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Art at the German Bundestag
1914 – 1918
Not Then, Not Now, Not Ever!



At the initiative of artist Volker Johannes Trieb, the Osnabrück peace region has developed an art project to mark the centenary of the Armistice of Compiègne in November 2018. The Armistice formally ended the First World War and laid the foundations for the Treaty of Versailles and, later, the founding of the League of Nations, the forerunner of the United Nations (UN).

To commemorate the end of the First World War, one artist from each of the 31 countries which signed the Armistice of Compiègne (29 former belligerents and signatories to the Paris Peace Accords, plus Russia and Ukraine, which had been involved in the hostilities and had already signed separate peace agreements) has each designed a block of oak wood as a monument to peace. The wood comes from oaks from a former battlefield

in the Alsace region and is punctured by shrapnel, still visible in the form of fragments of metal and discoloration caused by oxidation.

This new exhibition – which can be visited in the Members’ lobby of the Reichstag Building – will open in time for the ceremony of remembrance in the Bundestag plenary. It will then move to the United Nations in New York, where it will be on display in the Delegates’ lobby.

Artists and participants:

Aljoscha (Ukraine)
Miroslaw Balka (Poland)
Jean Boghossian (Armenia)
Christian Boltanski (France)
Monika Bonvicini (Italy)
Wim Botha (South Africa)
Geta Bratescu (Romania)
Pedro Cabrita Reis (Portugal)
Tony Cragg (United Kingdom)
Berlinde De Bruyckere (Belgium)
Braco Dimitrijevic (Croatia)
Cevdet Ereğ (Turkey)
Fiona Hall (Australia)
IRWIN (Slovenia)
Ilya & Emilia Kabakov (Russia)
Anish Kapoor (India)
David McCracken (New Zealand)
Hermann Nitsch (Austria)

Roman Ondak (Slovakia)
Sandor Pinczehelyi (Hungary)
Horio Sadaharu (Japan)
Sean Scully (Ireland)
Kiki Smith (USA)
Nedko Solakov (Bulgaria)
Jana Sterbak (Canada)
Rirkrit Tiravanija (Thailand)
Rasa Todosijevic (Serbia)
Günther Uecker (Germany)
Costas Varotsos (Greece)
Huang Yong Ping (China)
Jana Zelibská (Czech Republic)

The Art Council of the German Bundestag warmly invites you to the opening of the exhibition

**“1914/1918 – Not Then,
Not Now, Not Ever!”**

**on 7 November 2018
at 17.00 hrs
in the Members’ lobby
of the Reichstag Building**

Welcome

Dr Wolfgang Schäuble
President of the German
Bundestag

Welcome

Dr Michael Lübbersmann
County Commissioner for
Osnabrück District

Recitation

“All Quiet on the
Western Front” –
Erich Maria Remarque
Theater Osnabrück

Music

Peace – Songs from
around 1918
Migena Gjata, soprano

Duration of the exhibition

10 November 2018 to 6 January 2019

German Bundestag

Reichstag Building, Berlin

Guided tour booking requests:

www.art-culture-international.de

Please note that film, image and sound recordings will be made during the event for possible publication at a later date.