Call for papers

Peace making after the First World War 1919 - 1923

Submission deadline: 1 December 2018
Conference dates: 27 and 28 June 2019

To mark the centenary of the signature of the Treaty of Versailles, The National Archives, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office Historians, the University of Strathclyde, the International History Department at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and the British International History Group are organising a two-day conference on the peace making process after the First World War on 27-28 June 2019.

We aim to focus not only on the Treaty of Versailles but also on the other treaties that marked the formal end of hostilities: Saint-Germain (Austria), Neuilly (Bulgaria), Trianon (Hungary), Sèvres (Ottoman Empire) and Lausanne (Turkey).

The first day of the conference will be held at The National Archives. It will include a keynote lecture by Professor David Stevenson and an exhibition of The National Archives’ unique collection of certified copies of all the treaties, alongside a selection of other materials. The second day of the conference will be hosted by Foreign & Commonwealth Office Historians at Lancaster House, and will see a range of experts speak on aspects of the peace making process followed by a round table discussion.

We invite proposals for 20-minute papers or panels of three papers, to be presented on the first day of the conference, on any aspect of the peace making process including, but not limited to:

- Immediate post-war views and perceptions on a new world order
- Social and economic articles of the treaties and League of Nations Covenant
- Diplomacy and diplomatic practice regarding peace making
- Nationalism, revolution and the peace process
- National and international politics around peace
- The interactions within and between the delegations including topics such as cultural and personal relations, and the role of emotions
- The peace-making process including drafting and sub-committee work
- Work of peripheral bodies such as the Joint Archaeological Committee
- The Peace Treaties themselves: materiality, language, history etc
- Redrawing borders: processes and negotiation
- Minority groups and representation

Papers from Early Career Researchers and PhD students are particularly welcome, as are presentations on topics going beyond Western Europe.

If you would like to submit a paper, please send abstracts of up to 300 words and a brief CV to: peacemaking.conference@gmail.com

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