Legacies of 1918: Sovereignty, New States and the Collapse of Empires after the First World War

The National Museum (Fyrirlestrarsalur Þjóðminjasafnsins)
Friday, 23 November 2018

13:00–13:30  **Introduction**

Anna Agnarsdóttir, Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Iceland

Welcome Remarks:
Herbert Beck, German Ambassador to Iceland
Graham Paul, French Ambassador to Iceland

Opening Address:
"Legacies of 1918 in 2018: The Role of Historians and Heads of State"
Guðni Th. Jóhannesson, President of Iceland

13:30–15:10  **The End of War: Redrawings of Political Landscapes and Unsettled Beginnings**

Keynote Lecture: "1918 and the End of Empires"
Robert Gerwarth, Professor of Modern History at University College Dublin (UCD)

"Democratic Citizenship after the First World War"
Ragnheiður Kristjánsdóttir, Associate Professor of History at the University of Iceland

"Contested Legacies: The Politics of Secession and Statehood since the Great War"
Valur Ingimundarson, Professor of Contemporary History at the University of Iceland

"The New Leviathan: The First World War and the American State"
Sveinn M. Jóhannesson, Past & Present Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institute of Historical Research, School of Advanced Study, University of London

Discussion

15:10–15:30  Coffee Break

15:30–17:00  **Centennial Memories and Mourning: The Construction of European Identities after War, Occupation and Mass Extermination**

Keynote Lecture: "1918–2018: Traces of War for Ever?"
Annette Becker, Professor of Modern History at the University of Paris – Ouest Nanterre La Défense

The Impact of the Great War on Iceland’s Sovereignty

"Insanity or Natural Right: Changing Attitudes to Icelandic Sovereignty during the Great War"
Guðmundur Hálfdanarson, Professor of History at the University of Iceland

"In the Wake of War: Iceland’s Sovereignty 1918"
Gunnar Pór Bjarnason, Independent Historian

"The Concept of Sovereignty in Icelandic Law"
Ragnhildur Helgadóttir, Professor of Law at the University of Reykjavik

Discussion