



Friede - Institut für Dialog
Institut für Religion und Frieden
in Cooperation with
Journalists and Writers Foundation
and the Forum für Weltreligionen

Annual Programme

1914-Peace-2014

An interreligious and intercultural series of events on the occasion of the Centennial Anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War

1914—Peace—2014 is a series of events jointly organized by “Friede-Institut für Dialog” and the “Institut für Religion und Frieden” of the Catholic Military Diocese of the Republic of Austria. Additional partners are the Istanbul-based “Journalists and Writers Foundation” and the “Forum für Weltreligionen” in Vienna.

In a multidisciplinary approach, we intend to shed light on the historical background and highlight the consequences of this global catastrophe through panels and discussions.

As the peoples of the world we have been through many destructive events and survived. Yet it takes serious pondering to learn our lessons. In this series the issues will be discussed multilaterally in search of a consensus about the calamities of the war. This is a humble effort to prevent the great catastrophes of history from repeating themselves. We believe that we can learn from past mistakes.

In this regard we want to increase the prospects for a peaceful coexistence which will serve us all.



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28th February 2014

Opening Event 1914—Peace—2014

21th March 2014

From First World War to Contemporary Turkey:
Armenian and Kurdish Experiences

24th April 2014

A Fire Starting in Sarajevo...
The Effects of World War 1 in the Balkans

21th May 2014

War in 21th Century

10th June 2014

Muslims in the Austrian Army— 1914 & 2014

30th September 2014

War Sacrifice - Religious Sacrifice:
Traces of Archaic Religiosity?

16th October 2014

Symposium of the Institut für Religion und Frieden
Churches and Religious Communities in World War 1

11th November 2014

Lessons not learned? – Experiences after World War 1

5th December 2014

Closing Event: Peace Projects

The **Friede-Institut für Dialog** was established 2002 in Vienna. It is organized as a non-partisan and non-profit organization. The members are dialogue interested persons from different cultural background.

In the current era of globalization, an increasing alienation between people of different cultures is to recognize. This alienation leads to misunderstandings and prejudices, a fear of contact and promotes the formation of parallel societies. The institute „Friede“ (engl.: peace), inspired by the ideas of Fethullah Gülen, wants to introduce measures to counter this development by its active engagement for a respectful interpersonal dialogue - based on the universal values. (www.derfriede.at)

The **Institut für Religion und Frieden (IRF)** is an institute at the Military Diocese of the Republic of Austria. It was established in 1997 by the Military Bishop Christian Werner, in order to promote the scientific discussion of current security-political changes in light of the Christian social science. Its range of responsibilities includes the promotion of ethical education in the armed forces, the education and training of military chaplains, advising the military bishop and cooperation with military, civil and religious organizations. (www.irf.ac.at)

The **Journalists and Writers Foundation (JWF)** is an Istanbul-based non-governmental organization in general consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). JFW aims to promote peaceful coexistence through dialogue and understanding at global, regional and local levels. Since its establishment in 1994, JWF has organized events promoting peace, tolerance and dialogue. Through its activities, JWF has brought together people from various backgrounds to discuss topics including but not limited to politics, religion, art, philosophy and science in order to establish common ground and, ultimately, peace. (www.gyv.org.tr)

The **Forum für Weltreligionen (FWR)** is an ecumenical Center for interreligious dialogue and cooperation. Focal points of the work are research, education and encounters. It works in close cooperation with Christian churches and supports the dialogue of life and religious leaders. The cooperation with religious communities in ethical, social and cultural fields promotes shaping and formulating opinion and common values. The Forum promotes the integration and the maintenance of diversity. Another focus is the research on theological, historical, and philosophical content of the religious traditions. (www.weltreligionen.at)