



The Historiographical Legacy of War and Peace in Eastern Europe

Programme Event

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THEME I - Revolution, Conflict, War and Peace in Historiography	CONFERENCE International Committee of Historical Sciences

Overview

It is undeniable that the Russian-Ukrainian conflict has brought the issue of war and peace back to the center of attention and that, given the area directly affected by the conflict, Eastern Europe, our commission has found itself, on several occasions, considering the implications that this situation may have on the lines of study and research. However, wanting to escape the contingency of the moment, the CIEHS intends to propose in its panel, a broader survey of the state of the art regarding the issue of war and peace in the long term, taking into account regional and national specificities of the broad area of its expertise.

We would therefore like to question ourselves on the historiographical legacy that we have today regarding the Balkans, Central-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe.

Four papers will be proposed, by specialists of/on these areas. The panelists will offer contributions focused on some events and historiographical nodes relevant to the general argument. Each speaker is asked to present a reflection on his analytical tools and to evaluate their validity and effectiveness in the light of past studies, but above all in the light of future studies.

Participants

Convenor

- Antonio D'Alessandri (Università degli Studi Roma Tre)

Panelists

- Jan Szumski (Polish Academy of Sciences)
- Giulia Lami (Università degli Studi di Milano)
- Zdenko Zlatar (The University of Sydney)
- Markenc Lorenci (Università degli Studi di Roma Tre)
- Francesco Caccamo (Università degli Studi di Chieti Italy)

Papers

Polish Studies in the Soviet Union: From Class Hatred to Brotherhood in Arms

Jan Szumski (Polish Academy of Sciences)

Lessons from the Past. Russia and Ukraine: convergence and divergence on identity between XIX-XX centuries

Giulia Lami (Università degli Studi di Milano)

BR(OTHER): The Problem of the Bosnian Muslims (Bosniaks) in Historiography: The Question of Origins and Identity

Zdenko Zlatar (The University of Sydney)

Albanian communists and partisans in the (Yugo)slav orbit during the World War II: A historiographical overview and new research perspectives.

Markenc Lorenci (Università degli Studi di Roma Tre)

Third resistance or social appeasement? Conflicting interpretations on the communist past.

Francesco Caccamo (Università degli Studi di Chieti Italy)

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