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Sommario/riassunto	The First World War affected the university as an institution on many different levels. At the beginning of the winter semester of 1914/15, the lecture halls in Göttingen, as at all European universities, had emptied. The few students who had not been accepted as volunteers for war now hunted spies together with the population, including their fellow foreigners. The institutes of the emerging scientific subjects had to face massive economic and personnel difficulties. They were in no way able to benefit from the military interest in scientific research, since the military authorities deliberately only used non-university research institutions, such as the Ludwig Prandtl's model testing institute. Professors from Göttingen took part in the rapidly flaming international propaganda war. At the same time there were serious debates inside the university. Given these conditions, it is surprising that the professors at Georgia Augusta have largely managed to maintain the image of a functioning university.