

Call for Papers

TEXTURES OF WAR

International workshop marking 100 years to the First World War

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2014 marks the centennial of the First World War: the event that not only shaped the twentieth century, and within it what came to be defined as the Middle East, but also the basic relations between borders, nations and people, together with the question of center and periphery. The workshop "Textures of War" aims to present new perspectives on literature, history and culture in relation to the First World War, emphasizing the ways bodies and texts, cloths and fabrics of writing, images and sounds interweave into different reflections on this epoch-changing event, in order to reexamine its significance as a field or "front" of writing.

We are looking for papers that address one of the following three thematic clusters:

- (1) *Literature and the "emotional lexicon" of war.* The relations between writing and war, the different ways in which literature, journalism and writing took part in the War, and in shaping its understanding, experience, and related emotions.
- (2) *Periphery and Center: WW1 and the Middle East.* Viewing the War from the point of view of the "periphery," the ways it affected and determined the political and social landscape of the Middle East, the ways groups and individuals acted during the war and in its aftermath. We also welcome papers which present perspectives on other 'peripheries' of war, esp. on the role of colonial soldiers.
- (3) *Concepts of Memory, Trauma and Writing.* The question of memory and commemoration of the War and of fallen soldiers, the relations between war and history, the question of trauma and mental health, the relation between psychoanalysis and the War.

We plan to publish selection of the papers presented in the next Institute's Jahrbuch.

Please send your proposed title and an abstract of ca. 300 words by June 23 to this address: erll@em.uni-frankfurt.de