



The Second Annual Conference on Historical Studies
“First World War Centenary: Arab Perspectives”

February 20 - 22

Gefinor Rotana Hotel

Beirut, Lebanon

Conference Agenda



Day One, February 20, (Plenary)

Theme One: The War's Strategies, Theatres, and Contenders

Registration	:	8:00 – 9:00
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Opening session	:	9:00 – 10:00	Moderator Introducing the ACRPS and its Activities Preliminary Remarks	Saker Abu Fakher Jamal Barout Wajih Kawtharani
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Session One: 10:00 – 12:00

Moderator: Huda Hawa

1)	Prelude to the First World War in 1913: The Balkan Background to the Outbreak of World War I in 1914	Mohammed Arnaout
2)	British Oil Interests (1912-1932): From a Turkish Oil Company to the Mosul Pipeline	Reham Amr, Hanan Malkawi
3)	The Oil Factor in the First World War	Daad Bou Malhab Atallah
Break	12:00 – 12:30	

Session Two: 12:30 – 14:30

Moderator: Sayyar al-Jamil

1)	Italy's Interests and Role in World War I	Ali Shuaib
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2)	The Impact and Repercussions of World War I (1914-1918) on Railway Policies and International Conflict over Railways	Mohamed Zine El Abidine
3)	The British Campaign against Iraq, 1914 - 1918: The Social, Economic, and Political Motivations and Consequences of War	Abdulwahab al-Qassab
Lunch	14:30 – 16:30	

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Session Three:

16:30 – 18:30

Moderator: Ahmed Beydoun

1)	The First World War's Impact on British Policy in the Gulf: From Unequal Treaties to Colonial Hegemony	Nasir al-Din Saidoni
2)	France and the Challenge of Retaining Morocco during World War I	Jalal Zine El Abidine
3)	Military Strategy for Protecting the French in Morocco during the World War I: Fez and Its Environs as a Model, 1914 – 1918	Idriss Mharti
4)	Border Policies in the Arab Levant after the Collapse of the Ottoman Empire	Issam Khalifa

Day Two, February 21

Theme Two: Arab Societies: Conditions and Transitions in the Context of World War I

Hall (1)

Hall (2)

Session One: 9:00-11:00

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Moderator: Boutros Labaki

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1)	Moroccan Economy during the First World War : A Study of French Archives	Abdul Latif al-Haffar	1)	German Propaganda in Morocco during the First World War: Local Reactions	Qasim al Hadek
2)	The Great Famine and the Peripheral Economy - From Case Studies to Constructing the Concept	Simon Abdel Massih	2)	Muslim Prisoners in Germany during the First World War: The Unknown History (1914-1918)	Ala'ddine Yahwi
3)	Turn of the 1920's in Tunisia: Economic, Social and Cultural Transformations after the First World War	Muhammad Azhar al-Gharbi	3)	Daily Life of Moroccan Soldiers on European Fronts during World War I (1914-1918)	Abdul Wahid al-Manki
Break	11:00 – 11:30		Break	11:00 – 11:30	

Session Two: 11:30-13:30

Moderator: Abdul Hamid Haniyeh

1)	Tunisian Public Opinion and the First World War: The Example of Soldiers	Bashir Yazidi
2)	The Repercussions of the First World War on Health in Morocco	Anas Senhaji
3)	Morocco's Participation in the First World War and Its Impact on Moroccan Society	Mohammed Bakrawi
Lunch	13:30 – 16:00	

Session Two: 11:30-13:30

Moderator: Nasir al-Din Saidoni

1)	Algerians in World War I	Noureddine Thaniou
2)	The Moroccan Press Scene in the Grip of the Great War	Jamaa Beida
3)	Post-War Achievements (1922 - 1926) Honoring the War Dead in France: Establishment of the Islamic Institute in Paris and of the Great Mosque	Saleh Alwani
Break	13:30 – 16:00	

Day Two, February 21

Hall (1)

Session Three: 16:00-18:00

Moderator: Antoine Saïf

1)	Repercussions of the First World War in Tripoli: The Period of Negotiations between Italy and Local	Fathi Lesser
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Hall (2)

Session Three: 16:00-18:00

Moderator: Abdul Rahim Abu Hussein

1)	"Syria during World War I and the German-Ottoman Alliance: An Overview and Critique of the Historiography"	Hasan Kayali
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	Leaderships, 1916 – 1921					
2)	Europe's Image among Egyptian liberal Intellectuals during the First World War	Mohammad Afifi		2)	Legacies of Ottoman Defeat after 1918	Michael Provence
3)	The Impact of the First World War on the Sinai Peninsula and its Society (1914-1917)	Ayman Eid		3)	A Young Ottoman-Arab Officer on the Front Lines: Experiences and Memories (Tentative abstract for a work in progress)	Malik Sharif
Break	18:00 – 18:30			Break	18:00 – 18:30	

Plenary Session

Session Four:

18:30 – 20:30

Moderator: Saker Abu Fakher

1)	Economic, Social and Cultural Effects of the War on Palestine and Jordan	Ali Muhafaza
2)	The City of Jerusalem during the First World War and Thereafter: 1914 - 1920 as depicted in Khalil Sakakini's Diary	Mohammed Majid Alhazmawi
3)	Palestine in the First World War: A Critical Look at Palestinian Diaries and Memoirs about the War	Awni Fares
4)	The People of East Jordan and the Great War	Muhannad Mubaidin

Day Three, February 22, (Plenary)

Theme Three: A Long-Term View of the History of World War I: Context, Memory and Historical Perspectives

Session One:

9:00 – 11:00

Moderator: Saouad al-Mawla

1)	The Middle East 100 Years after the First World War: From the "Eastern Question" To "Failed State": Is There a	Aqeel Mahfoud
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	New "Sykes – Picot?"	
2)	The Historical Evolution of the Concept of Central Europe and the Impact of the First World War, 1914 -1919	Amjad al Zoubi
3)	The Balance of Power during the First World War and Its Impact on the Concept of Peace	Abdul Latif al-Mutadayyin
Break	11:00 – 11:30	

Session Two:

11:30 – 13:30

Moderator: Marlene Nasr

1)	A Hundred years of Fissured Collective Conscience: Iraq and the Centennial of the First World War	Ismail al-Rubaie
2)	The First World War and Chronicling the Sudanese Resistance, 1900 - 1925: A Critical Approach	Mahasin Abdul Jalil
3)	The Rhetorical Prince Confronting the "Colonial Phenomenon": Interpreting the Frequencies of the First World War	Idriss Maqboul
Lunch	13:30 – 15:30	

Day Three, February 22, (Plenary)

Session Three:

15:30 – 17:30

Moderator: Shafiq al-Masri

1)	Shakib Arslan and the First World War: From Ottomanism to Arabism	Saouad al-Mawla
2)	Martyrs Day: May the 6th or September the 2nd? An Example of Exploiting National Remembrance	Youssef Muawwad
3)	The Right of Self-Determination, a Consequence of the First World War: Circumstances and Results	Riad Chaya
4)	Concluding Remarks	Wajih Kawtharani