

Small Nations and Colonial Peripheries in World War I: Europe and the Wider World

International Conference
NUI Galway
13-14 June 2014



Flag of regiment of
Bostonians of Irish descent



Regiment of African
Americans from New York



Polish Legion raised
among Poles in US

Venue: The Hardiman Building G010

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and Colonialism, the School of Humanities, and the College of Arts,
Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies

Fri., 13th June

9.00 Welcome and Introduction

9.20-11.00 Panel 1: IRELAND AND THE WIDER IRISH WORLD

Chair: Enrico Dal Lago (NUI Galway)

Conor Morrissey (Trinity College Dublin)

A Minority Voice from the Colonial Periphery: Irish Protestant Nationalists and the Conscription Crisis

Alan Drumm (University College Cork)

The Nationalist Counter-Recruiting Campaigns, 1903-1914

William Buck (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick)

Ireland's enemy alien POWs and civilian internees during the First World War

John Cunningham (NUI Galway)

An Anti-War Irish 'Wobbly' in Australia

11.00-11.20 Coffee Break

11.20-1.00 Panel 2: NORTH AND CENTRAL EUROPE

Chair: Gearóid Barry (NUI Galway)

Christine Strotmann (Freie University Berlin)

The revolutionary programme of the German Empire: the case of Ireland

Michael Jonas (Helmut-Schmidt University Hamburg)

Neutral Allies, Immoral Pariahs ? Scandinavian Neutrality, International Law and the Great Power Politics in the First World War

Matias Gardin (University of Luxembourg)

Patriotism Contained by Teachers at War: Reflections on Education, Citizenship and National Identity in Luxembourg from 1914 to 1918

Lili Zach (NUI Galway)

"Mosaic without a Pattern": Irish Catholic Perceptions of Small Nationalities in Austria-Hungary, 1914-1918

1.00-1.30 Lunch

1.30-3.00 Panel 3: EASTERN EUROPE

Chair: Enrico Dal Lago (NUI Galway)

Bozena Cierlik (University College Cork)

"For Your Freedom and Ours": Polish Military Formation in the First World War

Mariya Romanova (Sorbonne University, Paris)

French and German Colonial Troops in Ukraine in 1918

Steven Balbirnie (University College Dublin)

Small War on a Violent Frontier: Colonial Warfare and British Intervention in Northern Russia, 1918-1919

3.00-4.00 Panel 4: SOUTHERN EUROPE

Chair: Róisín Healy (NUI Galway)

Richard Gow (Trinity College Dublin)
Visions of Grandeur on Europe's Periphery: Spain and the Great War

Maria Rodriguez Calleja (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
Irish and Catalan National Movements within the Context of WWI

4.00-4.30 Coffee Break

4.30-6.00 Keynote Address and Discussion

Michael Neiberg (U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania),
Small Nations Inside a Big State: American Immigrant Communities React to War, 1914-1917

8.00 Conference Dinner

Sat., 14th June

9.00-9.30 Panel 4, Contd.

Florian Grafl (University of Giessen)
"Ara o Mai": The First World War and its Impact on Catalonia

9.30-11.00 Panel 5: AFRICA

Chair: Kevin O'Sullivan (NUI Galway)

Daniel Rouven Steinbach (University of Exeter)
Allied Troops on German Soil: The Occupation of German East Africa in the First World War

Aude Chanson (Université Paris 7 – Denis Diderot)
German East Africa: Local Populations Facing the First World War

Christopher J. Rominger (C.U.N.Y.)
From Tirailleurs to Tramways: Mukhtar al-Ayari and Alternative Voices in Post-War Tunisia

11.00-11.20 Coffee Break

11.20-1.00 Panel 6: CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN ASIA

Chair: Gearóid Barry (NUI Galway)

David Noack (University of Potsdam)
Turkestan in the Great War: Between Great Game, Russian and British Colonial Periphery, and German High Ambition

Danielle Ross (Nazarbayev University, Astana, KZ)
Fighting for the Tsar, Fighting against the Tsar: The Use of "Folk" Songs to Mobilize Tatar and Kirgiz Populations for or against Military Service in the Great War (1914-1918)

Niall Williams (NUI Galway)
From Colonists to Enemy Enclave: World War I in the Relationship Between the Volga Germans and the Russian State

Radhika Singha (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)
Placing India in the 'European Great War': coolies and mule-drivers in France

1.00-1.30 Closing Discussion