army, 1917–1918

10:00–10:30 **Prof. dr. Jonas Vaičenonis** (Vytautas Magnus University)
The Development Challenges of the Lithuanian Armed Forces from November 1918 to May 1919

10:30–11:00 Coffee break

Fighting in Others' War: the destiny of national units in WWI

11:00–11:30 **Dr. Blaž Torkar** (Military Schools Centre/Military Museum of the Slovenian Armed Forces)
The Army of the State of Slovenes, Croats and Serbs

11:30–12:00 **Dr. Ruslana Martseniuk** (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)
The Legion of Ukrainian Sich Riflemen in 1914–1918

12:00–12:30 **Dr. Andrii Rukkas** (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)
The Creation of Ukrainian National Military Units within the Russian Army in 1917

12:30–13:30 *Lunch at Cafe Shakespeare (for speakers only)*

Estonian Soldiers in the Great War: Politics, Symbols, and Memory

13:30–14:00 **Lt. Col. Agur Benno** (Estonian Embassy in Moscow)
The Development of the Insignia of the Estonian National Units in Comparison with Similar Formations

14:00–14:30 **Lt. Col. Vitali Lokk** (Estonian Defence Forces)
The Formation, Activities and the Importance of the Supreme Committee of the Estonian Soldiers in the Formation of National Units in 1917–1918

14:30–15:00 **Dr. Liisi Esse** (Stanford University Libraries)
The Forgotten Soldiers? The Fate of the Estonian WWI Veterans during the Interwar Period

15:00–15:15 *Coffee break*

15:15–16:00 **Closing discussion**