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Call for Papers

Ideas, Intellectuals and the Great War Symposium

The impact of the causes, conduct, and consequences of the First World War on European political and social thought

Thursday 10 – Friday 11 September 2015

Honouring the centenary of the First World War, the Defence Studies Department, King's College London at the Joint Services Command and Staff College, part of the UK Defence Academy, invite academics and graduate students from around the world to share new scholarly work. We are keen for this symposium to be interdisciplinary in nature, to answer original questions, and to offer new perspectives on established debates.

Research areas of interest include:

1. Who were the leading intellectuals in Europe, North America, and the rest of the world during the First World War?
2. How did the war affect intellectuals?
3. How did intellectuals react to the war through their work and what influence did they have on changing political and social attitudes nationally and/or internationally?
4. How were ideas and intellectuals used by the various belligerent powers to support national aims and objectives during the war?
5. In what ways did philosophical engagement in war-related issues challenge traditional understanding of politics, economics, and social attitudes and values?
6. To what extent did the war change the relationship between the intellectual elite and the general public?
7. When and where did intellectuals exert the most influence through their work—before, during, or after the Great War?

The symposium will be held at the Joint Services Command and Staff College, part of the UK Defence Academy, which provides a unique forum to explore these avenues of research in an international setting. We invite researchers from all relevant disciplines to submit original work on the symposium's general theme of intellectuals and the First World War. The best papers will be selected for publication.

PAPER PROPOSAL DEADLINE: 31 MARCH 2015

Please send 250 word proposals for 30 minute papers, a title, and a brief CV via email or post to:

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