

Conference

***From empires to nations (the international context of the Language Brotherhoods)***

Santiago de Compostela, Council of Galician Culture, October 6-7, 2016

The conference, organised and sponsored by the Council of Galician Culture ([www.consellodacultura.gal](http://www.consellodacultura.gal)), a member institution of NISE ([www.nise.eu](http://www.nise.eu)), aims at commemorating the centenary of the emergence of the Language Brotherhoods (*Irmandades da Fala*), the first Galician nationalist organisation which marked the beginning of the national stage in the history of the Galician movement. A special emphasis will be put on the international context, by placing the Galician case within a larger framework, in order to understand how and why “nationalism” spread throughout (and outside) the European continent during the years of WWI, a dimension of the conflict which has been obscured so far in the many conferences held on the occasion of the centenary of the Great War.

Working languages will be Galician and English. Simultaneous translation will be provided. A joint publication of the papers by an international publisher with NISE’s participation will be envisaged.

**October 6, 2016**

Morning

**Opening lecture:**

\* Ramón Villares (Santiago de Compostela): The Language Brotherhoods: Galician proposals and European echoes.

**I. World War I and the nationality question. A global phenomenon**

\* Ramón Máiz (Santiago de Compostela): What is a nationality? Theoretical debates in the European public sphere during and after WWI

\* Erez Manela (Harvard): The “Wilsonian moment” in the colonial peripheries

\* Malte Rolf (Bamberg): The Bolsheviks and the nationality question

Afternoon

**II. The diffusion of the nationality question in Europe**

\* Xosé M. Núñez Seixas (Munich): WWI, Wilson and the nationalist movements of Western Europe

\* Johannes Kabatek (Zürich): Languages and nationalities in Europe around WWI

\* Stefan Berger (Bochum): The impact of WWI on the (re)shaping of national histories

\* Lourenzo Fernández Prieto & Miguel Cabo (Santiago de Compostela): Nationalities and agrarian question in Europe

**October 7, 2016**

**III. Nation-states and national minorities in postwar Europe (1918-1925)**

\* Miroslav Hroch (Prague): Nationalism as an emerging topic in European and American Social Sciences after 1914

\* Stefan Dyroff (Bern): The international debate on the protection of national minorities after WWI

\* Balázs Trencsényi (Budapest): Nation and State in Eastern-European political thought since WWI

\* Laurence Cole (Vienna): Remembering WWI in multiethnic contexts