

To: Cameron Thiers, Chair ISA Workshop Grants Committee

From: John Vasquez

Re: ISA Workshop on the First World War, April 2, 2013, San Francisco ISA

Cameron,

Let me begin by thanking you, the committee, and ISA for funding our workshop. It was very successful intellectually. Everyone circulated papers prior to the meeting and we had a lively exchange from 9am to 5:45 as well as nice get togethers for dinner the day before and the day of the workshop.

Prior to the workshop we received a contract for an edited volume--"The Outbreak of the First World War: Structure, Politics, and Decision-Making" edited by Jack S. Levy and John A. Vasquez. The workshop provided an opportunity to go over fairly complete drafts. We now have final copies of all the chapters and will be submitting the manuscript by the end of May. The book will be released sometime during the Spring of 2014 during the 100th anniversary of the war.

Attached below is a list of the participants supported by the grant and the panels held at the workshop. We came in slightly under budget because three scholars had to drop out, as did our alternate. Still we had 13 participants. We also had a number of observers-- about seven--who actively participated throughout the day.

Let me know if you need any additional information.

The War of 1914: Analytic Perspectives on Historical Debates

Workshop Chaired by Jack S. Levy and John A. Vasquez

Golden Gate 6 Hilton Union Square

Tuesday, April 2, 9am to 6pm

I. Welcome 9-9:10

Jack S. Levy (Rutgers University) and John A. Vasquez (University of Illinois)

II. Underlying Causes: Why 1914 and not Before? 9:10-10:50

Chair:

Samuel R. Williamson, Jr. (The University of the South)

William Mulligan (University College Dublin)

"Restraints on Preventive War before 1914"

Paul W. Schroeder (University of Illinois)

"A Controversial Interpretation of the Bosnian Crisis."

Karen Rasler and William R. Thompson (Indiana University)

"Strategic Rivalries and Complex Causality in 1914"

Discussants: Samuel R. Williamson, Jr. (The University of the South)

Jack S. Levy (Rutgers University)

Coffee break 10:50-11:20

III. The Question of Preventive War 11:20-1pm

Chair:

Karen Rasler (Indiana University)

Dale C. Copeland (University of Virginia)

“IR Theory and the Three Great Puzzles of the Great War”

John A. Vasquez (University of Illinois)

“Was the First World War a Preventive War? Concepts, Criteria, and Evidence”

Jack S. Levy (Rutgers University)

“Preventive Logic in the German Decision for War in 1914”

Discussant:

Marc Trachtenberg (UCLA)

Lunch Break: 1-2:40pm

IV. Rethinking the Causal Role of Germany: Austria-Hungary, Russia, France, and Britain 2:40-4:20pm

Chair:

John A. Vasquez (University of Illinois)

Samuel R. Williamson Jr. (The University of the South)

“July 1914 Revisited and Revised: The Erosion of the German Paradigm”

Ronald Park Bobroff (Oglethorpe University)

“War Accepted but Unsought: Russia’s Growing Militancy and the July Crisis, 1914”

Mira Rapp-Hooper (Columbia University)

"Britain's Decision for War in 1914."

Discussant:

David Rowe (Kenyon College)

4:20-4:50pm

Coffee Break

V. Conclusions (including a brief discussion about the book and deadlines) 4:50-6:00

Dinner 8pm

List of scholars involved in the project and funded by grant

Ronald Park Bobroff	Oglethorpe University
Dale C. Copeland	The University of Virginia
John Kreiger	University of Salford --unable to attend at last minute
Jack S. Levy	Rutgers University
Annika Mombauer	The Open University, London-- unable to attend
William Mulligan	University College Dublin
T.G. Otte	University of East Anglia-- unable to attend

Karen Rasler	Indiana University
Mira Rapp-Hooper	Columbia University
David Rowe	Kenyon College
Paul W. Schroeder	University of Illinois
William R. Thompson	Indiana University
Marc Trachtenberg	UCLA
John A. Vasquez	University of Illinois
Samuel R. Williamson	University of the South

Alternate Ashlea Rundlett Univ of Illinois—unable to attend