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C34-SP6. A Century after the Great War: Political Geographies of the Peace Treaties.

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George M. Cohan's resounding American war ballad *Over There* exclaimed "We'll be over, we're coming over; And we won't come back till it's over over there." While most U.S. troops were over there and back within one year, the November 11, 1918 armistice did not end the Great War. Another harrowing four years (1919-1923) were required until peace treaties were concluded with all the defeated Central Powers.

A century ago U.S. President Woodrow Wilson called on then-Director of the American Geographical Society, Dr. Isaiah Bowman, to gather *The Inquiry*. The secret research of these 150 academics undergirded Mr. Wilson's 14 Points for a scientific peace, one that redrew 2000 miles of new international boundaries. This session examines the intents and unwieldy results of the peace treaties: Versailles, Brest-Litovsk, St. Germain, Neuilly, Trianon, Sevres, and Lausanne. The Wilsonian ideal of self-determination was not always then realized. Soon after the guns fell silent, Mr. Wilson was discredited and even Dr. Bowman had misgivings.

We welcome a variety of studies, theories, concepts, and methodologies to assess these treaties' legacies from geographical points of view. The peace treaties have had grave consequences for political geography, from WWII to more recent events (the disintegration of Yugoslavia, Kurdish autonomy) and are still referenced by political movements such as Trianon and Hungarian nationalism.

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