

The World in World Wars

Experiences, Perceptions and Perspectives from the South

Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, 7-9 June 2007
Workshop Program

WELCOME ADDRESSES: 7 JUNE – 9.00-9.30

Ulrike Freitag & Ravi Ahuja

PANEL 1 : 7 JUNE - 9.30-12.30

WORLD WAR EXPERIENCES (I): THE FRONTLINE

Discussant: Joachim Oesterheld
Moderator: Katrin Bromber

[15-minute presentation per paper; coffee break 10.45-11.15; discussion 11.15-12.30]

Radhika **Singha**: *Front Lines, Status Lines and Ethnic Lines: the Follower Ranks of the Indian Army in the Great War, 1916-1920*

Kaushik **Roy**: *Military Loyalty in the Colonial Context: A Case Study of the Indian Army during the World War II*

Tim J. **Lovering**: *Military Service, Nationalism and Race: The Experience of Malawians in the Second World War*

Samiksha **Sehrawat**: *Experiencing Warfare and Medicine on the Western Front: Military Hospitals for Indian Sepoys in World War I*

PANEL 2 : 7 JUNE - 14.00-17.30

WORLD WAR EXPERIENCES (II): IN THE REAR OF THE FRONT

Discussant: Reinhard Johler
Moderator: Ravi Ahuja

[15-minute presentation per paper; coffee break 15.30-16.00; discussion 16.00-17.30]

Claude **Markovits**: *Indian Soldiers' Experiences in France during World War I: Seeing Europe from the Rear of the Front*

Can **Nacar**: *Our Life Was Not as Valuable as a Carpet: Workers in the Public Enterprises*

Abigail **Jacobson**: *A Mixed City Experiencing the War: Jerusalem during World War I*

Katharina **Lange**: *Peripheral Experiences: Everyday Life in Kurd Dagh (Northern Syria) during the Allied Occupation in the Second World War*

PANEL 3 : 8 JUNE - 9.00-12.30

**REPRESENTATIONS & RESPONSES (I) :
INTERPRETATIVE STRUGGLES DURING THE WAR**

Discussant: Dilip Menon
Moderator: Heike Liebau

[15-minute presentation per paper; coffee break 10.30-11.00; discussion 11.00-12.30]

Anne **Samson**: *The Impact of the East Africa Campaign of 1914-1918 on South Africa and Beyond*

Santanu **Das**: *India, Empire and First World War Writing: Responses and Representations*

Katrin **Bromber**: *Correcting the Perspective: Legitimation of Out-of-area Deployment in the Swahili Military Press during World War II*

Goetz **Nordbruch**: *Between National Independence and the Longing for a Just Order – Anti-Fascist Opposition in Lebanon and Syria on the Eve and during World War II*

PANEL 4 : 8 JUNE - 14.30-17.30

REPRESENTATIONS & RESPONSES (II): THE WAR IN HINDSIGHT

Discussant: Keith Watenpaugh
Moderator: Katharina Lange

[15-minute presentation per paper; coffee break 15.30-16.00; discussion 16.00-17.30]

Lutz **Rogler**: *World Wars and World Views: Receptions and Interpretations in Egyptian Cultural Journals*

Kimberly **Katz**: *World War II as Background: Life in Palestine Seen through the Diary of a Palestinian Arab Civil Servant*

Didier **Monciaud**: *Cinema Representations of a Sensitive Episode of the Second World War in Egypt: «Al-Gassoussa (The Spy) Hekmat Fahmy», an Egyptian Movie between Historical Polemics and Political Issues*

Heike **Liebau**: *'Kaiser kī jay' (Long Live the Kaiser) – Perceptions of World War I and the Socio-religious Movement among the Oraons*

“THE HALFMOON FILES”: 8 JUNE - 18.00-19.30 PRESENTATION BY PHILIP SCHEFFNER & BRITTA LANGE

During the First World War Africans, Indians, Tatars and Georgians who had served as “colonial Soldiers “ in the British, French and Russian Armies were brought as prisoners of war into the “Halfmoon Camp” in Wünsdorf. Including original audio- and video-documents, Britta Lange and Philip Scheffner show how they were instrumentalized for German propaganda purposes and how they became research objects of scholars like anthropologists or linguists.

PANEL 5 : 9 JUNE - 9.00-12.00

**REPRESENTATIONS & RESPONSES (III):
WAR & THE MAKING OF PEACE-TIME SOCIETY**

Discussant: Risto Marjomaa

Moderator: Dyala Hamzah

[15-minute presentation per paper; coffee break 10.00-10.30; discussion 10.30-12.00]

Suryakanthie **Chetty**: *Our Victory Was Our Defeat: Race, Gender and Liberalism in the Union Defence Force, 1939-1945*

Francesca **Bruschi**: *World Wars' Impacts in Spreading Republican Rights and Values among West African Citizens, Subjects and Former Servicemen (1895-1945)*

Indivar **Kamtekar**: *Freedoms Lost and Gained: A Perspective on the Impact of the Second World War on India*

Ben **Zachariah**: *The Creativity of Destruction: Wartime Imaginings of Development and Social Policy, c. 1944-1946*

FINAL DISCUSSION: 9 JUNE – 12.00-12.30

Dyala Hamzah (Introduction and Moderation)

Wünsdorf, Guided bus tour to Wünsdorf

13.00 departure from ZMO, 18.30 arrival at the hotel

Like no other place in Germany the village Wünsdorf, located about 50 km south of Berlin, is connected with the chequered history of different military interests. It began in 1907 when a large military training centre for the Royal Prussian Army was set up. During the First World War special war prison camps were established near Wünsdorf. A bunker complex was built in the 1930ies to provide facilities for the German army command and its general staff. When the Second World War broke out, these bunkers became one of the centres from where the Nazis planned and carried out their campaigns. The whole complex was captured by the Red army on 20th April 1945 and from the 1960s right through 1994 the Zeppelin-bunker served as the main communication centre and command post of the Soviet Western Group of Forces. Today the former military complex, now called Waldstadt (Woods town), is a large conversion region with museums, a cemetery for prisoners of World War I, antiquarian bookshops and residential areas.