About the Colloquium

In 2018, in order to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, the City of Leuven and the University of Leuven are organising the international colloquium ‘Revival after the Great War: Repair, Rebuild, Remember’.

On 8 and 9 May we welcome experts from all over the world to present their latest research. Several sessions will look into different aspects of reconstruction and recovery in the 1920’s from an international perspective: human war damage and post-war recovery, the global reception of the reconstruction effort in Belgium, the transformation and modernisation of cities and the countryside, and the role of the arts in the re-establishment of society after the Great War.

One century later public debates frequently refer to “the coming of the new 20’s”, in recollection of the 1920’s. This colloquium is an attempt to answer the challenging question as to what history of the Great War and its aftermath we actually need. In other words, how and why do we want to remember what about the First World War and its far-reaching consequences?

Program

Day 1
Opening Session, with keynote lecture by Pierre Purseige
Session 1: Human War Damage and Recovery
Session 2: Reconstruction in a Global Perspective
Evening program: Opening of the exhibition on Leuven after 1918

Day 2
Session 1: Transformation of City and Countryside
Session 2: Arts after the Great War
Session 3: Remembrance Then and Now
Closing session, with keynote lecture by John Horne

Registration

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* You are eligible for the student fee if you are a Master student or a PhD-student in the academic year 2017-2018. A certificate of enrolment will be asked upon registration.

Website

For the detailed program, or more information about the registration process and venue, please consult our colloquium website: www.revival-after-the-great-war.be