

The WW100 Commemoration Program of Memorial University of Newfoundland  
presents

## *Before Beaumont Hamel, there was Gallipoli:*

A symposium on the Gallipoli campaign  
from Newfoundland and Turkish perspectives



### Keynote Address

Prof. Kahraman Şakul, Istanbul Şehir University: “Imagining the Gallipoli Campaign:  
Evolution from Landscape to Mythscape”

**Bruneau Centre for Innovation and Science, Innovation Hall (IIC-2001)  
St. John’s Campus, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Nov. 14, 2015**

### Convenor

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The Gallipoli Campaign (or the Battle of Çanakkale) was a military action on the Gallipoli Peninsula in 1915. The Allied forces attempted to take Constantinople (then the capital of the Ottoman Empire) through a combination of sea and land battles. Their strategic goal was to secure a supply route to the Russian Empire and knock the Ottoman Empire out of the First World War. The land campaign started on April 25, 1915, and ended when the Allied forces withdrew in early 1916.

The First Newfoundland Regiment, which arrived in Gallipoli in September 1915, should not have been in that campaign. They were assigned to the British 29th Division after a tragic train accident in the UK virtually destroyed the Leith Battalion. In Newfoundland and Labrador, Gallipoli is largely overshadowed by the later Beaumont Hamel conflict. The Royal Newfoundland Regiment remembers the Gallipoli conflict annually with a parade and small ceremony in St. John's.

The Battle of Çanakkale is regarded as a significant event in the establishment of modern-day Turkey. Commemoration ceremonies are held annually on March 18 to remember the defeat of the French and British naval assault. The battle is particularly remembered for the actions of Mustafa Kemal, who became the first president of the Republic of Turkey after the First World War.

This one-day symposium at Memorial University will explore the conditions experienced by the Newfoundland and Turkish troops, including an unusually severe winter storm on Nov. 27-28, 1915. The effects of these experiences will be examined through first-hand accounts from both sides of the conflicts.

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**Program**

10:00 – 10:30 am: Arrival and coffee

10:30 – 10:45 am: **Welcome and opening remarks** by Dr. Lucian Ashworth, chair of the WW100 Steering Committee

10:45 – 11:45 am: **Panel 1: *Why did the allies go to Gallipoli? A global and regional context***

Panel Chair: Bert Riggs, WW100 Steering Committee

Dr. Lucian Ashworth, Head of Department of Political Science

Dr. Justin Fantauzzo, Department of History

Dr. Mehmet Efe Çaman, Türk-Alman Üniversitesi

11:45 – 12:30 am: **Keynote Address:** Dr. Kahraman Şakul, Istanbul Şehir University, ***Imagining the Gallipoli Campaign: Evolution from Landscape to Mythscape***

12:30 – 1:15 pm: Lunch Break

1:15 – 2:15 pm: Ryan Snoddon (TBC), Meteorologist, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. ***The winter storm of Nov. 27-28, 1915***

2:15 – 2:30 pm: Break

2:30 – 3:15 pm: **Panel 2: *Personal stories of the soldiers at Gallipoli***

Panel Chair: Terry Bishop Stirling, Head, Department of History

Hon. Dr. Edward Roberts, former Lieutenant Governor of NL

Joan Sullivan, Editor, *Newfoundland Quarterly*

Dr. Ean Parsons, Assistant Program Director, Discipline of Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine

3:15 – 4:00 pm: David Mercer, QE II Library, “The Lasting Remembrance Project”

4:00 – 4:15 pm: Closing remarks

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