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# About the MHC

The **Military History Consortium (MHC)** connects institutions, academics, and students engaged in the study of warfare and/or military organisations in the past. Its dual aim is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas in order to strengthen international research cooperation and a framework for joint teaching initiatives and programmes.

The MHC's membership is international, and its scope is global. While the consortium's teaching and research agendas focus on the past, it seeks to address contemporary security challenges and inform related policy debates. It is only the study of war and the military in the past that enables us to understand and contextualise the present and thus prepare for the future.

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- Sciences Po Aix
- University of Southern Mississippi
- Stellenbosch University

## **The MHC aims to:**

- organise an annual conference, which is held by its members on a rotating basis, and provides a welcoming platform for early career researchers;
- host regular online research seminars for postgraduate research students;
- develop a handbook on the global history of warfare and military organisations, jointly edited and authored by the MHC membership.

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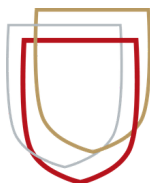
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# Wednesday 3 June 2026

**8:30 - 9:00**

**Registration and Coffee**

Espace Philippe Séguin (EPS 001)

**All day**

**Book stand (EPS 001)**

- **De Gruyter Brill** (Kate Hammond and Rabea Rittgerodt-Burke)
- **Boydell & Brewer** (Michael Middeke)

**9:00 - 9:30**

**Welcome and Official Opening (EPS 003)**

**9:30 - 11:00**

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**11:00 - 11:15**

**Coffee Break (EPS 001)**

**11:15 - 12:15**

**Early Career Session (EPS 003)**

**12:15 - 13:00**

**Lunch Break (EPS 001)**

**13:00 - 15:00**

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**15:00 - 15:15**

**Coffee Break** (EPS 001)

**15:15 - 17:15**

**Panels – Session 3**

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**17:30 - 17:45**

**Introduction to Keynote Lecture**

Site Saporta, Amphithéâtre René Cassin

**Dr. Alessia Lefebure** (Head of Sciences Po Aix)

**17:45 - 19:00**

**Keynote Lecture – Violence, paroxysms and coming out of war: the case of a Buchenwald secondary camp**

Site Saporta, Amphithéâtre René Cassin

**Prof. Guillaume Piketty** (Sciences Po Paris, CHSP)

# Thursday 4 June 2026

**All day**

**Book stand (EPS 001)**

**9:00 - 10:30**

**Panels - Session 4**

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**10:30 - 10:45**

**Coffee Break (EPS 001)**

**10:45 - 12:15**

**Panels - Session 5**

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**12:15 - 13:00**

**Lunch Break (EPS 001)**

**13:00 - 15:00**

**Panels – Session 6**

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**15:00 - 15:15**

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**Book Discussions (EPS 003)**

**Prof. Evert Kleynhans** (University of Stellenbosch)

**Dr. Tycho van der Hoog** (Netherlands Defence Academy)

*Comrades Beyond the Cold War: North Korea and the Liberation of Southern Africa* (Hurst, 2025)

**Dr. John Kegel** (Netherlands Defence Academy)

*The Struggle for Liberation: A History of the Rwandan Civil War, 1990-1994* (Ohio University Press, 2025)

**18:00 - 19:00**

**Cocktail Function (EPS 001)**

# Friday 5 June 2026

**All day**

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**9:00 - 10:30**

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**10:30 - 10:45**

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**10:45 - 12:15**

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**Closing of the Conference (EPS 003)**

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## 1.1

# Unfulfilled Expectations in the Aftermath of Conflicts: Case Studies in U.S. Military History in the early 20th Century

### Practical information:

Wednesday 3 June 2026 (9:30-11:00), EPS 201

### Chair:

Graeme Plint (Stellenbosch University)

### Presentations:

**A Puppet of Fate: Dr Bernard Gallagher's Journey from First World War Trauma to Recovery and Redemption**

Johannes Allert (USAF Air University)

**The First World War as Moral Crucible: American Military Service and Felons in Pennsylvania's Eastern State Penitentiary**

Bobby Wintermute (Queens College, City University of New York)

**The U.S. Marines, Haiti, and Voodoo: Cultural Lessons Learned in the 1920s and 1930s**

David Ulbrich (Norwich University)

## 1.2

# Habsburg Military and Society during the Wars with France

### Practical information:

Wednesday 3 June 2026 (9:30-11:00), EPS 203

### Chair:

Jiří Kubeš (University of Pardubice)

### Presentations:

**“Money, Horse and Arms”: The Offerings of the Hungarian Aristocrats for the Royal Imperial Army (1741-1815)**

Balázs Lázár (MoD Military History Institute and Museum Budapest)

**Old, New or Military? The Aristocracy in the High Command of the Imperial-Royal Army during the French Wars**

István Nagy-Luttenberger (MoD Military History Institute and Museum Budapest)

**Two Eyewitness Accounts of the Wars of Third and Fifth Coalition (1805, 1809), as Recounted in the Diary of Julius Hörweg, Abbot of Zwettl**

Stephan Sander-Faes (University of Bergen)



## 1.3

# **Violence, Welfare, Pedagogy, and Humanitarianism**

### **Practical information:**

Wednesday 3 June 2026 (9:30-11:00), EPS 204

### **Chair:**

Hendrik Snyders (Stellenbosch University)

### **Presentations:**

**Belgian Military Operations in Congo during the Sixties: Acts of Humanitarian Aid or Instruments of Neocolonialism?**

Johan Massart (Royal Military Academy Belgium)

**The 'Welfare' as Warfare: The Two Side of the Liberation War in Guinea-Bissau (1968-1974)**

Christian Kjellsson (Swedish Defence University) and Francesca Vita (ISCTE - University Institute Lisbon, DINÂMIA'CET - Centre for Socioeconomic and Territorial Studies)

## 1.4

# **North and West Africa: Cold War Issues in the Diplomacy of Former French Colonies**

### **Practical information:**

Wednesday 3 June 2026 (9:30-11:00), EPS 205

### **Chair:**

Régine Perron (Cergy Paris University)

### **Presentations:**

#### **Ivory Coast facing competition in the Western bloc**

Arthur Banga (Houphouët-Boigny University)

#### **Reconfiguring Alliances in the Gulf of Guinea: West Africa, Decolonization and the Cold War in the 1970s**

Maxime Hatterer (CY Cergy Paris Université)

#### **The Algerian War from a Third World Perspective: Non-Aligned Leaders and Their Responses to the Conflict**

Enzo Fontanet (CY Cergy Paris Université)

## 2.1

# World War II: Strategic Theatres and Maritime Realities

### Practical information:

Wednesday 3 June 2026 (13:00-15:00), EPS 201

### Chair:

Thomas Mockaitis (DePaul University)

### Presentations:

#### The Second World War in the High North: An Under-Researched Topic

Pasi Tuunainen (Universities of Eastern Finland and Oulu)

#### What constitutes a War Hero? Pilot officer Bjarne Øen in World War Two

Ole Jørgen Maaø (Royal Norwegian Air Force Academy)

#### The Forgotten Allies: South Asian Soldiers at Monte Cassino and the Making of the Italian Campaign

Muhammad Rohaan Pasha (University of Karachi)

#### Max Valentiner's attack in Madeira (03.12.1916): Military, Economic and Social Impacts of a German Submarine Bombardment on an Island Community during World War I

Miguel Castro Brandão (University of Porto)

## 2.2

# World War II: Veterans, Prisoners, and Local Recruits

### Practical information:

Wednesday 3 June 2026 (13:00-15:00), EPS 203

### Chair:

Jean-Pierre Scherman (Stellenbosch University)

### Presentations:

#### From Battlefield to Silence: Moroccan Second World War Veterans and the Politics of France's Representation

Chig Salah (Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University of Fez)

#### Starvation as Strategy: The Wehrmacht's Policy towards Soviet Prisoners of War in the Planning and Execution of Operation Barbarossa

Alexandra Pulvermacher (University of Klagenfurt)

#### Antifascist Volunteers in the French Foreign Legion on the Eve of World War II (1938-1940)

Salvador Lima (European University Institute)

#### How to recover Hitler's spoils: Allied Efforts to Restitute Gold Looted by the Axis Powers During World War II

Tomasz Korban (University of the National Education Commission, Krakow)

## 2.3

# **Social Histories, Emotions, and the Law**

### **Practical information:**

Wednesday 3 June 2026 (13:00-15:00), EPS 204

### **Chair:**

Evert Kleynhans (Stellenbosch University)

### **Presentations:**

**Coercion and Social Origin: The Tuscan Discoli during the Medicean Era (1686-1737)**

Jacopo Pessina (University of Pisa)

**A Trans-Historical Experience of War?: Reading Emotions in Frontinus and Patton**

Tiago Rocha e Melo (University of Lisbon)

**Patriotism and the Imaginary of “South Africa” during the Second World War**

Suné Van Achterbergh (North-West University)

**Violence and Dispossession against French Civilians during the American Civil War**

Yohann Vauché (Éducation Nationale)

## 2.4

# **Global Perspectives on Conflict: Transnational Networks, Ideology, and Wartime Experiences**

### **Practical information:**

Wednesday 3 June 2026 (13:00-15:00), EPS 205

### **Chair:**

Marco Wyss (Lancaster University)

### **Presentations:**

**Transnational European Far-Right Foreign Fighters: Networks, Ideologies, and Militant Trajectories from the 1960s to the War in Ukraine (2014)**

Carlo De Nuzzo (Sciences Po Paris, CHSP)

**Lifeworlds of Crimean War Mercenaries in the 1850s and 1860s: A transnational collective biography**

Valeria Vollmer (University of Zurich)

**Politicising Just War Theory: Catholic Debates and U.S. Foreign Policy in the Post-Cold War Era (1991-2008)**

Fulvia Dellavedova (Scuola Superiore Meridionale - University of Naples Federico II)

**"Write to Me by Different Ships Because the English Capture Many": The Prize Papers Project and Families Wartime Experiences (1652-1815)**

S  verine Angers (The National Archives, UK)

## 3.1

# Resistance and Counterinsurgency in Colonial Africa

### Practical information:

Wednesday 3 June 2026 (15:15-17:15), EPS 201

### Chair:

Evert Kleynhans (Stellenbosch University)

### Presentations:

**Who Captured Winston Churchill? Micro-Historical Reconstruction and Memory Contestation in the Anglo-Boer War**

Hendrik Snyders (Stellenbosch University)

**Post-Colonial Military Diplomacy: A Social History of British Forces in Kenya since 1964**

Rhian Davies (University of Warwick)

**Counterinsurgent Capitalism: Making a Market during the 1950s State of Emergency in Kenya**

Niels Boender (University of Edinburgh)

**Rebelling in Wartime? Resisting Arrest on the African Frontlines of WWII (1940-1945)**

Brecht Kreyen (Université Libre de Bruxelles / Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

## 3.2

# **The First World War: Occupation, Identity, and Civilians**

### **Practical information:**

Wednesday 3 June 2026 (15:15-17:15), EPS 203

### **Chair:**

Christina Twomey (Monasch University)

### **Presentations:**

#### **A Model Occupation: The Germans in Brussels (1914-1918)**

Samuël Kruizinga (University of Amsterdam)

#### **We Saw what we had Believed: Re-evaluating Place, Race, Religion and Identity in Indian and British Experiences of World War I**

Andrew May (University of Melbourne)

#### **The First World War and the Politics of Rehabilitation: Military Disability Between Late Russian Empire and Early Soviet State**

Olga Okhotnikova (Ludwig Maximilian University)

#### **"The Distinction Between the Combat Zone, the Front, and the Rear has Lost Some of Its Significance": The Bombing of French Cities during the Great War (1914-1918)**

David Hager (University of Picardie Jules Verne)

## 3.3

# **Landscapes of Memory and Persuasion: Global Perspectives on War Memorialisation and Propaganda**

### **Practical information:**

Wednesday 3 June 2026 (15:15-17:15), EPS 204

### **Chair:**

Tycho van der Hoog (Netherlands Defence Academy)

### **Presentations:**

**The Porte d'Orient War Memorial in Marseille: Local, National or International Site of Memory?**

Christina Theodosiou (Hellenic Open University)

**"Their Honour Rooted in Dishonour": White South African Memorialisation Practices in the Colonial Prelude to the First World War**

Anna La Grange (University of Potsdam)

**The Declouet Memorial: Spanish Ambitions vs. British Realities in Louisiana in 1814**

Michael Beauchamp (Rogers State University)

**Making the World Safe for Democracy: Selling Wilson's Great War**

Aimée Dion (Université Laval)

## 4.1

# The Transient and Enduring Nature of Strategic Leadership

### **Practical information:**

Thursday 4 June 2026 (9:00-10:30), EPS 201

### **Chair:**

Scott Brickner (United States Naval War College)

### **Presentations:**

#### **Creating Military Geniuses: Scharnhorst vs Clausewitz on Strategic Leadership**

Vanya Eftimova Bellinger (US Naval War College)

#### **The Hand of Command: Titus Livius and Master Sun on Strategic Leadership**

Andrew Wilson (US Naval War College)

#### **Irregular Geniuses: Washington, Mao, and Revolutionary Strategic Leadership**

Brendan Neagle (US Naval War College)

## 4.2

# Education, Training, and Military Culture

### Practical information:

Thursday 4 June 2026 (9:00-10:30), EPS 202

### Chair:

Samuël Kruizinga (University of Amsterdam)

### Presentations:

**Drill, Duty and Doctrine: Military Catechisms as Instruments of Soldierly Education in 19th-Century German Armies**

Thomas Kieslinger (Diocesan Museum St. Afra)

**The Aviation School in Nanchang/Luoyang and the Italian Aeronautical Mission: An Institutional Study**

Sanghyun Lee (Republic of Korea Air Force Academy)

**Annie Get Your Gun: Girls School Rifle Shooting in Pietermaritzburg (1909-1960)**

Graeme Plint (Stellenbosch University)

## 4.3

# **African Militaries: Assistance, Interventions, and Regional Security**

### **Practical information:**

Thursday 4 June 2026 (9:00-10:30), EPS 203

### **Chair:**

Bruno Cardoso Reis (ISCTE-IUL, Center for International Studies)

### **Presentations:**

#### **A History of Dutch Military Interventions in Africa (1960-2000)**

Tycho van der Hoog and John Kegel (Netherlands Defence Academy)

#### **Villagisation and Military Agency in Late-Colonial Africa: A Comparative Study of Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique (1968-1974)**

Francesca Vita and Ana Vaz Milheiro (ISCTE-IUL, DINÂMIA'CET)

## 4.4

# Policy, Innovation, and National Identity

### Practical information:

Thursday 4 June 2026 (9:00-10:30), EPS 204

### Chair:

Séverine Angers (The National Archives, UK)

### Presentations:

#### Envisioning a Senegalese Way of War: Military Culture in 18th and 19th Century Senegalese States

Sarah Davis Westwood (Grup d'Estudis de les Societats Africanes)

#### From Cold War to the Mediterranean: Shifts in Italian Defence Policy from Border Defence to Power Projection (1967-1978)

Fabio De Ninno (University of Siena)

#### When Scandinavians Study War: The Role of History in the Professional Military Debate: A Comparative Study of Denmark, Norway and Sweden (1870-1991)

Niels Bo Poulsen (Institute of Defense Studies Oslo / Royal Danish Defense College)

## 5.1

# **Home-Front Crises, Infrastructural Strain and State Failure in Wartime Italy (1939-1943)**

### **Practical information:**

Thursday 4 June 2026 (10:45-12:15), EPS 201

### **Chair:**

Luca Domizio (University of Genoa, NavLab - Centro di Ricerca Fernand Braudel)

### **Presentations:**

**An Army Without War: Italian Soldiers, the Second World War Mobilisations and the Fascist Regime**

Emanuele Venchi (University of Padua / Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

**Targeting Water Supply: Operation Colossus and Its Effects in Fascist Italy**

Vincenzo Demichele (University of Bari)

**Food, hunger, and the collapse of the home front: Fascist failures in wartime Sicily (1940-1943)**

Federico Cormaci (Universities of Florence and Siena)

## 5.2

# **Ancient and Medieval Warfare: Strategy and Representation**

### **Practical information:**

Thursday 4 June 2026 (10:45-12:15), EPS 202

### **Chair:**

Alexandra Kaar (University of Vienna, Institute of Austrian Historical Research)

### **Presentations:**

**“And the Danes Held the Place of Slaughter”: Anglo-Saxon Defeat in Light of the Principles of War**

Steele Brand (Arizona State University)

**Syriac Hagiographical and Ecclesiastical Texts as Sources for Late Sasanian-Byzantine Military Culture and Warfare**

Cynthia Villagomez (Winston-Salem State University)

**The Mongol-Yuan and Ilkhanate Army in Comparative Perspective**

Yiming Ha (Hong Kong Baptist University)

## 5.3

# Early Modern Justice, Feuds, and Law

### Practical information:

Thursday 4 June 2026 (10:45-12:15), EPS 203

### Chair:

Niels Bo Poulsen (Institute of Defense Studies Oslo / Royal Danish Defense College)

### Presentations:

#### The Strained Relationship of Military and Civil Justice in Early Modern Flanders (1585-1700)

Brent Lievens (Ghent University)

#### The Juridification of Violence: The Transformation of Feuds in the Dutch States Army (1688-1712)

Joost Oosterhuis (Durham University)

#### Ink Warriors: 10th-Century Weapon Bearers in the Imagination of their Contemporary Clerical Authors

Erik Wascheck (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen)

## 5.4

# The Global War on Civilians (1914-1945)

### Practical information:

Thursday 4 June 2026 (10:45-12:15), EPS 204

### Chair:

Victor Louzon (Sorbonne Université, Sirice)

### Presentations:

#### Writing a Global History of the Second World War by Taking Japan Seriously

Sheldon Garon (Sciences Po Paris, CHSP)

#### Not in Isolation: How Transnational Knowledge from War and Peacetime Shaped Nazi Home-Front Warfare

Anne van Mourik (Sciences Po Paris, CHSP)

#### Civilian Protection and the Politics of Restraint in an Age of Indiscriminate Warfare: A Global History of Regulating Blockade and Bombardment (1919-1939)

Boyd van Dijk (Sciences Po Paris, CHSP)

## 6.1

# Imperial Conflict and Subversion in East Asia

### Practical information:

Thursday 4 June 2026 (13:00-15:00), EPS 201

### Chair:

Johan Massart (Royal Military Academy)

### Presentations:

#### German Military in the Boxer War

Martin Schulz (Bundeswehr's Center for Military History and Social Sciences)

#### The Wolf's Tracks in the Celestial Empire. The Italian Military Involvement in China from 1900 to 1925

Lorenzo Capelli (Sapienza University of Rome)

#### The Foreign Legion and the Thái Nguyên Revolt (1917): Operations, Colonial Constraints, and Identity Affirmation

Chahineze Ben Daoud (IUT d'Aix-Marseille)

#### A Not-So-Unknown Soldier: Identifying the French Unidentified Soldier of the Korean War (1950-1953)

Coralie Tauleigne (MESOPOLHIS)

## 6.2

# **Fighting Beyond the Front: Morale, Mobilization, and Social Forces in War**

### **Practical information:**

Thursday 4 June 2026 (13:00-15:00), EPS 203

### **Chair:**

Roy Doron (Winston-Salem State University)

### **Presentations:**

#### **The Role of People's War in Egyptian Strategy During the Suez Crisis**

Muhammad Alaraby (Future for Advanced Research and Studies, Abu Dhabi)

#### **Recruitment and Role of Women in the Partisan Army of Yugoslavia**

Marina Alia Jurišić (University of Zagreb)

#### **Irregular War, Conventional Criteria? Female Military Service Pensions in Post-Revolutionary Ireland**

Hayley Brabazon (Dublin City University)

#### **Prussian Preachers: War Propagandists? Protestant Church and War Mobilization in Prussia in 1813-1815**

Dmitry Sterkhov (Institute of World History of the Russian Academy of Sciences)

## 6.3

# **International Dimensions of War Termination: The Russo-Japanese War (1904-1905)**

### **Practical information:**

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### **Chair:**

Andrew R. Wilson (US Naval War College)

### **Presentations:**

**Negotiating with the Kremlin: How the 1905 Russo-Japanese War Negotiations May Predict the Outcome of the Russo-Ukraine War**

Marc Genest (US Naval War College)

**From Imperial Self-Strengthening to Nationalization: Qing China after the Russo-Japanese War**

Anatol Klass (US Naval War College)

**“Problems of the Pacific”: Britain, the United States; the End of the Russo-Japanese War**

Jesse Tumblin (US Naval War College)

## 7.1

# Maritime Logistics, Shipbuilding, and Professionalism

### Practical information:

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### Chair:

Walter Bruyere-Ostells (Sciences Po Aix, MESOPOLHIS)

### Presentations:

#### Naval Shipbuilding in the Netherlands: An Industrial Analysis (1916-1940)

Erik Odegard (Netherlands Defence Academy)

#### Revolutionary and Maritime Logistics: Overseas Chinese Support Networks in the 1911 Revolution and Military Possibilities

Diogo Borges and David Alves (University Institute of Lisbon)

#### Who Killed the Citizen-Soldier? A Transatlantic History of the End of Conscription

Manuel Dorion-Soulié (Institut Polytechnique de Paris, CIEDS)

#### Reforging Maritime Power: Recruitment in the Royal Sardinian Navy after Napoleon (1815-1821)

Mauro Difrancesco (University of Salerno)

## 7.2

# **Fortresses, Towns, and Frontiers: Warfare and Violence from the Middle Ages to the Early Modern Era**

### **Practical information:**

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### **Chair:**

Anri Delpont (Stellenbosch University)

### **Presentations:**

**How to Get Rid of Your Annoying Neighbour's Castle: Towns and the Destruction of Noble Castles in Late Medieval Central Europe**

Alexandra Kaar (University of Vienna)

**Mass Violence Towards Civilians in Siege Warfare (1097-1192)**

Thomas Brosset (Université de Lorraine)

**The Significance of Time for Practices and Experiences of Violence in Medieval Warfare**

Franziska Quaas (Philipps-Universität Marburg / Akademie der Wissenschaften und der Literatur Mainz)

**The Ottoman Wars and the Language of Confessional Conflict in Early Modern Central Europe**

Ján Pastuszek (Charles University)

## 7.3

# **What Defined Warfare in the Seventeenth Century? Rethinking Operational Realities Across Europe**

### **Practical information:**

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### **Chair:**

Anna La Grange (University of Potsdam)

### **Presentations:**

#### **Sweden at War 1600–29: Innovation and Adaptation**

Jaakko Björklund (University of Helsinki)

#### **Operational Choices and Constraints in Early Seventeenth-Century Italian Warfare**

Luca Domizio (University of Genoa)

#### **The Nine Years' War (1688–1697) and the Experience of “Extreme Warfare” in Western Europe**

Grégoire Barou (Sorbonne Université)

## 8.1

# Mobilising for War: Perspectives from the Era of the World Wars

### Practical information:

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### Chair:

Pasi Tuunainen (Universities of Eastern Finland and Oulu)

### Presentations:

#### Creating the Regimental Family in the Pre-1914 British Army

Joshua Hickford (University of Oxford)

#### British Recruitment of Chinese Labourers during the First World War: Chaotic Structures, Internal Disputes, and the Weakness of Informal Empire

Qianyi Zhang (University of Oxford)

#### Beyond “Dad's Army”: A Profile of the British Home Guard Auxiliary Units during the Second World War

Jake Gasson (King's College London)



## 8.2

# **Cultural, Ethnic, and Racial Dimensions of the Second World War**

### **Practical information:**

Friday 5 June 2026 (9:00-10:30), EPS 202

### **Chair:**

Cynthia Villagomez (Winston-Salem State University)

### **Presentations:**

#### **Before Revisionism: Discussing Appeasement During World War II**

Terrance L. Lewis (Winston-Salem State University)

#### **When Fort Bragg Smoldered: Black Soldiers and the Fight for Racial Justice during the Second World War (1941-1944)**

David Romine (Winston-Salem State University)

#### **Race, Racism, and Demobilization of African Troops in Burma**

Roy Doron (Winston-Salem State University)

## 8.3

# **The Reach of Air Power: Formation, Application, and Consequence**

### **Practical information:**

Friday 5 June 2026 (9:00-10:30), EPS 203

### **Chair:**

Jacob Thomas-Llewellyn (Rabdan Academy)

### **Presentations:**

#### **From Logistics to Aviation: Muzzafer Ergüder and the Foundations of Turkish Aviation**

Konstantinos Xypolytos (Ibn Haldun University)

#### **Aircraft and Airfields in the Takoradi-Cairo Air Route of the Second World War**

Rodrigo Martínez-Val (Universidad Politécnica de Madrid)

#### **The South African Air Force, Operation Bombay, and Counterinsurgency in Southeastern Angola (1968-1969)**

Evert Kleynhans (Stellenbosch University)

## 8.4

# **Between Ambition and Constraint: National Identities, Historical Legacies, and the Limits of European Military Integration**

### **Practical information:**

Friday 5 June 2026 (9:00-10:30), EPS 205

### **Chair:**

Delphine Deschaux-Dutard (Université Grenoble-Alpes, CESICE)

### **Presentations:**

**Limits, Symbol, Joint Force? The Franco-German Brigade as a Test Case for European Military Integration**

Benjamin Pfannes (University of Potsdam)

**Germany's Reluctance Toward Space Power**

Lise Dubois (University Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint Denis, Institute for European Studies)

**Between "Europe Puissance" and Operational Effectiveness: National Roles and Bureaucratic Rivalries in the Genesis of the European Union Battlegroups**

Laurent Borzillo (École Nationale d'Administration Publique)

## 9.1

# **Frontier, Fleet and Fidelity: The Versatile Roles and Features of the Grenzer in the Habsburg Armed Forces**

### **Practical information:**

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### **Chair:**

Marco Wyss (Lancaster University)

### **Presentations:**

**Discipline, Trust, Fidelity and the Imperial Compact: Cohesion in the Military Frontier**

Alexander Buczynski (Croatian Institute of History)

**From "Small War" to Linear Warfare: Grenzer in the Seven Years' War**

Juraj Balić (Croatian Institute of History)

**"Croats at Sea": Grenzer and the Austrian Navy (1750–1815)**

Vedran Klaužer (Croatian Institute of History)

## 9.2

# Material Traces of War: Trauma, Logistics, and Experience

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### Chair:

Suné Van Achterbergh (North-West University)

### Presentations:

#### Humanitarianism at War: Food, Authority and the UNRRA Mediterranean (1944-1947)

Chiara Maria Pulvirenti (Sapienza University of Rome / City University of New York)

#### Decoding the Cost of Supply or What Bills, Delivery Notes and Soldiers' Complaints Reveal about Logistics in 1944

Noëlle Manoni (University of Luxembourg)

#### Desirous Looks: The (Re-)Building of Soldierly Masculinities via Configurations of Civilian Femininities in the Photo Albums held in the Collection of the Military History Museum of the Bundeswehr (MHMBw)

Stephan Horn (Militärhistorisches Museum der Bundeswehr)

## 9.3

# **Second World War and Beyond: Global Perspectives on Military Justice**

### **Practical information:**

Friday 5 June 2026 (10:45-12:15), EPS 203

### **Chair:**

Niels Boender (University of Edinburgh)

### **Presentations:**

**Crime and Military Justice in the Portuguese Colonial War (1961-1974): A Socio-Historical Analysis of Common Crimes Tried during the Conflict**

Fátima Rodrigues (Lusíada Norte University / University of Porto)

**Trials of Loyalty: Treason and Justice in Papua New Guinea during the Second World War**

Christina Twomey (Monash University)

**Military Justice, the Legal Showcase of the German Repressive and Coercive Apparatus in France during the Second World War**

Gaël Eismann (Université de Caen-Normandie)

## 9.4

# **The Habsburg Imperial Army and Habsburg Social Elites in the Early Modern Era (1500-1740)**

### **Practical information:**

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### **Chair:**

Stephan Sander-Faes (University of Bergen)

### **Presentations:**

#### **Habsburg Archdukes in the 16th Century Ottoman Wars**

Zoltán Ujj (Eötvös Loránd University)

#### **Younger Sons from Aristocratic Families Settled in the Austrian Habsburg Monarchy Between the Order of Malta and the Imperial Army (1620–1740)**

Jiří Kubeš (University of Pardubice)

#### **Climbing the Ladder: Successful Military Service and Growing Social Prestige of Bohemian and Austrian Aristocracy serving in the Officer Corps of the Imperial Army (1650–1740)**

Vítězslav Prchal (University of Pardubice)

## 10.1

# **The Human Face of Conflict: Morale, Mindset, and Subversive Warfare**

### **Practical information:**

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### **Chair:**

John Kegel (Netherlands Defence Academy)

### **Presentations:**

#### **Day of Chaos: The Irish Army and the Siege of Jadotville (1961)**

Jacob Thomas-Llewellyn (Rabdan Academy)

#### **Militarism and Its Pedagogical Apparatus: Von der Goltz and the *Jungdeutschlandbund***

Zeynep Sabanci (University of Basel)

#### **Operation Falaise: A Case Study in Subversive Irregular Warfare, SOE Methods and Self-Perceptions**

Hendrik Willem Nelis (University of Oxford)

#### **Jubilation and Unease: Contrasting Morale in the 1921 Anglo-Irish Truce**

Conor Roddy (Dublin City University)

## 10.2

# **Sustaining Conflict : Logistics, Medicine, and Support Systems in Modern Warfare**

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### **Chair:**

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### **Presentations:**

**Veld-Bound Medicine: The Role of the South African Medical Corps in the German South West Africa Campaign (1914-1915)**

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**Children of the Air War: Young Germans in the Air Defense of the German Reich**

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**“A Town Clerk's Field Ambulance”? Examining the Training and Preparations of the Territorial Force's Field Ambulances (1908-1914)**

Sean Derrick (University of Buckingham)

**Italian Catholic Missionaries between the 1950s and 1970s and the Development of Military Technology in Missionary Activity**

Sara Ercolani (University of Pisa)

## 10.3

# **The Evolution of Force: Doctrine, Professionalisation, and Tactics across the Eras**

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### **Presentations:**

**Principles and Applications of French Military Strategy in Morocco (1912-1934)**

Fouad Qachchachi (Moulay Ismail University)

**The Challenges of the Tibetan Army's Professionalization in the 19th century**

Alice Travers (French National Center for Scientific Research)

**"The Blue Springboks": An Introduction to South African National Defence Force (SANDF) Peace Keeping Operations**

Jean-Pierre Scherman (Stellenbosch University)

**How to move in battle: Tactical Mobility in the 10th Century Byzantine army**

Petros Nicolaou (Royal Holloway University London)

## 11.1

# **Economic Autonomy, Information Networks, and Technological Concentration in East Asia (ca. 1660-1946)**

### **Practical information:**

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### **Chair:**

Xing Hang (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

### **Presentations:**

#### **Considering the Economic Backdrop to the San Fan Rebellion**

Kenneth Swope (US Naval War College)

#### **Gatekeepers of Qing Intelligence: Tsushima Domain's Information Networks via Korea in the Late Tokugawa Period**

Yongchao Cheng (Tokohu University)

#### **Marking the Target: The Socioeconomic Consequences in Central Japan from Aircraft Technology**

Christian McCall (Tennessee Technological University)

## 11.2

# **The Global Heritage of Special Operations Executive (SOE) Operations and its roots in Imperial Policing**

### **Practical information:**

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### **Chair:**

Zane A. Whitney Jr (Kansas State University)

### **Presentations:**

**When Is an Imperial Gendarmerie not an Imperial Gendarmerie?  
The Case of 102 Military Mission and the Libyan Arab Force**  
Elizabeth Gardner (King's College London)

**From Special Operations to Security: SOE in Palestine Mandate**  
Jacob Stoil (US Army War College)

**Hybrid Defence: The British Attempt to Secure the Maritime Border of  
Hong Kong (1945-1970)**  
Chi Man Kwong (Hong Kong Baptist University)

## 11.3

# Armed Forces and the State: Crisis, Reform, and Sovereignty in Transition

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### Chair:

David Ulbrich (Norwich University)

### Presentations:

**The American Revolution at 250: Engaging the Past or Perpetuating the Myths?**

Thomas Mockaitis (DePaul University)

**Military Reforms in Morocco during the Second Half of the 19th Century: Context, Details, and Consequences**

Jalal Zine El Abidine (Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University of Fez)

**Responses to Napoleon's Challenge: The Central and Eastern European Territorial Defense in the Aspect of War and Society**

Marcell Matányi (Ludovika University of Public Service)

**Relocating Algeria's archives (1960-1963): military involvement, sovereignty issues and logistical challenges**

Thierry Guillope (ENS de Lyon, LARHRA)

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