

# Legacies of 1918: Sovereignty, New States and the Collapse of Empires after the First World War

The National Museum (Fyrirlestrarsalur Þjóðminjasafnsins)  
Friday, 23 November 2018

13:00–13:30

## Introduction

**Anna Agnarsdóttir**, Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Iceland

Welcome Remarks:

**Herbert Beck**, German Ambassador to Iceland

**Graham Paul**, French Ambassador to Iceland

Opening Address:

"Legacies of 1918 in 2018: The Role of Historians and Heads of State"

**Guðni Th. Jóhannesson**, President of Iceland

13:30–15:10

## The End of War: Redrawings of Political Landscapes and Unsettled Beginnings

Keynote Lecture: "1918 and the End of Empires"

**Robert Gerwarth**, Professor of Modern History at University College Dublin (UCD)

"Democratic Citizenship after the First World War"

**Ragneiður Kristjánsdóttir**, Associate Professor of History at the University of Iceland

"Contested Legacies: The Politics of Secession and Statehood since the Great War"

**Valur Ingimundarson**, Professor of Contemporary History at the University of Iceland

"The New Leviathan: The First World War and the American State"

**Sveinn M. Jóhannesson**, Past & Present Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institute of Historical Research, School of Advanced Study, University of London

## Discussion

15:10–15:30

Coffee Break

15:30–17:00

## Centennial Memories and Mourning: The Construction of European Identities after War, Occupation and Mass Extermination

Keynote Lecture: "1918–2018: Traces of War for Ever?"

**Annette Becker**, Professor of Modern History at the University of Paris – Ouest Nanterre La Défense

## The Impact of the Great War on Iceland's Sovereignty

"Insanity or Natural Right: Changing Attitudes to Icelandic Sovereignty during the Great War"

**Guðmundur Hálfðanarson**, Professor of History at the University of Iceland

"In the Wake of War: Iceland's Sovereignty 1918"

**Gunnar Þór Bjarnason**, Independent Historian

"The Concept of Sovereignty in Icelandic Law"

**Ragnhildur Helgadóttir**, Professor of Law at the University of Reykjavik

## Discussion