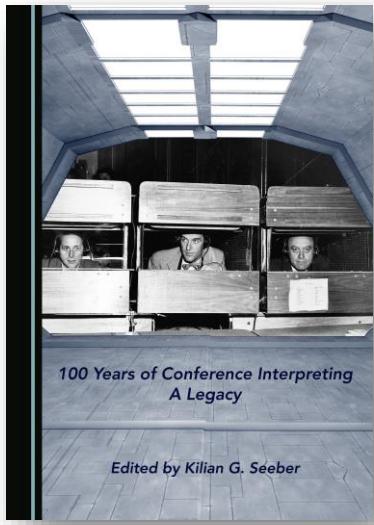


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When Woodrow Wilson, David Lloyd George, Vittorio Emanuele Orlando and Georges Clemenceau met in Versailles in January 1919, they ushered in the modern era of multilateral diplomacy and—perhaps inadvertently—laid the foundation for a new profession. Indeed, communication among these statesmen was only possible thanks to the first conference interpreters. For the following 100 years, these interpreters would become a permanent fixture at all international multilateral conferences. As we celebrate one century of conference interpreting, this volume takes stock of some of the most important milestones throughout the history of this exceptional profession and looks at its future at a time when the global COVID-19 pandemic has transformed the world of international meetings.

Thanks to its refreshingly interactive format, this volume gives a voice to different stakeholders in the world of conference interpreting today, including practitioners, managers, researchers and trainers. The result is a surprisingly candid and critical discussion of some of the most hotly debated topics in the world of conference interpreting.

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"Outside the realm of international meetings, conference interpreting remains a profession shrouded in mystery. Conference interpreters, bound to strict professional secrecy by their code of ethics, are usually invisible and rarely make the news – even less often perhaps than their counterparts working in the field, in courtrooms or in hospitals. On the occasion of 100 years of conference interpreting, therefore, this volume pays tribute to a profession that is deeply intertwined with – and often considered a catalyst of – the world of multilateral diplomacy. It does not aspire to provide an exhaustive account of an entire century of interpreting history. Instead, it was conceived as a collection of scholarly articles and opinion pieces illustrating what different stakeholders make of this profession one hundred years on: how they see its past, its present and its future..."

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