

Invitation



World War One goes World Wide Web – 1914-1918-online. International Encyclopedia of the First World War

One hundred years after the outbreak of the First World War, the project *1914-1918-online. International Encyclopedia of the First World War* will provide the public with a comprehensive Open Access encyclopedia of the “Great War”. The project is coordinated at Freie Universität Berlin and funded by the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft DFG). *1914-1918-online* combines the latest international historical research with the benefits of the semantic web. This leads to an advanced digital resource for historians worldwide. The First World War is an important point of reference for the creation of a transnational and global historical consciousness,

offering a unique chance to discuss the roots of and possibilities for European integration. At a time of new economic and political crises, a comprehensive examination and analysis of this „great seminal catastrophe of the twentieth century“ is indispensable. In cooperation with the federal states of Berlin and North Rhine-Westphalia and the EU-Committee of the Regions, and with the support of the German Embassy in Brussels and Allianz SE, the online encyclopedia will be launched on 8 October 2014 in Brussels. Moreover an international panel will discuss the First World War in the context of European historical consciousness.

We cordially invite you to join us.

Kind regards,

ANGELICA SCHWALL-DÜREN, Minister for Federal Affairs, Europe and the Media of North Rhine-Westphalia
Permanent Secretary HELLA DUNGER-LÖPER, State of Berlin Commissioner for European Affairs
OLIVER JANZ, Professor of Modern and Contemporary History at Freie Universität Berlin
NICOLAS APOSTOLOPOULOS, Head of the Center for Digital Systems at Freie Universität Berlin

Agenda

- Welcoming speech by the President of the Committee of the Regions, Michel Lebrun (tbc)
- Speech by State of Berlin Commissioner for European Affairs, Permanent Secretary Hella Dunger-Löper
- Speech by the President of the Freie Universität Berlin, Peter-André Alt
- Presentation of *1914-1918-online* by Editor in Chief, Oliver Janz
- Panel “The First World War and European historical consciousness” with Heather Jones (historian and general editor of *1914-1918-online*), Adam Krzeminski (journalist), Paul Dujardin (Director of the Palais des BOZAR in Brussels) and Santanu Das (literary studies researcher, historian, and section editor of *1914-1918-online*); Moderator: Melinda Crane (journalist)
- Closing speech by Minister for Federal Affairs, Europe and the Media of North Rhine-Westphalia, Angelica Schwall-Düren
- Reception with „workstations“ for testing the online encyclopedia

The conference language is **English**. Simultaneous translation in **French, German** and **Dutch** is available.

When: Wednesday, 8 October 2014, 2–5 p.m. (registration desk opens at 1:30 p.m.)

Where: Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 99, Room JDE62 , reception from about 4 p.m. in Atrium 6

Please register by 30 September 2014 at www.1914-1918-online.net/public_launch/registration_en/index.html#reg_en

If you are unable to attend, you will have the opportunity to follow the event via live stream on our website.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions at: berlin@1914-1918-online.net

This event will be organised in cooperation with the Committee of the Regions and with the support of the German Embassy in Brussels as well as Allianz S. E.

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