

Program

Environmental History of World War I

Monday 04 August

08:30 Introduction

Introductions: Helmuth Trischler for RCC; John McNeill, Martin Schmid, Richard Tucker

9:15 – 12:30 Extracting Global Natural Resources

Chair: Richard Tucker

Roy MacLeod (University of Sydney)

“The ‘Minerals Sanction’: The Great War and the Conservation and Use of Natural Resources”

Dan Tamir (Hebrew University of J.)

“Something New under the Fog of War: World War I and the Debut of Oil on the Global Stage”

Jack Hayes (Kwantlen University / University of British Columbia)

“World War I Environments, Military Actions, and Resource Management in East Asia”

Tait Keller (Rhodes College)

“Extracting the Energy of Empires”

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-17:00 Agro-Ecosystems and Food Supplies

Chair: Helmuth Trischler

Alice Weinreb (Loyola University Chicago)

“Beans are Bullets, Potatoes are Powder: Food as a Weapon of War during the First World War”

Ernst Langthaler (Institute of Rural History)

“Dissolution before Dissolution: Agro-Food Chains in Austro-Hungary in the First World War”

Ingo Heidbrink (Old Dominion University / International Commission for Maritime History (SecGen))

“World War I: The Unexpected Stimulus for the Beginning of Global Over-fishing”

Gene Tempest (State University of NY / Yale University)
“Horses Have No Country: American Equines and the Global Military
Marketplace, 1899-1917”

Evening Conference Dinner

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09:00–12:30 The Middle East - Ecosystems, Resources, Refugees, and Famine

Chair: Martin Schmid

Maria Six-Hohenbalken (Austrian Academy of Sciences)
“Upper Mesopotamia during World War I: Humanitarian Catastrophes and
Commercial Intentions – Sources from Austrian Archives”

Steven Serels (Harvard University)
“Starving for Someone Else’s Fight: The First World War and Famine in the Red
Sea World”

Zachary Foster (Princeton University)
“Why are Famines so Deadly in the Modern Period? Syria during World War I”

Graham Pitts (Georgetown University)
“The Famine of World War I and the Creation of Lebanon”

12:00–13:00 Lunch

13:00–16:30 Forestry, Conservation, Chemical Warfare

Chair: John McNeill

James Lewis (Forest History Society)
“Foresters at War: World War I and the Transformation of American Timber
Management”

Anna-Katharina Woebse ()
“Disruption and Re commencement: International Conservation Networks and
World War I”

Frank Uekoetter (University of Birmingham)
“Memories in Mud: Reflections on the Environmental Legacy of the Great War”

16:30–17:00 Concluding Observations

Roger Chickering (Georgetown University)

17:00–17:30 Summary Session