



Veteran Internationalism and the Cultures of Victory and Peace (1919-1933)

**Friday, 23rd / Saturday 24th October 2009:
Arts Building, 6th Floor, Room C6002**



The Great War created a new social group throughout Europe: ex-servicemen. Whilst the associations and ideas that linked this group suggest a transnational phenomenon, thus far veterans have been primarily examined in a national framework. The aim of this workshop is to consider ex-servicemen at an international and transnational level, especially by focusing on the former Allied powers. Through a study of ‘cultures of victory’ throughout Europe, the workshop will consider the emergence of an inter-Allied veteran internationalism embodied i.e. by the *Fédération Interalliée des Anciens Combattants* (FIDAC). The ‘cultures of victory’ were then partly transformed by a process of cultural demobilization into one of attempted reconciliation and peace, in which it established an uncertain and contested juncture with ex-servicemen’s organizations from the defeated powers. This process is embodied by the *Conférence Internationale des Associations de Mutilés et Anciens Combattants* (CIAMAC), which became the unofficial ex-servicemen’s organization of the League of Nations. By exploring the attitudes of ‘victorious’ inter-Allied veterans to ‘defeated’ veterans of the Central Powers, the workshop will also consider the scope and limits of internationalism in the post-war decade, with particular reference to the former Allied countries in Eastern and Western Europe.

Programme

Friday 23rd October 2009

2pm Registration and Introduction

Julia Eichenberg (TCD) / John Paul Newman (UCD)

2:30pm Panel I Commemorating Victory and the Soldiers' Sacrifice.

Chair: Stefan Malinowski (UCD)

Niall Barr (King's College London): British Commemoration of Veteran Volunteers

John Paul Newman (UCD): Serbia and the Allied Victory

4-4:30pm Tea & Coffee

4:30-6pm Panel II Apolitical Politics?

Chair: Anne Dolan (TCD)

Antoine Prost (CHS Paris): The Victory of French Citizens-Soldiers

Martina Salvante (EUI Florence): Some Observations on the Italian Association of War Disabled and its International Involvement

6pm wine reception

8pm conference dinner

Saturday 24th October 2009

9:30 am Panel III Forgotten Allied Veterans: Eastern Europe and Ireland

Chair: Balasz Apor (TCD)

Katya Kocurek (London): "Jacob Flanders-Czech style": Internalizing wartime 'victories' and the rise of militarism amongst legionary-veterans in 1920s Czechoslovakia

Eva Morrison (TCD): Identity and Allegiance among Irish Great War Veterans, 1919-1928

11-11:30am Tea & Coffee

11:30am Panel IV Veterans Transnationalism

Chair: William Mulligan (UCD)

Thomas Davies (City University London): Veterans and Disarmament

Julia Eichenberg (TCD): "A very efficient medium for propaganda" – Veterans Internationalism and the League of Nations

1pm Conclusions by John Horne (TCD) and discussion

1:30 pm lunch and end of workshop