Towards a Common European Memory?  
The First World War and European Remembrance

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Countless present states were involved in the First World War. The respective perception of this global conflict, however, is at least nationally connoted, beginning with the date of entry into the war or which battles or events are being primarily remembered. For many years, these differences were hardly noticed, but due to the Great War’s centenary and its many commemorative events, publications and exhibitions, the national perspectives were brought into attention. 2014 has underlined the differences, but also the similarities in European remembrance. Is there an approach to a common European memory of the First World War?

The seminar will be chaired by Dr. Leo Kretzenbacher, German Studies Program, School of Languages and Linguistics.

Martin Bayer is based in Germany’s capital Berlin and works in the fields of civic education and the cultural dimension of war with organisations such as the German Federal Parliament, the Federal Agency for Civic Education, and various foundations.

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Date:   Monday, 30 March, 2015  
When:  1:00pm - 2:00pm  
Where: Carlton Connect Seminar Room, LAB-14, 700 Swanston Street  
(Cnr Swanston and Grattan St)

Attendance is free but bookings are essential.  
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