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1914–1918. The First World War

29 May to 30 November 2014

In remembrance of the beginning of the First World War a hundred years ago the German Historical Museum is presenting the only exhibition in Germany that will provide an overview of the "Great War" in its European context and global dimension. The focus of the exhibition lies on the escalation of the violence. The experience of violence changed not only subsequent wars, but also political thought and action in the 20th century.

Taking 14 salient places as points of departure, the exhibition offers a geographical-chronological survey of the war. These places represent specific battlefields – such as Verdun, Tannenberg, German East Africa or Gallipoli – but also political-cultural centres like Petrograd or Berlin as well as occupied cities such as Brussels. All of the places stand for important stations and situations during the war. They point to overriding developments: the modernisation of war technology with its physical and psychological consequences for the people, the worldwide wartime economy, the global escalation of the fighting as well as the totalisation of the war on the "home front". With exponents from Germany and international loans the exhibition will show a multifaceted picture of the "*ur-catastrophe*", the primal disaster of the 20th century, displayed over a surface area of more than 1000 square meters.

A companion volume to the exhibition takes a closer look at the First World War on the basis of 100 objects from the collections of the German Historical Museum. A programme with scholarly lectures, expert panel discussions and readings supplements the exhibition. In cooperation with the Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb) the Zeughauskino offers a film series and a media workshop for young people.

A multimedia guide offers visitors the possibility of planning their own individual access to the exhibition. Special tours and informational material for schoolchildren facilitate their access to the topic.

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