

**THE ORIGINS AND IMPACT
OF WORLD WAR I:
AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE**

October 17-18, 2013
Columbia University in the City of New York

Room 1501 International Affairs Building
420 West 118th Street, New York

This conference is organized in collaboration with
the Harriman Institute, the East Central European Center, the Austrian Cultural Forum,
the Balassi Institute: Hungarian Cultural Center New York, Flanders House New York,
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and the Polish Cultural Institute New York.

Thursday, October 17, 2013

5:30pm: “Russia and the Origins of World War I: Time to Reconsider?”

Keynote Lecture by **Dominic Lieven** (Cambridge)

Introduced by **Victoria de Grazia** (Columbia) and **Jack Snyder** (Columbia)

Friday, October 18, 2013

9:00-9:15 Welcome by **Timothy Frye** (Columbia) and **Volker Berghahn** (Columbia)

9:15-10:45 Panel I: The Origins of World War I – An Interdisciplinary Dialogue

Chair: **Alan Timberlake** (Columbia)

Presenters: **Jack S. Levy** (Rutgers), “The Role of Preventive Logic in German Decision-Making in 1914”

Stig Foerster (Berne), “The Great Dilemma. The German General Staff and the Prospect of a Long War”

Volker Berghahn (Columbia), “The Role of International Big Business in the July Crisis of 1914”

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:45 Panel II: The Eastern Powers and the Origins of World War I

Chair: **István Deák** (Columbia)

Presenters: **Guenter Kronenbitter** (Augsburg), “A Game of Hazard. Decision-Making in Vienna, June-July 1914”

Peter Bihari (Budapest), “Rationalization of the War in Hungarian Public Opinion”

Jack Snyder (Columbia), “Paradoxes of Russian Strategy in 1914”

2:00-3:30 Panel III: The Experience of Violence – An Interdisciplinary Dialogue I

Chair: **Kimberly Marten** (Barnard)

Presenters: **Annette Becker** (Paris), “Violence against Invaded and Occupied Women on the Western and Eastern Front”

Jay Winter (Yale), “The Experience of Shell Shock in World War I and Its Legacies”

Michael Matthews (US Military Academy, West Point), “Soldier’s Heat, Shell Shock, Combat Fatigue, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Bio-Behavioral Disorder or Social Construction?”

3:30-4:00 Coffee Break

4:00-5:30 Panel IV: The Experience of Violence – An Interdisciplinary Dialogue II

Chair: **Tarik Amar** (Columbia)

Presenters: **Antoon Vrints** (Gent), “Beyond Victimization: Violence as a Manifestation of Domestic Tensions in Occupied Belgium, 1914-1918”

Ana Antic (London), “Reading Total War from Psychiatric Patients Files”

Jan Szkudlinski (Gdansk), “‘Here Starts Half-Asia.’ German Experiences on the Eastern Front in 1914”

5:30-6:45 Panel V: International Law and Modern Warfare

Chair: **Michael Doyle** (Columbia)

Presenters: **Isabel Hull** (Cornell), “International Law and the First World War”

Kazimierz Lankosz (Krakow), “World War I: Violations of the Laws of War, Postwar Developments and Lessons for Today”