

Hobnailed Years in the Battlefields

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The Old World is Dead, Long Live the New One!

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The Central Powers entered the closing act of the war conflict with hope that with the last blow they might enforce peace according to their own ideas. Like when gamblers, in the final desperate move, bet not only the very last they have on a single card, but get fatally indebted, too. No wonder that the hinterland, the greatest creditor of the belligerent countries, lost patience and refused any further sacrifice after the failure on the front. Hardship, losses and accumulated grievances of the previous years exposed the compromised state authorities to the pressure, which could no longer be resisted. This war has buried the old world – without a requiem.

New authorities have risen in the chaos of the defeat, which competed for the opportunity to build a new world on the ruins of the old one. How to bring harmony into the society derailed by the war? How to remedy the damage to the bodies and souls of the millions of inhabitants affected by the war? And many other obvious and less apparent tasks awaited the grieving or fortunate heirs of the world of yesterday. The deeply engraved gashes have left distinct scars and unhealed wounds, which resounded ominously even years later.

The fifth in the sequence of conferences, it intends to maintain the broad thematic spectre and multifarious composition of contributions attempting to sketch the image of the final year of the war joust.

Liechtenstein Palace, Golden Hall, U Sovových mlýnů 506/4, Prague 1

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TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2018

09:00–09:55 **Registration of participants**

10:00–10:15 **Conference Opening Ceremony**

Address of the Director of the Military History Institute Prague, Colonel GS Aleš Knižek

Address of the Deputy Minister – Head of the Legal Division, Ms Alena Netolická, on behalf of the Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic, Mr Lubomír Metnar

10:15–11:00 PANEL 1

Moderated by Karel Straka, *Military History Institute Prague*

Václav Horčíčka, *Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague*

The End of Hopes for a Separate Peace With Austria-Hungary: The United States and the so called Sixtus Affair in 1918

Christian Wevelsiep, *Interdisciplinary Institute of Environmental, Social and Human Sciences, European University of Flensburg*

Sieger und Besiegte: Über den Wandel des Gewaltbewusstseins nach 1918

Discussion

11:00–11:15 Coffee break

11:15–13:00 PANEL 2

Moderated by Jiří Plachý, *Military History Institute Prague*

Jiří Hutečka, *Philosophical Faculty, University of Hradec Králové*

The Battle of the Piave River and the Morale of the Czech Soldiers of the Imperial and Royal Army

Ferdinand Vrábel, *Institute of Political Science, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava*

The Participation of Slovaks in the Czechoslovak Volunteer Army (Legions) 1914–1920

František Hanzlík, *Faculty of Military Leadership, University of Defence, Brno*

The Role of the Military Department of the Czechoslovak National Council in America in Recruiting Volunteers for the Czechoslovak Autonomous Army in France in 1918

Richard Stojar, *Centre for Security and Military Strategic Studies, University of Defence, Brno*

The Role of Propaganda in the Czechoslovak Resistance Movement and its Triumph in 1918

Zdeněk Pousta, *emeritus, Institute of the History of Charles University and Archive of Charles University, Prague*

The Declaration of Independence of the Czechoslovak Nation by the Provisional Government of the Czechoslovak State From 18 October 1918

Marie L. Neudorflová, *emeritus, Masaryk Institute and Archive of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, PRI, Prague*

Masaryk's New Europe in Context of Masaryk's Assumptions, Aims and Reality

Discussion

13:00–14:15 Lunch

14:15–15:15 PANEL 3

Moderated by Jaroslav Láník, *Military History Institute Prague*

Zbyněk Sturz, *Philosophical Faculty, University of Hradec Králové*

The Great War in a Small Town in 1918: Through the Cultural Self-determination to the National Self-determination, Teufel's Creed and An Armoured Train Arrived at 6 a.m.

Jiří Pavlík – Radek Pokorný, *State District Archives Hradec Králové; Philosophical Faculty, University of Hradec Králové*

The Last War Year in Hradecko Region

Ivan Puš, *Faculty of Arts, Palacký University Olomouc*

Lawyer Richard Fischer and His Role in the Creation of the Czechoslovak Republic

Discussion

15:15–15:30 Coffee break

15:30–16:45 PANEL 4

Moderated by Jaroslav Láník, *Military History Institute Prague*

Thomas Reichl, *Museum of Military History / Military History Institute, Vienna*

Von Schrebergärten und Kartenwirtschaft: Die Versorgungslage der Stadtbevölkerung im Ersten Weltkrieg

Josef Velfl, *Mining Museum Příbram*

The Most Important Mining District of the Habsburg Monarchy in Příbram – Březové Hory (Freiberg in Böhmen – Birkenberg) and the End of the Great War

Jernej Komac, *Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana*

Settling in the Wasteland of the Battlefield: The Last Year of the Great War in the Upper Isonzo Valley

Marek Fišer, *Military History Institute Prague*

The Austro-Hungarian Occupation of Ukraine and the Micro World of One of the "Occupants"

Discussion

16:45–17:45 PANEL 5

Moderated by Tomáš Kykal, *Military History Institute Prague*

Thomas F. Schneider, *Erich Maria Remarque-Peace Center, Osnabrück University*
The Shape of Things to Come: How the German High Command Prepared for the Post-war Image of the First World War

Julia Philina, *Institute for History and Archives, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow*

The Treaty of Brest-Litovsk: The Reaction and Attitude of the Artistic Intelligentsia in Russia

Isabelle Brandauer, *Tirol Panorama with the Kaiserjägermuseum, Innsbruck*
Vom Umgang mit Kriegstoten am Beispiel des Tiroler Ehrenbuches und anhand der Eingriffe an den Soldatenfriedhöfen der ehemaligen Südwestfront nach 1918

Discussion

18:00–20:00 Glass of Wine hosted by Colonel GS Aleš Knížek, Director of the Military History Institute Prague, for conference participants; connected with the ceremonial opening of the travelling exhibition
1918 – The Path of the Czechoslovak Resistance to the Creation of the Republic

Liechtenstein Palace, U Sovových mlýnů 506/4, Prague 1

WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2018

08:15–09:00 **Registration of participants**

09:00–10:30 PANEL 6

Moderated by Miloslav Čaplovič, *Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava*

Piotr Szlanta, *Institute of History, University of Warsaw*
The Second November Uprising or Negotiable Independence? A Process of Taking Power From the Occupants in Former Russian-Poland in November 1918

Pavel Zona, *Faculty of Military Leadership, University of Defence, Brno*
Military Activities in the Znojmo Region After the Declaration of the Czechoslovak State in October 1918

Peter Chorvát, *Institute of Military History, Bratislava*
Military Situation in Slovakia in November 1918

Etienne Boisserie, *National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations, University Sorbonne-Paris-Cité*
The Right Men at the Right Places: The Obstacles to the Slovak Administration and Their Overcoming From the Prevrat to Spring 1919

Ondřej Kolář, *Silesian Museum, Opava*
The Role of the Gendarmerie in Securing the State Borders of Czechoslovakia 1918–1920

Discussion

10:30–10:45 Coffee break

10:45–12:00 PANEL 7

Moderated by Jindřich Marek, *Military History Institute Prague*

Gerhard Artl, *Austrian State Archives – War Archives, Vienna*

Logistische Probleme bei der Vorbereitung der Piaveschlacht (Juni 1918)

Jan Županič, *Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague*

Banfield and Brumowski

Zisis Fotakis, *Hellenic Naval Academy, Athens*

Sailing in Heavy Seas: The Greek Merchant Marine and the First World War

Thomas Schmutz, *Centre for the History of Violence, University of Newcastle, Australia*

East of the Bosphorus – German-Ottoman Rivalry in 1918 for a New Middle East

Discussion

12:00–13:00 PANEL 8

Moderated by Tomáš Jakl, *Military History Institute Prague*

Boris V. Kolesnikov, *Volgograd State University; Volgograd Regional Museum*

M. R. Štefanik and the Fate of the Czech and Slovak Corps in Siberia After Russian Withdrawal From the WWI

Vlastimil Křišťan, *Military History Archives; Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague*

Czecho-Slovak Red Army Soldiers

Janusz Wesółowski, *Polish Army Museum, Warsaw*

The Combat Operations and Disbandment of the I Polish Corps in Russia

Discussion

13:00–14:15 Lunch

14:15–15:15 PANEL 9

Moderated by Jan Šach, *Military History Institute Prague*

Jana Stárková, *Military History Institute Prague; Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust*

Studies – Helmut Gröger, Medical University of Vienna

Die Schädel-Hirn-Verletzungen im Ersten Weltkrieg: Eine besondere Herausforderung für die ärztliche Versorgung

Karel Řeháček, *State Regional Archives in Pilsen; Faculty of Education,*

University of West Bohemia, Pilsen

The Death in Spite of the End of War: The Influenza Epidemic in Pilsen in September and October 1918

Martina Halířová, *Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, University of Pardubice*
The Struggle Against Infectious Diseases (1914–1918)

Discussion

15:15–16:15 PANEL 10

Moderated by Jan Šach, *Military History Institute Prague*

Ludmila Fialová, *Faculty of Science, Charles University, Prague*
The Demographic Situation of the Czech Lands' Population in 1914–1918

Petr Mazouch, *Faculty of Informatics and Statistics, University of Economics, Prague*
The Estimate of the Death Toll Among Men in the First World War Based on Demographic Data

Jaroslav Vaculík, *Faculty of Education, Masaryk University, Brno*
The Repatriation of Austro-Hungarian Prisoners of War From Russia

Discussion

16:15–16:30 Coffee break

16:30–17:30 PANEL 11

Moderated by Prokop Tomek, *Military History Institute Prague*

Pavel Marek, *Faculty of Arts, Palacký University Olomouc*
The Ecclesiastico-political “Awakening” of Czech Catholicism in 1918

Maik Schmerbauch, *German Federal Archives, Berlin*
Positions of the Catholic Church for After-war Germany: The Revolution and the Post War Years 1918–1925 in the View of the Catholic Press

Jitka Jonová, *Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology, Palacký University Olomouc*
An Attempt at Definitive Solution of the Capitulatory Question in Olomouc in the Twilight of the Habsburg Monarchy in 1918

Discussion

17:30–18:15 PANEL 12

Moderated by Tomáš Kykal, *Military History Institute Prague*

Petra Testen Koren, *Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana*
– Tadej Koren, *Walk of Peace Foundation in the Soča River Region, Kobarid*
Digitizing the History of World War I – The Case of an Exhibition on Women in the War

Jiří Zubalík, *Institute for Archaeological Heritage Brno, PRI* – Jakub Těsnohlídek, *Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University, Brno* – Jan Petřík, *Faculty of Arts; Faculty of Science, Masaryk University, Brno* – Richard Bíško, *Institute for Archaeological Heritage Brno, PRI* – Martin Vojtas, *Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University, Brno* – Martin Fojtík, *Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University, Brno* – Libor Petr, *Faculty of Science, Masaryk University, Brno* – Radim Kapavík, *Signum belli 1914* – Martin Drobnák, *Military History Club Beskydy, Humenné* – Peter Tajkov, *Faculty of Arts,*

Technical University of Košice – Petr Vavrečka, Institute of Archaeology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, PRI, Prague

Zákopy.cz – The Summary of Activities Performed by the Association Dedicated to Archaeological Survey of Battlefields in 2015–2018

Discussion

18:15–18:30

Summary

Jan Županič, Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague

THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2018

10:00–12:00

Guided tour of the exhibition **Touches of Statehood**, for previously registered participants

Prague Castle Riding School, U Prašného mostu 53/7, Prague 1 – Hradčany

SPEAKERS



Hofrat Dr. phil. Gerhard Artl (*1955)

He graduated in History and Political Science, obtaining his doctoral degree upon successful defence of the dissertation titled *Die österreichisch-ungarische Südtiroloffensive 1916*. From 1977 to 1998, he served as an officer in the Austrian Armed Forces. He commanded a battalion and was later transferred to the Federal Ministry of Defence with the rank of Colonel. Since 1989, he has been employed at the Austrian State Archives in Vienna, where he held the position of Head of the Staff Department in 2002–2012. Currently he is in charge of the New Field Files (1914–1918) records in the War Archives. To date, he has published approximately 60 works, including 11 books.



Mgr. Richard Bíško (*1985)

In 2011, he graduated in Archaeology at the Faculty of Arts of the Masaryk University in Brno. He is currently employed as an archaeologist in the Institute for Archaeological Heritage PRI in Brno. His main professional interests lie in prehistoric hill-top settlements (master's thesis *Prehistoric Hill-top Settlement in SW Moravia*), computational archaeology and non-destructive archaeological methods.



Prof. Etienne Boissérie, Ph.D. (*1969)

He is Professor of Modern and Contemporary History of Central Europe at the Department of European Studies of the National Institute for Eastern Languages and Civilizations (INALCO, Paris), where he teaches Central European, Slovak and Czech contemporary history. He authored several studies on Slovak history at the end of the 19th and during the first half of the 20th century. His recent research dealt with Czech lands and Slovak counties during World War I. In 2017, he published a monograph *Les Tchèques dans l'Autriche-Hongrie en guerre (1914–1918)*. «*Nous ne croyons plus aucune promesse*» [*The Czechs in Austria-Hungary at War (1914–1918)*. “*We do not Believe any Promise Anymore*”].



Dr. phil. Isabelle Brandauer (*1980)

She completed her Masters' studies in History and Anglistics at the University of Innsbruck in 2003. She obtained her Ph.D. degree in History at the same university in 2006. In the school year of 2006/2007, she taught at the Tourism School in St. Johann in Tirol and at the Federal Austrian Commercial Academy in Kitzbühel. In 2007, she lectured externally on the Archaeology of the First World War at the Institute of Archaeology of the University of Innsbruck. She has cooperated on various projects related to WWI, given lectures and published numerous works on the history of the First World War. In 2007–2010, she worked as a scientific coordinator for the Bergisel Museum, part of the Tyrolean State Museum – Ferdinandeum in Innsbruck. Since 2011, she has been head of department at the TYROL PANORAMA with the Museum of the Tyrolean Imperial Infantry. She was commissioned by the Tyrolean Government to serve as an overall coordinator of the Maximilian Year 2019, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the death of Maximilian I, Holy Roman Emperor. Her research interests lie in history of everyday life of WWI soldiers, she focuses on material culture, war experience and personal diaries. She also deals with the history of Tyrol in 15th–19th centuries.



Mgr. Peter Chorvát, Ph.D. (*1977)

After completing his studies at the University of Prešov, he worked as a secondary school teacher. Since 2010, he has been working as a researcher at the Institute of Military History in Bratislava. In his research, he focuses on the period between 1867 and 1939. He is the author of the monograph *Kapitoly z dejín československých opevnení na Slovensku* [Chapters From the History of Czechoslovak Fortification in Slovakia] (2011) and numerous other articles published in the periodical *Vojenská história* [Military History] and presented on the Slovak Radio and other media.



Mgr. Martin Drobňák (*1985)

He graduated in History at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Prešov. He founded and has been President of the Military History Club Beskydy, a civic association dedicated to First World War research in eastern Slovakia and to the reconstruction of local war cemeteries of the same period. He has co-authored several monographs on the subject of First World War cemeteries in the area of north-eastern Slovakia.



Doc. RNDr. Ludmila Fialová, CSc. (*1947)

She has been working at the Department of Demography and Geodemography, at the Faculty of Science of the Charles University in Prague. She focuses her research on methods of historical-demographic surveys in conditions of the Czech Republic and on the development of population in the Czech Republic. She co-authored the monograph *Dějiny obyvatelstva českých zemí* [History of Population of the Czech Lands] (1996), together with Lumír Dokoupil, Eduard Maur and Ludmila Nesládková, she published the book *Přirozená měna obyvatelstva českých zemí v 17. a 18. století* [Natural Change of Population of the Czech Lands in 17th–18th Centuries] (1999). In cooperation with Dana Hamplová, Milan Kučera and Simona Vymětalová, she edited the book *Představy mladých lidí o manželství a rodičovství* [Young People's Concept of Marriage and Parenthood] (2000) and with Boris Burcin, Jitka Rychtaříková et alia the monograph *Demografická situace České republiky. Proměny a kontexty 1993–2008* [The Demographic Situation in the Czech Republic. Transformations and Contexts 1993–2008] (2010). She is a member of the editorial board of the journals *Demografie – revue pro výzkum populačního vývoje* [Demografie – Review for Population Research] and *Historická demografie* [Historical Demography].



Mgr. Marek Fišer (*1987)

He works in the Department of Military Libraries at the Military History Institute Prague. He graduated in History and Information Studies and Librarianship at the Charles University in Prague. He has been working in the Military History Institute Prague since 2010; first as an external cataloguer and then in the position of systems librarian since 2011. His professional interest is devoted to making digital documents accessible, especially those that can benefit researchers in the field of historical sciences. He is also interested in the Czechoslovak history of the 20th century.



Bc. Martin Fojtík (*1989)

He completed his bachelor's studies in Archaeology at the Faculty of Arts of the Masaryk University in Brno. Since 2015, he has been a member of the working group performing field research of the First World War battlefields located in north-eastern Slovakia. Anthropology, Postmedieval and Battlefield Archaeology are in the centre of his interests.



Ass. Prof. Zisis Fotakis, Ph.D. (*1973)

He is a graduate of Athens University (B.A. in History, 1995) and Oxford University (M.Sc. in Economic and Social History, 1997 and Ph.D. in Naval History, 2003). His monograph *Greek Naval Strategy and Policy, 1910–1919* (2005) was favourably reviewed by eminent naval historians (i.e. Professors Lambert, Rodger, Halpern, Glete, etc.). He has extensively written on Greek Naval History and has received international distinctions (Fulbright Research Scholarship, Caird Junior Research Fellowship, etc.). He has taught various aspects of modern European and Greek history as fixed-term lecturer in Greek universities. He is an Assistant Professor in Naval History at the Hellenic Naval Academy and also lectures at the Hellenic Open University and at the Panteion University of Social Sciences.



Dr. med. Helmut Gröger (*1949)

He is a medical historian. In 1988–2014, he worked as an Assistant at the Institute of Medical History of the Medical University of Vienna, where he still lectures. The main topics of his research, lectures and publications are history of psychiatry and neurology (incl. psychoanalysis, psychotherapy, brain research and neurosurgery), history of the Vienna medical school of the 19th and 20th centuries and Nazi-era medical science. He is a member of the International Society for the History of Neuroscience and the German Society for the History of Neurology. His most recent monograph is *Psychiatrie und Neurologie an der Universität Wien 1945–1960* (2017).



Mgr. Martina Halířová, Ph.D. (*1979)

In 2009, she defended her dissertation titled *Sociální patologie a ochrana dětství od dob osvícenství do roku 1914. Disciplinace jako součást ochrany dětství* [Social Pathology and Protection of Childhood From the Age of Enlightenment till 1914. Disciplinary as a Part of the Childhood Protection] at the Institute of Historical Sciences of the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy of the University of Pardubice. It was published as a monograph in 2012. She co-operated on the book *Žena v českých zemích od středověku do 20. století* [Woman in the Czech Lands from the Middle Ages till the 20th Century] and is co-author of the book titled *Vše pro dítě! Válečné dětství 1914–1918* [Everything for the Child! A Childhood at War 1914–1918]. She focuses on social history, history of medical care, history of childhood. She is an Assistant Professor for the Gender History Programme at her alma mater. At the same time, she is employed as a historian and curator of the picture postcards collection in the East Bohemian Museum of Pardubice.



Prof. PhDr. František Hanzlík, CSc. (*1954)

He has been active in military education since 1984, and has lectured in History and Political Science at the University of Defence in Brno. Czechoslovak history of the 20th century being his primary interest, he specializes in the First and Second World Wars as well as in the period 1945–1955. He is a long-time researcher of the activities of the Secret Services related to the struggle for political power in postwar Czechoslovakia. He authored six monographs, co-authored further ten, and more than fifty studies and articles published at home and abroad. He has taken part in the preparation of numerous TV documentaries.



Prof. PhDr. Václav Horčíčka, Ph.D. (*1971)

He works at the Faculty of Arts of the Charles University in Prague (CUFA) as a Professor in General and World History. His specialization is 20th-century history, especially the history of international relations during the First World War and the history of the Central European nobility after 1918. He has written or co-written multiple scientific monographs and numerous articles published in specialized international and domestic periodicals. He was appointed Director of the Institute of World History of the CUFA in September 2017.



Mgr. Jiří Hutečka, Ph.D. (*1979)

His research interests lie in modern history, history of warfare and gender history. He has authored two monographs on the American Civil War (*Generál a jeho historikové* [General and His Historians], 2005; *Země krví zbrocená* [Blood-stained Country], 2008) and several shorter papers on modern history of warfare (e.g. *Literární dílo jako obraz válečného prožitku* [Literary Work as a Reflection of the War Experience], 2011). In his most recent book *Muži proti ohni. Motivace, morálka a mužnost českých vojáků Velké války 1914–1918* [Men against Fire. Motivation, Morale and Masculinity of Czech Soldiers of the Great War 1914–1918] (2016), he examines gender identity of Czech Soldiers of the Great War. He holds the position of Director of the Institute of History at the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Hradec Králové.



PhDr. Jitka Jonová, Th.D. (*1981)

She graduated in Catholic Theology from the Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology of the Palacký University in Olomouc (2005), in History (2007) and also in History of Visual Art (2013) from the Faculty of Arts of the same university. In 2011, she finished her doctoral studies in Practical Theology. Since 2008, she has worked as a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Church History and Church Law of the Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology. She focuses mainly on Bohemian and Moravian religious history of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century in the perspective of diplomacy of the Holy See, and on the history of liturgy. She has published several papers on these topics, focusing mainly on episcopal appointments, establishment of new dioceses, liturgical language etc. She dedicated the following monographs to episcopal personalities: *Kapitoly ze života Lva Skrbenského z Hříště pohledem Svatého Stolce* [Chapters from the Life of Lev Skrbenský of Hříště from the Perspective of the Holy See] (2013), *František Tomášek, kněz, katecheta, profesor a „illegální biskup“. Moravské působení Františka Tomáška* [František Tomášek, Priest, Catechist, Professor, and "Illegal Bishop". The Work of František Tomášek in Moravia] (2014) and *Theodor Kohn (1845–1915). Kníže-arcibiskup olomoucký titulární arcibiskup pelusijský* [Théodore Kohn (1845–1915). Prince-Archbishop of Olomouc, Titular Archbishop of Pelusium] (2015).



Ing. Radim Kapavík (*1985)

Amateur researcher, Chairman of the Signum Belli 1914 civic association which researches the participation of the population of the Czech lands in the First World War and seeks to preserve memory and heritage of WWI. He mainly focuses on interlinking field and archival research and on the use of information technology in the historical research.



Mgr. Ondřej Kolář, Ph.D. (*1983)

He graduated from the Faculty of Arts at the Palacký University in Olomouc, Department of History – Czech History. He earned his doctorate with the dissertation *Státní pořádkové složky na Chebsku v době první Československé republiky* [Czechoslovak Security Forces in the Cheb Region in the Interwar Period]. Since 2012, he has been working as a curator and researcher at the Silesian Museum. He specializes in socio-cultural aspects of the history of warfare, in the history of criminology and the modern history of Silesia.



Mgr. Boris V. Kolesnikov (*1993)

He graduated from Volgograd State University (VoISU) with a bachelor's degree in History. He got a qualification of Translator/Interpreter in the field of professional communication (English). In 2016, he earned a master's degree in General History from the same university. Currently, he is a post-graduate student of VoISU and a research worker at the Volgograd Regional Museum. In 2017, he visited Prague and Bratislava for academic mobility. His doctoral thesis is about Milan Rastislav Štefánik and Czechoslovak national liberation movement in the late 1890s–1919. He has written 17 publications on this topic.



Jernej Komac, M.A. (*1988)

In 2018, he received his master's degree in History at the Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, for his thesis *The Great War Experience of Inhabitants in the Bovec Region 1914–1918*. He currently focuses his research on history of the Great War and post war era in the area of Italian battlefield. He has written two papers on the collective memory and sites of memory of the Great War. In 2017, he participated in four international conferences dedicated to the First World War in Paris, Prague, Ljubljana, and Gorizia.



Tadej Koren, M.A. (*1978)

In 2012, he completed his master's degree studies in History at the University of Ljubljana with the successful defence of his thesis *Historical Memory of the Isonzo Front – The Walk of Peace from Mt. Rombon to the Hill of Mengore*. He is employed in the non-governmental organization Fundacija Poti miru v Posočju [The Walk of Peace Foundation in the Soča River Region] headquartered in Kobarid and leads an academic and research centre there. He is the author of the book *From the Alps to the Adriatic. A Guide along the Isonzo Front* (2015).



Bc. Vlastimil Křišťan (*1989)

In 2013, he earned his bachelor's degree in History at the Faculty of Arts of the Charles University in Prague (CUFA), where he defended his thesis on Czecho-Slovak soldiers in the Red Army during the Russian Civil War. His diploma thesis deals with the film portrayal of the Red Army and with the phenomenon of memory. In his forthcoming doctoral research at the Institute of Czech History at CUFA, he focuses on the second life of Czecho-Slovak Red Army soldiers in the Communist Czechoslovakia. He works in the Digitisation Department of the Central Military Archives in Prague. He is also an active member of the Czechoslovak Legionnaires' Association and Ffabula – Students of History Association at CUFA.



Prof. PhDr. PaedDr. Pavel Marek, Ph.D. (*1949)

He is Professor Emeritus of the Faculty of Arts of the Palacký University Olomouc. His major research interest lie in the Czech History of the 19th and 20th centuries with specialization in history of political partyism, political Catholicism and Cultural and Ecclesiastical History. He is the author of numerous studies and monographs. His paper thematically follows his books: *České schisma* [The Czech Schism] (2000), *Církevní krize na počátku první Československé republiky 1918–1924* [The Church Crisis at the Beginning of the First Czechoslovak Republic 1918–1924] (2005) nebo *Česká reformace 20. století?* [The Czech Reformation of the 20th Century?] (2015).



Ing. Petr Mazouch, Ph.D. (*1981)

In 2005, he graduated in Statistics and Insurance Engineering from the Faculty of Informatics and Statistics of the University of Economics in Prague, where he received his Ing. degree. He finished his doctoral studies in Statistics at the same faculty in 2010 and obtained his Ph.D. In 2013, he completed a master's degree in Demography at the Faculty of Science of the Charles University in Prague. As part of his research work, he dedicates himself to developing cohort mortality tables for the Czech Republic. Some of these analyses concern the impact of World War I on the lifespan of generations who experienced the conflict.



Marie L. Neudorfová, Ph.D. (*1940)

She is a graduate in History from the Faculty of Arts of the Charles University in Prague. After 1968, she was active in Canada, where she studied Politics (M.A.) and obtained her Ph.D. in History at the University of Alberta, Edmonton. She specialized in modern political history, focusing on the Czech history associated with the democratisation of the society and with activities of T. G. Masaryk. She continued to follow this line of science as a member of the research staff at the Masaryk Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences as well as in her teacher's activities after 1989, as is also manifest in her publishing activity. Among her key publications are: *Masaryk – demokrat. Od České otázky k ženskému hnutí a Nové Evropě* [Masaryk – Democrat. From the Czech Question to the Women Movement and New Europe] (2016); and *T. G. Masaryk – politický myslitel* [T. G. Masaryk – A Political Thinker] (2011).



PhDr. Jiří Pavlík, Ph.D. (*1974)

He graduated in History at the Faculty of Arts of the Charles University in Prague. In 1998 he obtained his master's degree and commenced studies for a Ph.D. In 1999 he was appointed as professional archivist at the State District Archives in Hradec Králové. He currently gives external lectures at the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Hradec Králové. His main professional interest is in regional history, especially in the development of Hradec Králové social elites of the 19th and 20th centuries (families Červený, Petrof, etc.). He is the author of *Václav František Červený. Doba, život, dílo* [Václav František Červený. His Era, Life and Work] (2006).



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Mgr. Jan Petřík (*1986)

In 2011, he graduated from the interfaculty double-major programme Geology – Archaeology at the Masaryk University in Brno. He is currently involved in research oriented in archeometry, geoarchaeology of artifacts and sites from the Neolithic period up to the 20th century in and outside of Europe.



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She graduated from the Institute of History and Archives of the Russian State University for the Humanities in 2015. In her doctoral studies, she focuses her professional activities on the cultural history and the history of Russian Revolution. The theme of her thesis is *The "left" Art Community in the Soviet Russia. Ideology, Structure and Mechanisms of Interaction. 1917–1927*. She authored several articles and co-authored a monograph on the history of the Tretyakov State Gallery, where she worked in 2014–2017. She lectures History at the Russian State University for the Humanities.



Mgr. Radek Pokorný (*1974)

He completed his studies in History at the Faculty of Arts of the Charles University in Prague in 2001. Since 1997, he has worked as a professional archivist in the State District Archives Hradec Králové, and he has held the position of director since 2003. Currently, he gives lectures at the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Hradec Králové. He focuses on regional history, historical demography and modern methods in archiving.



PhDr. Zdeněk Pousta (*1938)

He studied History – Archive Studies and Auxiliary Historical Sciences at the Faculty of Arts of the Charles University in Prague and after graduation in 1961, he focused on modern history of the University. At his alma mater, he initiated publication of texts written by Czech citizens imprisoned in the 1950s and edited several of them. (*Filosofie za mřížemi. Leopoldov, léta padesátá* [*Philosophy Behind the Bars. Leopoldov Prison, 1950s*], 1995; *Růžena Vacková. Vězeňské přednášky* [*Růžena Vacková. Lectures in Prison*], 1999; *Profesor Václav Chytil a uranové doly* [*Professor Václav Chytil and Uranium Mines*], 2003). He prepared for publication a new collection of poems *Chléb poesie. Čítanka z Oranienburgu* [*The Bread of Poetry. Reading-book from Oranienburg*] (2006). Results of his long-term research materialized into a book titled *Jaroslav Čísař. Astronom a diplomat v Masarykových službách* [*Jaroslav Čísař. An Astronomer and Diplomat in Services of T. G. Masaryk*] (2016).



Mgr. Ivan Puš (*1987)

He completed his History and German Studies at the Faculty of Arts of the Palacký University in Olomouc. Currently, he works as a doctoral student in Czech History at the Department of History of the same university. During his studies, he has carried out research stays in universities in Jena and Vienna. He specializes in burgher societies, Moravian Germans and education in the Habsburg Monarchy in the 19th century.



Hofrat Dr. phil. Thomas Reichl (*1971)

During his studies of History at the University of Vienna he specialized in military history. His diploma thesis dealt with the history of the Yugoslav People's Army (*Jugoslavenska narodna armija – die Jugoslawische Volksarmee. Geschichte, Entstehung und Zerfall im jugoslawischen Bürgerkrieg*). He received his Ph.D. in 2007 for his dissertation *Das Kriegsgräberwesen Österreich-Ungarns im Weltkrieg und die Obsorge in der Republik Österreich*. From 1994 to 1999, he worked at Central Documentation of the National Defence Academy. Since 1999 he has been employed in the Museum of Military History / Military History Institute in Vienna, where he has held the position of Head of the Marketing and Public Relations since 2015. He has curated several exhibitions on the history of the Austrian Armed Forces.



PhDr. Karel Řeháček (*1972)

He graduated in Teaching of the Czech Language and History from the Faculty of Education at the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen. He worked as a teacher, and in 2001, he received his doctorate in Czech History from the Palacký University in Olomouc. Since 2004, he has been employed as a professional archivist at the State Regional Archives in Pilsen. He also lectures at the Faculty of Education of the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen. His research centres on the history of the Czech minority in the nationally mixed areas of Western Bohemia, on the history of the City of Pilsen and its surroundings in 1914–1918, on the development of the Sudetenland region in 1938–1945, and on the post-war history of the people of German nationality in the Western Bohemia.



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He studied Philosophy, History, Theology and Archival and Library Science and works as a professional Archivist at German Federal Archives in Berlin in Germany. He is also a lecturer of Ecclesiastical History at the Sankt Georgen Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology in Frankfurt a. M. His special subjects, besides the professional development of archival processes, are the history of German archives and the ecclesiastical history of the dioceses Wrocław and Katowice.



Thomas Schmutz, M.A. (*1986)

He studied History, Political Science and German Literature at the University of Zurich and Paris Diderot 7. He is interested in diplomatic history and the end of the Ottoman Empire. He is a Ph.D. candidate at the Center for the History of Violence in Newcastle, Australia, and at the University of Zurich. His doctoral thesis concentrates on the Western diplomacy in Asia before and during the First World War with regard to violence, intervention and reform. He tries to challenge Eurocentric views on the global war and the time of high imperialism from a diplomatic perspective.



Priv.-Doz. Dr. habil. Thomas F. Schneider (*1960)

He studied Literary Theory, Art Theory and Philosophy at the University of Osnabrück, and in 1990, he graduated with his thesis on the ballads of Annette von Droste-Hülshoff. In 2001, he habilitated at the same university with his thesis on the creation, publishing and perception of Remarque's novel *All Quiet on the Western Front*. Since 2000, he has been Head of the Erich Maria Remarque Peace Centre by the University of Osnabrück. He lectures on new German literature at both his alma mater and the University of Armed Forces in Munich. The focus of his research lies in war and anti-war literature, exile literature and the representation of war and peace in the media. He is the co-publisher of the periodical *Krieg und Literatur / War and Literature*.



Dr. phil. Jana Stárková (*1954)

She graduated in History and Slavonic Studies from the University in Vienna, where she worked as a Senior Lecturer at the Institute for Eastern European History till 1986. In 1991–2004, she was Head of the branch of the Austrian Institute of East and Southeast European Studies in the Czech Republic. She lectures at the University in Vienna, Masaryk University in Brno and since 2013, she has taught courses at the Department of Teaching and Education of the Military History Institute Prague at the University of Defence in Brno. She mainly focuses on Austrian-Czechoslovak relations and the Czechoslovak exile in Austria in the 20th century. Since 2010, she has worked in the Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies.



Mgr. Richard Stojar, Ph.D. (*1970)

He graduated in History from the Faculty of Arts of the Masaryk University in Brno. Since 2002, he has been employed at the University of Defence (the former Military Academy) in Brno, initially as a scientific worker and currently holding the position of a Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Security and Military Strategic Studies. His main fields are military strategy, armed conflicts, security environment and security policy in the states of Central and South-Eastern Europe.



Mgr. Zbyněk Sturz (*1989)

He graduated in History from the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Hradec Králové. Since 2013, he has been working at his alma mater as a postgraduate student pursuing Czech and Czechoslovak history. He focuses on the transformation of the Czech lands in the first quarter of the 20th century, namely on the First World War, the disintegration of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the first years of existence of the Czechoslovak Republic. He primarily concentrates on the Znojmo Region, where these subjects are enriched by the dimension of Czech-German relations. He teaches at the GPOA Znojmo.



Prof. Dr. hab. Piotr Szlanta (*1971)

He studied History and Political Science at the University of Warsaw, where he earned Ph.D. at the Institute of History in 2003 and where he completed his habilitation procedure in 2015. He has been employed at this institute since 1996, currently as a Professor. From 2011 to 2014, he worked as a Researcher at the German Historical Institute in Warsaw. In the project of International Encyclopedia of the First World War (<http://www.1914-1918-online.net/>), he was an editor responsible for contributions relating to the East-Central European Region. His research centres on the history of 19th-century colonialism, 20th-century world wars and Eastern European modern history. He has authored several books and dozens of popular scientific articles. In 2015, he published a biography on Wilhelm II, the last German Emperor (*Wilhelm II. Ostatni z Hohenzollernów* [*Wilhelm II. The Last of the Hohenzollerns*]).



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He graduated in Art History and Archaeology from the Faculty of Arts at the Comenius University in Bratislava and he earned his Ph.D. in Art History at the same university. Since 2010, he has been working at the Faculty of Arts of the Technical University in Košice. He also conducts archaeological surveys of medieval churches. He has authored numerous articles and several monographs on art history and archaeology. He currently serves as Head of the Department of Art Theory and History at the Faculty of Arts of the Technical University in Košice.



Mgr. Jakub Těsnohlídek (*1986)

He earned his master's degree in Archaeology from the Masaryk University in Brno. Currently, he works as an archaeologist in the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands. His professional interest lies in medieval and post-medieval archaeology, casteology, battlefield archaeology and surface prospecting methods regarding the use of metal detectors.



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Prof. PhDr. Jaroslav Vaculík, CSc. (*1947)

He graduated in History and Russian Language from the Palacký University Olomouc in 1970. Since 1973, he has lectured on the General History of the 19th and 20th centuries at the Faculty of Education of the Masaryk University (MU) in Brno. He passed the rigorous examination acquiring the PhDr. title, he became the Candidate of Sciences and successfully defended his habilitation thesis at the Faculty of Arts MU. He was appointed Professor at the Palacký University Olomouc. His scientific research is centred on the history of Czechs and Slovaks abroad. In 2000–2016, he acted as Head of Department of History at the Faculty of Education MU. He served two terms in office as Chairman of the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Education MU and as a member of the Council of Higher Education Institutions.



Mgr. Petr Vavrečka (*1986)

A specialist in 3D Reconstructions and Virtual Archaeology, he also focuses on methods of 3D documentation of archaeological objects and historical sites and their innovative presentation to the public. He also concentrates on Landscape Archaeology with use of geographic information systems, old maps and LIDAR. In addition, he is active in the battlefield archaeology and participates in projects aiming at digital restoration of cultural heritage in Syria and Iraq. He graduated in Computer Support in Archaeology as well as in Archiving from the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Hradec Králové. For several years, he has been active as part of external staff at the Institute of Archaeology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, PRI, and as an IT expert in the Archives of the Ministry of the Interior; personally, he is dedicated to a variety of international and Czech-based projects, largely through his web site available at www.petravrecka.cz.



PaedDr. Josef Velfl (*1956)

Historian and Director of the Mining Museum in Příbram. Since 1979, he has been specializing in the history of the Příbram Region in the 19th and 20th centuries, the history of mining, mining monuments, the issue of war events and the resistance movement. As a curator, he participated in the preparation of a number of exhibitions, whether inland or abroad, focusing on mining history. He is a member of multiple scientific and editorial boards. He wrote over 300 articles for specialist journals, including foreign ones (Germany, Poland, and Slovakia); he has authored two tens of separate publications.



Bc. et Bc. Martin Vojtas (*1986)

He has studied Archaeology at the Faculty of Arts of the Masaryk University in Brno. He specializes in battlefield archaeology of the Early Modern Period and the First World War. His diploma thesis deals with non-destructive archaeological survey of the WWI front line positions in Carpathians in the north-eastern Slovakia from the spring of 1915.



PhDr. Ferdinand Vrábel (*1948)

He graduated in Archive Studies from the Faculty of Arts of Charles University in Prague and currently works in the Institute of Political Science of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in Bratislava. He specializes in the history of the National Revival, the First World War and the Czechoslovak Legions. He has edited the memoirs of Czechoslovak Legionnaires Andrej Šikura and Jozef Honza-Dubnický, and is the author of books titled *Sarajevský atentát. Následnícky pár a Slovensko* [The Sarajevo Assassination. The Throne Successor Couple and Slovakia] (2014) and *Splnený sen. Milan Rastislav Štefánik a vznik Československa* [The Fulfilled Dream. Milan Rastislav Štefánik and the Birth of Czechoslovakia] (2018). He has published numerous papers on the Czechoslovak Legions and the First World War in scientific magazines and proceedings.



Janusz Wesołowski, Ph.D. (*1976)

Historian and museologist. He is a graduate of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin. In 2006, he earned Ph.D. in Modern History. He participated in inventorying of the archives of the Literary Institute "Kultura" in Paris. Since 2008, he has worked at the Polish Army Museum in Warsaw. In 2013, he became the curator of the Museum Archives. He has authored several articles on World War I and the Polish military history.



Priv.-Doz. Dr. paed. habil. Dr. phil. habil. Christian Wevelsiep (*1969)

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Lt. Col. (Res.) Ing. Pavel Zona, Ph.D. (*1957)

He graduated in Military Chemistry from the Military University for Ground Forces in Vyškov. He subsequently performed command and staff services in the fields of military chemistry, military intelligence and civil-military cooperation. In 2001, he was authorized to establish and lead the CIMIC [Civil-Military Co-operation] Centre, in which he was active until the end of 2003. Since 2004, he has been member of the teaching staff at the University of Defence in Brno. In 2005, he commenced his doctoral studies in Military Management as part of the Economics and Management study programme at the University of Defence in Brno. His dissertation focused on *Stakeholders in civil-military cooperation as part of military operations*. He is active in the field of military strategy and operational art as part of current conflicts with emphasis on their historical context and development. He has also been writing on civil-military cooperation. He is the author and co-author of approx. 30 publications.



Mgr. Jiří Zubalík (*1984)

In 2012, he received his master's degree in Archaeology from the Faculty of Arts of the Masaryk University in Brno. His thesis analyzed early medieval pottery from the Brno and Přerov regions. After graduation, he joined the group researching the First World War trenches in the northeastern Slovakia. He is pursuing his doctoral studies in battlefield archaeology and researches WWII relics in Southern Moravia. He works in the Institute for Archaeological Heritage Brno, PRI.



Prof. PhDr. Jan Županič, Ph.D. (*1972)

He graduated in History – Archive Studies and Auxiliary Historical Sciences from the Faculty of Arts of the Charles University in Prague. In 2001, he completed his doctorate in History with his dissertation titled *Austro-Hungarian Foreign Politics and the Polish Question during the First World War (1914–1918)*. Since 1999, he has worked at the Institute of World History of the Faculty of Arts of the Charles University in Prague. After the defence of his habilitation thesis titled *The New Nobility of the Austrian Empire*, he was promoted to Associate Professor in 2007. He was appointed Professor in 2014. He particularly specializes in the history of noble elites of the Austrian Monarchy and in the history of the Habsburg Empire in the 19th and 20th centuries.

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