

## Homefront in Saxony- Anhalt / Heimat im Krieg, 1914-1918: Saxony-Anhalt during the First World War (WWI)

The First World War began over 100 years ago. The conflict had an enormously destructive and transformative effect on all the countries involved. Mass armies were organized on a larger scale than ever before, millions were injured or killed, the political map of Europe was fundamentally changed, and, around the world, economies were mobilized to serve the war effort.

Our project will be to look at how this conflict has been and can be remembered and commemorated in Saxony-Anhalt – with a focus on the effects of the war here.

For this project we will take two days: on one day, we will take a quick look at some of the programs that have been or are being offered in Saxony-Anhalt on this subject. We will also visit the travelling exhibit „Heimat im Krieg 1914/1918. Spurensuche in Sachsen-Anhalt“ at the Spengler Museum in Sangerhausen. This exhibit uses photographs and other common objects to show what daily life was like for people in Saxony-Anhalt during the war. More information can be found at

<http://www.mv-sachsen-anhalt.de/main.pl?lang=de&page=proj&id=6>

On the other day, we will discuss a historical case study from Halberstadt. We will look at the case of the Halberstädter Flugzeugwerke G.m.b.H. The firm was founded before the war in order to make planes for civilian purposes. It had partners in Britain and France. After the war began, it began to make planes for the national war effort, and so contributed to the birth of military aviation in Germany. It also came to employ thousands of workers in Halberstadt. After the war, the company got out of the business of making fighter planes: it was sold and radically “downsized” (=made much smaller). More information can be found at

[http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halberst%C3%A4dter\\_Flugzeugwerke](http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halberst%C3%A4dter_Flugzeugwerke)

We will look at what traces (=Spuren) of this company that can be found in Halberstadt today. We will also talk about whether any students would be interested in taking part in a longer-term project that could share this history with others.



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Dates (Provisional): Thurs June 4 & Friday June 5, 2015

Languages: German & English (B1 level recommended)

Topics: History, Cultural Programs, Museums, Education

Group size: up to 16 participants

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