The Centre for Hidden Histories

Beyond the Western Front: The Global First World War

Conference and community showcase

Friday 1 and Saturday 2 July 2016

Albert Hall Conference Centre, North Circus Street, Nottingham NG1 5AA



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In a British context, and with significant exceptions, the First World War is still interpreted through a white British narrative that prioritises the Western Front as the principal site of conflict and sacrifice. The commemorative landscapes and rituals created after 1918, and re-affirmed each year in the UK and on the Western Front, preclude a broader understanding of the war as a global conflict and its impact into the 21st century. The dominance of this 'First World War orthodoxy' has hindered popular British opinion from understanding, or even being aware of, alternative views and experiences.

Through a combination of papers, presentations and workshops, this free event will examine different understandings of the war and seek to provide a broader cosmopolitan context in which to place the British First World War orthodoxy. The event will present and discuss views from a variety of national, faith and other emerging communities whose histories are rarely considered, and for whom the traditional Armistice Day celebrations may have strikingly different meanings.

It is hoped that the debates at the event will prompt further research and collaboration between academics and communities.

Book your free ticket here.

The event will take place at the Albert Hall Conference Centre. Click <u>here</u> for directions.

The event is organised by The Centre for Hidden Histories, on behalf of the five national World War One Engagement Centres funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

Programme Day One 1 st July			
09:15	Registration		
09:30	Welcome	John Beckett	
09:40	The Maharajas Contribution to the First World War	Tony Mclenaghan	
10:00	Honouring VC Indian Soldiers in WW1	Kiran Sahota	
10:20	Empire, Faith & War: The Sikhs and World War One	UKPHA	
10:40	Q&A		
11:00	Break		
11:20	Hidden Voices from Empire and War: Perspectives of colonised people on World War One	Kirit Patel	
11:40	An English Nurse at the Russian Front	Samraghni Bonnerjee	
12:00	A Clash of Imperialisms: Russian-British Mutual Perceptions during the Allied Intervention in North Russia, 1918-19	Nick Baron	
12:20	Q&A		
12:40	Lunch		
13:30	Workshop: Documents in The National Archives	Iqbal Husain	
14:30	Workshop: WW1 Global Heroes	The Racial Equality Centre	
15:30	Workshop: Patriotism on the Russian Empire's home front	Catherine Danks	
16:30	Break		
17:00	Workshop: Cultures of Remembrance: Making People Visible	Rosie Collins	
18:00	Close		

Programme Day Two 2 nd July			
08:45	Registration		
09:00	Welcome	John Beckett	
09:20	British policy towards oil in the Middle-East: laying the foundations for security and a strong economic future	Graham Kay	
09:40	How women in Nottingham responded to the end of the First World War.	Val Wood	
10:00	Q&A		
10:15	Hidden Strangers Project Review	Natalie Braber	
10:35	HLF Project Review	Izzy Mohammed	
10:55	Q&A/Coffee		
11:05	Africa's War	Anne Samson	
11:25	The British Army, the First World War, enlistment, conscription and 'race'.	Phil Vasili	
11:55	The London Connection	Kurt Barling	
12:25	Recognize Online	Garry Stewart	
12:45	Q&A		
13:00	Lunch		
13:30	Sikh memorial culture of the First World War in the UK	Amerdeep Panesar	
	The direct link between the Great War and the establishment of the Chinese Communist Party, and so the		
13:50	establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949.	Steve Lau	
14:10	First World War contribution of Dulmial village, Pakistan	Irfan Malik	
14:30	The contribution of camp followers and non-combatants from undivided India and Nepal	Eleanor Harding	
14:50	Q&A/Coffee		
15:05	Hidden Strangers	Natalie Braber	
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15:35	Knockaloe	Alison Jones	
15:55	The Domiciled 'Other' as Enemy Alien: Leeds and the Alien Register, 1914-1919	David Stowe	
16:15	Sounding Out the Archive: The Engländerlager Ruhleben and its Imperial Legacies	Claudia Sternberg	
16:35	Q&A		
16:50	Close		

