



We cordially invite you to the Aperitív+ seminar organized by the Institute of History, SAV, v.v.i.

on Thursday, **January 30, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.**  
in the study room of the Central Library of the SAS,  
Klemensova 19 (ground floor)

The presentation will be given by

**Tamara Scheer**

on the topic

## Language Diversity and the Austro-Hungarian Army (1867-1918)

Reading newspapers, parliamentary debates, diaries, letters, political pamphlets and administrative documents from the years between 1867 and 1918, one could come to the conclusion that it was the linguistic diversity that largely destabilized Austria-Hungary. Before 1914, hardly a day went by without public discussion of shortcomings, including in the Austro-Hungarian army. In 1867, a complex system of language recognition was introduced, which vacillated between the interests of efficient army, legal rights of conscripts, and the avoidance of political debate. While until 1914 the shortcomings were primarily a political concern, they became a survival factor during the First World War. In addition to the various areas in which language diversity was discussed, this lecture will also examine the differences in Austria and Hungary.

We look forward to meeting you!