

“The Peripheries of World War I:   
New Methodological and Spatial Perspectives”

Conference at the NYUAD Institute, New York University,   
19 Washington Square North, New York, NY 10011

May 14-16, 2014

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Conveners: Valerie Deacon (NYUNY), Martin Klimke (NYUAD),

Andrew Patrick (Tennessee State University)

**Preliminary Program**

**Wednesday, May 14**

7:00 – 9:00 pm **Reception at the NYUAD Institute**

**Thursday, May 15**

9:30 – 10:45 am **PANEL 1/ROUNDTABLE: Emotional, intimate, and family histories**

Moderator: **Andrew Patrick**

**Najwa al-Qattan (Loyola Marymount University);** *Remembering the Great War in Syria and Lebanon: The war at home*

**Melanie Tanielian (University of Michigan)**

**Kristine Alexander (University of Lethbridge)**

10:45 – 11:00 am **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:15 pm **PANEL 2: A History of Surveillance**

Chair**: Valerie Deacon**

**Devyani Gupta (University of Cambridge);** *Mobilisation, Circulation and Surveillance: The Post Office of British India on the peripheries of the War*

**Tamara Scheer (Ludwig Boltzmann-Institute for Social Science History);** *Denunciation: The Case of the Habsburg Empire's War Surveillance Office*

12:15 – 1:30 pm **Lunch Break at 53 Washington Square South – room 701**

1:30 – 2:45 pm **PANEL 3: Histories of Humanitarianism and Gender**

Chair: **Mary Nolan**

**Maria Framke (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology);** *"Our proud privilege to nurse Indian soldiers back to health!": Indian Ambulance Corps in WWI*

**Michael McGuire (Salem State University);** *Transnational Gendered Reconstructions in the Aisne and Somme, 1918-1920*

**Dagmar Wernitznig (University of Oxford);** *Pacifism on the Peripheries:*

*Rosika Schwimmer (1877–1948) and Her Total Peace Effort*

2:45 – 3:00 pm **Coffee Break**

3:00 – 4:00 pm **PANEL 4/ROUNDTABLE: Environmental History**

Moderator: **Peder Anker**

**Tait Keller (Rhodes College);** *Military Ecologies in the Great War*

**Joseph Hupy (University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire)**

6:00 - 7:30 pm **KEYNOTE**

**Pierre Purseigle, Yale University**

8:00 – 10:00 pm **Conference Dinner at the Torch Club**

**Friday, May 16**

10:00 – 11:00 am **PANEL 5: Histories of Race and Identity**

Chair: **Martin Klimke**

**Jeffrey T. Sammons (New York University);** *The Strange Career and Case of Valdo B. Schita*

**John Morrow (The University of Georgia);***“Soldiers of Color in Combat on the Western Front”*

11:00 – 11:15 am **Coffee Break**

11:15– 12:45 pm **PANEL 6/ROUNDTABLE: Histories of Disabilities and Medical Intervention**

Moderator: **Stefanos Geroulanos**

**Martina Salvante (Trinity College Dublin/University of Florence)**

**Fran Bernstein (Drew University)**

**Beth Linker (University of Pennsylvania)**

12:45 – 2:00 pm **Lunch Break at 53 Washington Square South – room 701**

2:00 – 3:15 pm **PANEL 7: Complexities of Colonialism**

Chair: **Richard Hull**

**Daniel Steinbach (University of Exeter);** *Balancing Friends and Enemies:   
Interactions between Occupier and Occupied during the British Conquest of German East Africa*

**Jakob Zollmann (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung);** *An African Periphery of World War I? Portugal, Germany, and Ovamboland in 1914-15*

3:15 – 3:30 pm **Coffee Break**

3:30 – 4:45 pm **PANEL 8: Accessing Memory**

Comments: **The audience**

**Mario Ruiz (Hofstra University);** *Under the Lens:*

*Photographing the Egyptian Labor Corps in World War One Palestine*

**Andrew Patrick (Tennessee State University)** *Jesus Optional: World War I and the Shifting Institutional Identity of the Syrian Protestant College*

**Bob Wintermute (CUNY);** *“McKenty’s Boys”:*

*Eastern State Penitentiary and America in the First World War*