



Conference of the Christmas Battles Museum 2026
Dedicated to the 110th anniversary of the Christmas Battles

CULTURE AND CREATIVITY IN THE SHADOW OF THE GREAT WAR

Call for papers



The Latvian War Museum department “Christmas Battles Museum” invites you to participate in the international scientific conference that will take place on 3 December 2026, in Jelgava (Latvia). The topic of the scientific conference will be dedicated to studies of the First World War from the perspective of history, philology, and other humanities.

The First World War (at that time – the Great War, 1914–1918) caused widespread changes: new ideas, knowledge, skills, experiences, and traditions were rapidly introduced, essentially transforming the European and Latvian society in diverse ways. Changes occurred in the shadow of the war, within the individual and social contexts determined by the events and experiences of wartime. Also, new ways of human self-awareness and reflection were formed.

The focus of the conference is on the *creative individual*, the texts and artefacts they create, or culture created during or shortly after the war. The *creative individual* is a humanist response to the devastation and destruction of war, the cultural texts and artefacts they create – a translation of the world into the language of humanity.

We invite you to submit scientific papers for the conference on any of these topics or other related subjects:

- studies of the First World War: sources, methods, and approaches; collections of memory institutions;
- a *creative individual* during and after the war, the concept of resilience; the concept of liminality;
- the impact of war experience and memories in cultural texts and artefacts; Trench Art;
- social/everyday and cultural life of military units during wartime, the formation of post-war memory, and remembrance;
- cultural activities of society, everyday life, traditions, and holidays under war conditions.

Working languages of the conference: Latvian and English

Application: Conference110@karamuzejs.lv, by 1 September 2026.

The application must include: Full name, academic degree, affiliation and position, topic of the presentation, and a short abstract of the presentation (250–300 words).

Reply concerning the inclusion of the paper in the conference programme will be provided by 20 September 2026

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