

World War I: A Centennial Remembrance

Global Youth Forum

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CIGI Campus, Uptown Waterloo, ON

Presented by CIGI and the Balsillie School of International Affairs

8:00-8:30 AM: Display viewing in the CIGI Campus lobby and continental breakfast.

8:30-9:00 AM: Videos screening in the CIGI Auditorium, as people take their seats, roughly as follows:

- Eric Bogle, “The Band Played Waltzing Matilda” (with archival footage of the battle of Gallipoli).
- “The Green Fields of France,” version by the Dropkick Murphys (with archival footage from WWI projected onto the Jumbo Tron).
- “Devils and Dust,” by Bruce Springsteen (a soldier’s reaction to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq).

9:00 AM-9:10 AM: *Welcome and Introduction*, by Fred Kuntz, VP Public Affairs, CIGI

9:15 AM-10:00 AM: *Multimedia Introduction to the First World War*, with Jim Blight and Janet Lang, from BSIA and the UW History Department. (What caused World War I? A colossal lack of empathy among the central players: Britain, Germany, Russia and France. With maps, movie clips, period video, music and a surprise or two.)

10:00 AM-10:59 AM: *Canada, World War I, and Remembrance*, with Geoffrey Hayes, UW History Department. (Includes a virtual tour of Vimy Ridge, in France, where thousands of Canadians died, and coverage of Guelph native John McCrae’s famous poem, “In Flanders Fields”.)

11:00 AM-11:02 AM: *Two minutes of silence and reflection* .

11:02 AM-11:15 AM: *Health Break*.

11:15 AM-12:00 Noon: *What JFK Learned From World War I*. (How U.S. President John F. Kennedy’s reading about WWI shaped his skepticism about the utility of war, and helped avoid nuclear catastrophe in the Cuban missile crisis.)

12:00 Noon-12:30 PM: *Lunch Break*.

12:30 PM-1:45 PM. *Information, Misinformation & Decision-Making: Choose Your Own Adventure!*

In this simulation you’ll play the role of a decision maker tasked with deciding how to deal with a possible threat to your country’s security. Led by Veronica Kitchen, of the UW Political Science Department.

1:45 PM-2:00 PM – Closing remarks and reflection.

2:00 PM: Students and teachers depart.