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The Faculty of Central European Studies at Andrassy University  
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cordially invite you to a guest lecture  
by

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on

## **JEWISH INTELLECTUALS AND WORLD WAR I**

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Location	Andrassy University Budapest, Österreichbibliothek (Austrian Library)
Date & Time	Tuesday, <b>May 19, 2015, 6:30 pm</b>
Introduction	<b>Ursula Mindler-Steiner</b> (AUB)
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An overwhelming majority of German Jews perceived the beginning of the Great War in 1914 as a possibility to finally prove that they are Germans first of all who would not hesitate to fight for Germany on the battlefield. There were, however, German Jews who did speak up against the war. This obviously was an extremely difficult undertaking because there was an overwhelming feeling of excitement in the overall society. How could one stand up against this overall positive reception of the war that would – one hoped – ultimately challenge the situation to the better?

The focus of the lecture will be on German-Jewish intellectuals such as Gustav Landauer (1870-1919) and Erich Mühsam (1878-1934) who both spoke up against the war from the beginning. There will be two key questions we seek to analyze: the significance of anti-Semitism for Landauer and Mühsam also in a transnational framework and to what extent both of them viewed cosmopolitanism as an answer to the war?

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