

CALL FOR PAPERS

Mobilisation into the Wehrmacht in the annexed lands and lands destined for annexation to the Third Reich International conference to be held at the National Museum of Contemporary History , Ljubljana, Slovenia, 20–21 October 2011. Research and studies into the mobilisation of Slovenians into the Wehrmacht have been ongoing since 1991. In August 1941, an outline of a contract on citizenship on the liberated territories of Styria, Carinthia and Crain was prepared in Berlin. The ministry board published the decree in October 1941. Citizens on probation were treated as German citizens, and they were required to do military service and state labour service. It is believed that over 50,000 Slovenian men born from 1906–1927 fought in various German units all over Europe. Nearly 12,000 were killed and 15,000 wounded. Young men had to join the German Army in many other European countries in the occupied territories of Europe. The Nazi military apparatus included them in their own groups, so they became soldiers and victims simultaneously. Mobilisation covered almost the entire active male population and the numbers of those forcibly mobilized were very high. The aim is to bring together scholars and other interested, who are engaged in research of similar topics and themes in their countries, stimulating the international exchange of data on mobilisation, identifying the common historic moment and improving knowledge of specific themes. It is intended to publish a book of summaries and a CD with all papers. We especially welcome research into:

- The situation in a particular country, origin and starting point of mobilisation
- Numbers mobilised
- Battlefields and units in which the mobilised fought
- Wounded and killed
- Desertions
- Joining other military formations
- End-of-war prisoner camps
- Returning home
- Testimonies
- Trauma
- Memories
- Veteran organisations and their organisation and status

The language of the conference will be English.

You are cordially invited to send an abstract of 250–300 words and a brief CV in English by 20 June 2011 to:

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All proposals will be subject to a review process.

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