

LANGUAGES AT WAR: POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF LANGUAGE CONTACTS IN CONFLICT

MEETING THE 'OTHER' IN WAR: two case studies

28 May 2010

Conference Room, Imperial War Museum, London

10.00: Welcome and coffee

James Taylor (Imperial War Museum); Prof Hilary Footitt (University of Reading)

10.30–11.30: Keynote paper

Prof Joanna Bourke (Birkbeck College): *Does the enemy have a face?: combat narratives, speech acts and faciality, 1914–1975*

11.30–11.45: Coffee

11.45–1.15: Case study 1: Western Europe 1944–47

Prof Hilary Footitt (University of Reading): *Geographies of co-existence: fraternization revisited*

Dr Simona Tobia (University of Reading): *Interrogations: transnational encounters during and after the war*

Discussants: Prof Anita Prazmowska (LSE); Dr Dan Todman (Queen Mary, University of London)

1.15–1.45: Lunch

1.45–3.15: Case study 2: Bosnia-Herzegovina 1995–2000

Prof Mike Kelly (University of Southampton): *Kicking the jeep: how a little language goes a long way*

Dr Catherine Baker (University of Southampton): *Prosperity without security: locally employed interpreters in the Bosnian economy*

Discussants: Dr Vanessa Pupavac (University of Nottingham); Dr Stephanie Schwandner-Sievers (Roehampton University)

3.15–4.00: Museums and war

James Taylor (Imperial War Museum): *Saying the unsayable: challenging history at the Imperial War Museum*

Discussant: Samantha Cairns (Museums, Libraries and Archives London)

4.00–4.15: Coffee

4.15–4.45: Closing remarks

Nick Stansfield (Freelance international contractor): *Language encounters on the ground*



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