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Conference “The First World War: The Ukrainian Dimension” in Lviv

28 October 2014—On 12-14 September, 2014, the Petro Jacyk Program for the Study of Modern Ukrainian History and Society, together with Institute for Historical Research, Ivan Franko Lviv National University, and the Humanities Department, the Ukrainian Catholic University, organized a conference on “The First World War: The Ukrainian Dimension”.

The conference had an international character and drew scholars from Austria, Canada, Germany, Israel, and the US. The core of conference was, however, made by Ukrainian, mostly younger, historians from different regions, including those that are now in the zone of the anti-terrorist operation. The conference was opened by a keynote speech entitled “A Forgotten War, a Forgotten Peace, and Making of Modern Ukraine” by Prof. Mark von Hagen, a renowned specialist on World War I in Eastern Europe. The conference panels focused on the Ukrainian issue in the World War I, analyzed changes brought by the war on various traditional national and social groups (such as Ukrainian peasants and East European Jews), as well as the formation of new groups (refugees and prisoners of wars), and discussed the ways the Great War has left its imprint on folklore and historical memory.

The event’s programme was concluded by a round table discussion “How to Write the History of World War I.” Selected conference papers, together with round table discussion proceedings, are planned to be published in the next issue of the peer-reviewed international journal “Ukraina moderna.” The conference was co-sponsored by the Austrian Bureau for Academic Cooperation and the US embassy in Ukraine.

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