



**THE FIRST WORLD WAR**  
**AND ITS IMPACT ON THE BALKANS AND EURASIA**

Emergence of new society through destructions  
 with a perspective of the World History



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17 SEPTEMBER 2013

9.30  
Registration

10.00  
**Opening Plenary**

Prof. Dr. Habil. IVAN ILCHEV,  
Rector of Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

Prof. Dr. TETSUYA SAHARA (Meiji University, Japan)  
Assoc. Prof. Dr. KOSTADIN GROZEV,  
Program Director of UCH Alma Mater

Prof. Dr. BORISLAV GAVRILOV,  
Head of Department of Early Modern and Modern  
History, Sofia University

“The War that must end all Wars”

10.45-13.25  
Session 1:

**The First World War and Its implication to the World History**

Chairs:  
Prof. Dr. TETSUYA SAHARA (Meiji University, Japan),  
Assoc. Prof. Dr. KOSTADIN GROZEV (Sofia University)

10.45-11.05  
Assoc. Prof. Dr. KOSTADIN GROZEV (Sofia University)

“The First World War as a Geopolitical and Diplomatic  
Divide in World History”

11.05-11.25  
Assoc. Prof. Dr. ELENA RUDAYA  
(Historical Perspective Fund, Russia)

“Russian Foreign Policy on the eve of the First World  
War”

11.25-11.45  
Prof. Dr. MUSTAFA TURKES  
(Middle East Technical University, Turkey)  
“The International Orders and the Regional Formations  
in the Balkans before and after the WWI”

11.45-12.00  
Coffee Break

12.00-12.20  
Prof. Dr. ISKRA BAEVA  
(Sofia University, Eurasia Center VIA EVRASIA)  
“The First World War and the New Political Map of East  
Europe”

12.20-12.40  
Assist. Prof. Dr. EVGENIY KANDILAROV,  
Prof. Dr. NAKO STEFANOV (Sofia University)  
“Japan in the First World War – political, economic and  
international dimensions”

12.40-13.30  
Discussion

13.30-14.30  
Lunch

14.40-17.40  
Session 2:

**The First World War and Russian Social Thought**

Chairs:  
Prof. Dr. BORISLAV GAVRILOV, Head of Department of  
Early Modern and Modern History, Sofia University  
Assoc. Prof. Dr. ELENA RUDAYA  
(Historical Perspective Fund, Russia),

14.40-15.00  
Dr. JULIA ZLATKOVA (Bulgarian Academy of Science)  
“Philosophical Considerations of War: Berdyaev’s Views  
on the First World War”

15.00-15.20

Assoc. Prof. Dr. DARINA GRIGOROVA  
(Sofia University, Eurasia Center VIA EVRASIA)  
“Time Slavophiles”: The Russian expectations regarding  
the First World War between irrationalism and  
pragmatism”

15.20-15.40

Dr. SVETOSLAV MANOILOV  
(Eurasia Center VIA EVRASIA)  
“The Russian Nationalists and the First World War”

15.40-16.00

Coffee Break

16.00-16.20

Assist. Prof. Dr. ALEXANDER SIVILOV  
(Sofia University, Eurasia Center VIA EVRASIA)  
“The First World War and the Bolshevik Revolution”

16.20-16.40

TSVETELINA HARALAMPIEVA, PhD Student  
(Sofia University, Eurasia Center VIA EVRASIA)  
“Illarion Ivanovich Vorontsov-Dashkov as a General  
Governor of Caucasus, 1905-1915”

16.40 -18.00

Discussion

18.30

Cocktail  
Restaurant “Alma Mater”

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9.10-11.40

Session 3:

### **Historiographies on the First World War**

Chairs:

Prof. Dr. PREDRAG MARKOVIC,  
(Institute for Contemporary History, Belgrade, Serbia),

Assoc. Prof. Dr. VALERY KOLEV (Sofia University)

9.10-9.30

Assoc. Prof. Dr. BESTAMI BILGIC  
(Ipek University, Turkey)

"A Critique of the Turkish Historiography on the Non-  
Muslim Soldiers in the Ottoman Army during World War  
One"

9.30-9.50

Prof. Dr. BOZICA MLADENOVIC  
(University of Niš, Serbia)

“The Great War in Serbian historiography - (un)  
explored issues and opportunities for further research”

9.50-10.10

Prof. Dr. ÖMER TURAN  
(Middle East Technical University, Turkey)  
“The Turkish Historiography on the First World War”

10.10-10.30

Prof. Dr. TETSUYA SAHARA  
(Meiji University, Japan)

“Origins of WWI in the Balkan Historiography”

10.30-10.50

Assoc. Prof. Dr. IAROSLAV GOLUBINOV  
(Samara State Medical University, Russia)  
“Russian and English experience of the Great War and  
the problem of commemoration”

10.50-11.10  
Coffee Break

11.10-11.40  
Discussion

11.40-13.20  
Session 4:  
**Occupation, Atrocities, and Resistance**

Chairs:  
Prof. Dr. ÖMER TURAN  
(Middle East Technical University, Turkey),  
Assist. Prof. Dr. EVGENIY KANDILAROV  
(Sofia University, Eurasia Center VIA EVRASIA)

11.40-12.00  
Assoc. Prof. Dr. VALERY KOLEV (Sofia University)

“Was Bulgaria Occupied after World War I, October 1918 -  
November 1919?”

12.00-12.20  
Dr. TAMARA SCHEER, Research Fellow,  
Ludwig Boltzmann-Institute for Social Science History,  
Austria)

“The Austro-Hungarian Occupation Regime in the  
Balkans during World War One: An ardent supporter for  
Muslim and Turkish concerns?”

12.20-12.40  
Dr. TASOS KOSTOPOULOS, PhD Student  
(Ioannina University, Greece)

“Minorities Under the Gun. The Human Cost of Military  
Occupation in Greek Macedonia, 1916-1918”

12.40-13.20  
Discussion

13.30-14.30  
Lunch

14.40-15.00  
Assist. Prof. DIMITAR GRIGOROV & MARTIN VALKOV,  
PhD Student (Sofia University)

“The Toplice Uprising, 1917”

15.00-15.20  
Assoc. Prof. Dr. ISA BLUMI  
(Georgia State University, USA)

“Occupations Regimes in Albania during WWI and the  
Roots of Albanian National Identities”

15.20-15.40  
Prof. Dr. HAKAN YAVUZ  
(University of Utah, USA)

“The Ottoman and Armenian Relations, 1916”

15.40-16.15  
Discussion

16.15-16.30  
Coffee Break

16.30–18.30

Session 5:

**How was the First World War viewed by the Contemporaries?**

Chairs:

Prof. Dr. MUSTAFA TURKES

(Middle East Technical University, Turkey),

Assist. Prof. Dr. ALEXANDER SIVILOV

(Sofia University, Eurasia Center VIA EVRASIA)

16.30–16.50

Dr. DMITAR TASIC, researcher (Institute for Strategic Research, Serbia)

“Serbian Participation in Great War and its Place in Identity and Traditions of Yugoslav Armed Forces”

16.50–17.10

Prof. Dr. ROUMEN GENOV (New Bulgarian University)

“The Entry and Participation of Bulgaria in World War I as Seen by the British Journalist James D. Bouchier”

17.10–17.30

Assoc. Prof. Dr. ROSSITZA TASHEVA

(Sofia University)

“Jean Jaures: An Apostle of Peace in Pre-War Europe, 1905–1914”

17.30–17.50

MELTEM ACARLI & SIBEL AKOVA, PhD Students

(Maltepe University-Communication Sciences, Turkey)

"Ottoman Art and Culture during World War I - Theater as a Communication Tool"

17.50–18.50

Discussion

19.00

Conference Dinner

INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS

whose papers will be included in the almanac of the conference:

Assist. Prof. Dr. ASYA ATANASSOVA

(Shumen State University)

“Menshevik leaders' attitude toward the First World War”

BISER NUSHEV, PhD Student

(Sofia University)

“The Split of the All-Russian National Union during the First World War”

BOKAYEVA KARLYGASH

(Eurasian National University after named L.N. Gumilev, Faculty of Russian philology, Russian language and literature student, Kazakhstan)

“Eschatological motifs in the Osip Mandelstam's lyrics about the First World War in his book “Tristia”