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Embattled Nature: Men and Landscapes on the Eastern Front of WWI

9–10 March 2023

Aula, Campus of the University of Vienna
Spitalgasse 2-4, Hof 1, 1090 Vienna

International
Conference

Thursday, 9 March 2023

9:00 – 9:15 **Welcome**

9:15 – 10:30 **Opening lecture and discussion**

Nicholas Saunders (University of Bristol)

**Conflict Landscapes at the Edge of Empire:
Archaeology of a Desert Insurgency – the Arab Revolt, 1916-18**

Chair: Kerstin Susanne Jobst (University of Vienna)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00 **PANEL 1.**
**Environment as the Battlefield:
Rivers, Mountains and Forests in Military Strategies**

Chair: Klaus Gestwa (University of Tübingen)

Christoph Nübel (Bundeswehr Centr for Military History and Social Sciences, Potsdam)
Scorched Earth. ‘Unternehmen Alberich’ as a Case Study for WW1 Warscapes Analysis

Gustavo Corni (University of Trento)

**Transformation of the Landscape: the War Logistics on the Plateau
of Lavarone and Folgaria at the Border between Austria-Hungary and Italy**

David Novotny (University of Vienna)

**City, Forts and the San - Przemysl, 1914-15:
Contemporary Perception of the Fortified City**

Commentary: Kerstin von Lingen (University of Vienna)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 **PANEL 2.**
Belligerent Landscapes of WWI in Individual Narratives and Propaganda

Chair: Hannes Leidinger (University of Vienna)

Wolfram Dornik (Municipal Archives of Graz)

**Space and Environment in Individual Testimonies
of German-Speaking Soldiers of the Habsburg Army, 1914-18**

Alexandra Likhacheva (Yaroslavl State Pedagogical University)

**Galicia’s Landscapes of the First World War in the Prism
of the Photographic Camera: Visualisation of the Belligerent Spaces**

Elisabeth Haid-Lener (University of Vienna)

Galician Landscapes as an Element of Austrian and Russian War Propaganda

Commentary: Oksana Nagornaya (Yaroslavl State Pedagogical University)

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:30 **PANEL 3.**
**Occupied Landscapes of the Eastern Front:
Owning and Managing the Enemy Space**

Chair: Wolfgang Mueller (University of Vienna)

Stephan Lehnstaedt (Touro University Berlin)

**Know What You Occupy:
The Surveying of Poland by the Central Powers**

Yaroslav Golubinov (Samara University)

**Oil as a Resource and Element of Defense:
the Cases of Galicia 1915 and Romania 1916**

Oksana Nagornaya (Yaroslavl State Pedagogical University)
**Occupied Landscapes and Environmental Transformation
on the Eastern Front of the First World War**

Commentary: Daniel Marc Segesser (University of Bern)

Friday, 10 March 2023

8:30 – 10:30 **PANEL 4.**
**Imperial Debris: Toxic War Estate and Demilitarisation
of Landscapes in the Era of Revolutions and Imperial Collapse**

Chair: Tanja Penter (Heidelberg University)

Tait Keller (Rhodes College)

**The Environmental Costs of Imperial Collapse:
War Lands on the Eastern Front**

Yulia Zherdeva (Samara University)

**Toxic Heritage of the War:
Demilitarisation of Eastern Front Landscapes**

Kamil Ruszała (Jagiellonian University)

**Monuments Between the Ruins:
the Landscape of Galicia after the Battle**

Commentary: Tamara Scheer
(University of Vienna/Päpstliches Institut Santa Maria dell'Anima)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30

PANEL 5.

Hospitals and Burials: Medicine at War

Chair: Christa Hämmerle (University of Vienna)

Andrea Rendl (University of Vienna)

**'Dangerous Experiment' vs. 'Great Blessing':
Vaccination and Healthcare Narratives of the Imperial
and Royal Army at the Eastern Front (1914-1916)**

Józef Żychowski, Paweł Struś (Pedagogical University of Krakow)

**The Impact of World War I Cemeteries on the Concentration of Elements
in the Soil of these Cemeteries Located in South-Eastern Poland**

Commentary: Claudia Theune (University of Vienna)

12:30 – 13:30

FINAL DEBATE:

**Spatial Turn and Environmental History in the Era of Anthropocene.
Research of the WWI: New Approaches and Sources**

13:30

Lunch, End of conference

Organisers: Kerstin Susanne Jobst (History of Eastern Europe),
Kerstin von Lingen (Contemporary History)

Seats for participants are limited:

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