

CALL FOR PAPERS

THE FIRST WORLD WAR:
LOCAL, GLOBAL AND IMPERIAL PERSPECTIVES
27–28 MARCH 2015

CENTRE FOR THE HISTORY OF VIOLENCE
UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE
AUSTRALIA

Confirmed Speakers

Joy Damousi, University of Melbourne
Keith Jeffery, Queen's University Belfast
Jenny Macleod, University of Hull

Overview

To mark the centenary of the First World War, and more specifically the 100th anniversary of the allied landings at Gallipoli, the University of Newcastle's Centre for the History of Violence will host a two-day conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. As a rejoinder to the customary hubris of national commemorations, and in recognition of a number of developing trends in the field of First World War studies, the event seeks to refocus discussion of this monumental episode in world history; to move beyond the well-worn nation-centric narratives, and to instead promote a greater appreciation of the conflict's often elided local, global and imperial contexts. We welcome proposals for papers on all topics appropriate to this broad theme. These might include – but are not limited to – the following:

- Marginal voices (e.g. Indigenous troops, women, non-combatant labourers)
- Transnational and comparative perspectives
- Dissent and division on the home front
- Legacy, memory and commemoration
- Representation in film, television, literature and interactive media
- Historians and key texts
- Teaching the First World War: implications for teachers and the school curriculum

A selection of the papers presented at the event will subsequently be compiled with a view to publication.

Proposal Submission Information

Proposals including a title, abstract (200–250 words), institutional affiliation and a brief professional biography should be submitted by email to matthew.lewis@newcastle.edu.au no later than **30 June 2014**.

Location Information

Newcastle is a vibrant coastal city, two hours north of Sydney. Known for its picturesque beaches and close proximity to the Hunter Valley wine region, it featured as one of Lonely Planet's top ten cities for 2011.