

BCMh New Research in Military History Conference Programme

17th & 18th November 2017
St John's College, Cambridge

Convenors:

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This is the 8th New Research in Military History Conference put on by the British Commission for Military History
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All sessions will take place in the *Fisher Building, St. John's College*

Friday 17.11.2017

09:00 – 09:45 Registration - *Fisher Building Foyer*

09:45 – 10:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks - *Palmerston Room*

10:00 – 11:30 Session 1

Palmerston Room

Training the British Army in Two World Wars

Chair: Dr Stuart Mitchell, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

- *Jean-Philippe Miller-Tremblay*, An “air of unreality”? Basic military training in the British infantry (1870-1918)
- *Iain Farquharson*, ‘Relapsing into Stagnation’ Higher Education policy in the British Army, 1919-1939
- *Rob Granger*, Snowballers, Polar Bears and Mountaineers

Castlereagh Room

Transformation in Medieval and Early Modern Warfare

Chair: Professor Guy Rowlands, University of St Andrews

- *Ričardas Dediala*, Transformation of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania Military Organization in the Late 13th – early 14th century: Emergence of the Professional

Organization

- *Louis Morris*, Theory and Practice in Military Reform: The Militias of the Cologne War 1583-9
- *Federica Venturi*, The Tibet-Ladakh-Mughal War (1679-1683) as a Political Solution to the Question of Buddhist Spheres of Influence in the Himalayas

Boys Smith Room

War, Politics and the Media

Chair: Professor Stephen Badsey, University of Wolverhampton

- *Emily Robertson*, Denying atrocities: the impact of First World War atrocity propaganda on Second World War Australian propaganda strategies
- *Luisa Ann Clare*, 'Gotcha' and 'Estamos Ganando': Reflect or influence? British and Argentine newspapers and governments' actions and policymaking during the Falklands
- *Olgierd Jan Iwanczewski*, The Falklands War in British left-wing opinion magazines (1982-1984)

Dirac Room

Classical Warfare

Chair: Tobias Roeder, Clare College, Cambridge

- *Tatiana Tereshchenko*, Image of the Other and Image of War in Greek Vase Painting: Intersection and Semiotic
- *Stefan Wagner / Philipp Kuhn*, The Faces of War. A Study of Masks used in the Wars of Antiquity
- *Theodore Szadzinski*, Coming (Back) to the Third Line - A Study into the Identity of the Triarii in the Manipular Legions of Rome

11:30 – 11:45 Tea and Coffee Break - *Fisher Building Foyer*

11:45 – 13:15 Session 2

Palmerston Room

Military Leadership in 18th and 19th Century Europe

Chair: Professor Robert Tombs, St John's College Cambridge

- *Tobias Roeder*, Effective Leaders or Gentlemen Amateurs? – Professionalization and Professionalism of 18th Army Officers in Britain and the Habsburg Monarchy
- *William Fletcher*, The first Professional Staff Officers? The impact of British Army's first Staff College (The Senior Department of the Royal Military College, High Wycombe) on the Peninsular War
- *Frank Frederik Sterkenburgh*, Monarchical rule and the problem of military command in the nineteenth century. The case of William I and the Franco-Prussian War, 1870-1871

Castlereagh Room

Honour, Manliness and the Soldier's Experience in Early Modern Europe

Chair: Professor Mary Laven, Jesus College, Cambridge

- *Idan Sherer*, Diego Nuñez Alba's Diálogos de la vida del soldado (1552) and Soldiering in Early Modern Spain
- *Tanja Zakrzewski*, A Warrior's Valour, Honour and Identity
- *Barbara Schmelzer-Ziringer*, From the Thirty Years War to the Three-piece Suit: A Preliminary Revision of Modern Menswear's History

Boys Smith Room

Symbols of War

Chair: Dr Mark Nicholls, St John's College, Cambridge

- *Ahmed Sheir*, A New Face of War and Peace: How Prester John legend influenced the Muslim-Crusader Conflict of the Fifth Crusade (1218-1221/ 615-618 AH)
- *Marco Emanuele Omes*, Military festivals in Napoleonic armies (1806-1815). French symbolic domination in Europe and soldiers' experiences of warfare
- *Cherie Prosser*, A transnational comparison of Liberty and Britannia in the First World War

Dirac Room

Strategy in the Great War Era

Chair: Dr Stuart Mitchell, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

- *Sneha Reddy*, 'Le Front du Moyen-Orient': The Middle East in French Great War Strategy
- *Thomas Schmutz*, Zion has fallen - The last Ottomans and the changing face of war and conflict in the Middle East
- *Dr Daniel Lear*, A Trans-Tasman Crisis

13:15 – 14:30 Lunch - *Great Hall, St. John's College*

13:45 – 14:30 Special Session

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO JOIN US WE WILL HAVE A WORKING LUNCH
PANEL STARTING AT 13:45

Palmerston Room

How to Get Published

- *Dr Michael Watson*, Commissioning Editor, Cambridge University Press
- *Dr Huw Bennett*, Editor, Critical Military Studies
- *Dr Matthew Ford*, Editor-in-Chief, British Journal for Military History

14:30 – 16:00 Session 3

Palmerston Room

Operational Planning in the 20th Century

Chair: Dr Declan O'Reilly, University of East Anglia

- *Klaus Schroeder*, FOFA and OMG. The Renaissance of Conventional Warfare and the Mutual Threat Perceptions of the two German Armies in the 1980s
- *Christopher Phillips*, “A steadily increasing blue strip”: data-gathering and performance monitoring in the British Army on the Western Front, 1916-1918
- *Alexander Clarke*, To Shield an Empire or to Police the Oceans? The Royal Navy’s Inter-War Light Cruisers

Castlereagh Room

Allegiance and Dispossession in the European Religious Wars

Chair: Dr Gavin Robinson

- *Thomas Pert*, An Exiled Dynasty and its army during the Thirty Years’ War: The Palatine Family and the Vlotho Campaign, 1637-38
- *Hannah Worthen*, Pensions, poverty and allegiance in Civil War Kent and Sussex
- *Charlotte Young*, ‘His Lands as well as Goods / Sequestred ought to be’: Sequestration during the English Civil War

Boys Smith Room

POWs, Lost Cause and Identity

Chair: Professor Bill Allison, Georgia Southern University

- *Anne Buckley*, Sherlock Holmes, Saint-Saëns and Schlagball: an analysis of the motivations for the camp activities of officer POWs in WWI using Raikeswood Camp, Skipton as a case study
- *Jean-Michel Turcotte*, Sharing the Burden of the Hitler’s Soldiers. Western Powers and German POWs during the Second World War
- *Bethany Rowley*, Disabled ex-servicemen of the First World War, Christian Charity, and the battle for identity in inter-war Britain

Dirac Room

Nineteenth Century Military Cultures

Chair: Professor Robert Tombs, St John's College, Cambridge

- *Jacapo Lorenzini*, XIX Century Military Élités. Italy, Europe and the World.
- *Thomas Jamison*, The Confederate Navy After Appomattox: Reassessing Technology and Innovation in the "Southern Americas" (1862-1870)
- *Amelia Clegg*, ‘Officer-Men’ and ‘Boers-in-Arms’: Masculinities, Manliness and Manhood in the South African War (1899-1902)

16:00 – 16:15 Tea and Coffee Break - *Fisher Building Foyer*

16:15 – 17:00 Keynote Lecture: Professor Brendan Simms (Cambridge) – ‘La Haye Sainte: the writing and the relevance’

Palmerston Room

17:30 – 19:30 Drinks - ***RAF Bar, The Eagle, Benet Street, Cambridge CB2 3QN***

19:30 Conference Dinner - *Small Hall, Clare College*
After Dinner Speaker: Professor Guy Rowlands (St Andrews) –
'Military history, the history of war, and how not to be offensive in a conference
dinner speech'

Saturday 18.11.2017

09:30 – 11:00 Session 4

Palmerston Room

Insurgency and Intelligence in the Middle East

Chair: Professor Matthew Hughes, Brunel

- *Carl-Leo von Hohenthal*, Ireland in Palestine? Jews, Arabs, Britons and new perspectives on the fight for the future of Mandate Palestine (1937-1948)
- *Ian Westerman*, Politics and the Haganah - A Contemporary Analysis of the Pre-Independence History of the Israel Defense Force
- *Philippe Bou Nader*, A brief history of Levantine intelligence agencies from 1945 to the 2011 uprisings

Castlereagh Room

Airpower

Chair: Air Vice Marshal Peter Dye, OBE

- *Philipp Vogler*, A new perspective on warfare – German military aerial photography in the First World War
- *Rowan Thompson*, 'Millions of eyes were turned skywards': The Air League, Empire Air Day and the Creation of 'Airmindedness', 1934-1939
- *Gerald White*, Supply dropping in India and an unknown Genius

Boys Smith Room

Sources and Representations of Early Modern Warfare

Chair: Nikolai Gourof, Doctoral Fellow, King's College London

- *Ryan Crimmins*, Researching life in the army: source material on religion in the armies of the Thirty Years War
- *Aleksandr Belousov*, The authority and the wars of 1733-1739: the problem of imperial identity in Russia
- *Lucia Staiano-Daniels*, Scribes and Soldiers: What the Paleography of Seventeenth-Century Muster Rolls can Teach Us

Dirac Room

Cultural and Emotional Aspects of War in the 20th Century

Chair: Professor Bill Allison, Georgia Southern University

- *Rebecca Ball*, Daddy, what did you do in the Great War? An examination of thirty-five English working class fathers during the First World War as recalled by their

children

- *Kathryn White*, Told in the Huts: the YMCA's religious teaching in the First World War
- *Kristina Fleuty*, Technological conflict in the objects of war: limb loss and prosthetic gain in Harry Parker's contemporary novel Anatomy of a Soldier

11:00 – 11:15 Tea and Coffee Break - *Fisher Building Foyer*

11:15 – 12:45 Session 5

Palmerston Room

The Many Faces of “Small Wars”: Different Aspects of Counterinsurgency

Chair: Professor Matthew Hughes, Brunel

- *Shlomi Chetrit*, ORDER FIRST: The British Army and Counterinsurgency in Palestine, 1936-9
- *Steven Wagner*, Staff Intelligence and the Palestine Revolt
- *Ori Kossovsky*, The COIN Police – The Palestine Mobile Force in Palestine 1944-1946

Castlereagh Room

Crisis of Empire in the Long Eighteenth Century

Chair: Dr Andrew Bamford, Helion Press

- *Askshay Ranade*, A Battle Lost, but the War Won: Re-questioning the Defeatist Narrative of the Third Battle of Panipat
- *Zack White*, Tarnished Valour, Triumph and Tragedy: Waxing and Waning Confidence in Wellington's Peninsular Army, 1808 - 1812
- *Kenton White*, The importance of intelligence in war: the difference between defeat and victory: An example from the Napoleonic Wars

Boys Smith Room

Early Modern Military Science

Chair: Dr William O'Reilly, Cambridge University

- *Oleg Rusakovskiy*, Western Discourses on Military Science in the Seventeenth-Century Russia: From Translation to Adoption
- *Stefan Droste*, Offensive Engines – Projects of military Invention in 17th and 18th century
- *Adam Storrington*, Frederick II of Prussia and the Varied Meanings of Eighteenth-Century Warfare

Dirac Room

War, Economy and Society in the Second World War

Chair: Dr Stuart Mitchell, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

- *Stefan Laffin*, Glimmering Prologue to Peace or mere Epilogue of War? The peculiar case of the Italian Occupation in World War II
- *Silvia Pizzirani*, "She Helps Her Boy to Victory" - Women and Nutrition as Cornerstones of British Domestic Strategy in the World Wars

- *Douglas Bell*, Ancient Rights and Male Freedom: Hunting and Masculinity in American Occupied Germany, 1945-1949

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch - *Great Hall, St. John's College*
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13:45 – 15:15 Session 6

Palmerston Room

Urban and Guerrilla Warfare

Chair: Dr Declan O'Reilly, University of East Anglia

- *Thomas Tormey*, The city as cover: Urban guerrilla warfare in Dublin, 1919-21
- *Eran Zohar*, Jewish Fighting Groups in the Holocaust and the Subterranean Dimension
- *John Greenacre*, "Flexible Enough to Adapt": British Airborne Forces' Experience during Post Conflict Operations 1944-1946

Castlereagh Room

The Fiscal-Military State in the Long Eighteenth Century

Chair: Professor Guy Rowlands, University of St Andrews

- *Neil Sanghvi*, The 1727 Siege of Gibraltar: A Case Study of the Eighteenth Century British Fiscal-Military State in Action?
- *Mark Hay*, Making War Pay for War: The French Occupation of the Netherlands, 1795-1806
- *Vittoria Princi*, Housing the Grande Armée: The Challenge of Military Barracks in the Napoleonic Kingdom of Italy

Boys Smith Room

Philosophies of War

Chair: Dr Matthew Ford, University of Sussex

- *Jan Tattenberg*, Koselleck at Stalingrad: The Epistemological Power of Defeat
- *Arthur Kuhle*, Putting Theory into Practice. Ludwig von Wolzogen and the Russian Campaign in 1812
- *Iurii Zhukov*, The image of war and intervention in Russian sources of the time of Troubles (before the Enlightenment) - HAS BEEN FORCED TO WITHDRAW

Dirac Room

Mobilising civilian resilience during and after conflict

Chair: Professor Bill Allison, Georgia Southern University

- *Michael Reeve*, 'Are we downhearted? NO!': public safety, civil defence and popular responses to bombardment on the north east coast of England
- *Penny Streeter*, 'We Don't Want to Lose You': Military Brooches, Memory and Mourning
- *Ann-Marie Foster*, Patterns of personal remembrance

15:15 – 15:30 Tea and Coffee Break - *Fisher Building Foyer*

15:30 – 17:00 Session 7

Palmerston Room

Future Challenges

Chair: Adam Wurr, Ministry of Defence

- *Melvin Korsmo*, Shock of the Old: The Use of Vintage Technologies to Secure War-Fighting Advantages
- *Michelle Jones*, Encountering Children in Theatres of Armed Conflict: A New Challenge to the Operational Environment?
- *John Alexander*, The Return of Geopolitics – Perspectives on Armed Conflict in the UK's 2010 Strategic Defence and Security Review

Castlereagh Room

Representation and Identities in Long Eighteenth Century Warfare

Chair: Dr William O'Reilly, Trinity Hall, Cambridge

- *Ondrej Stolička*, War, Money and Conflict Between Allies: the public image of Brandenburg-Prussia in its relationship with Spanish monarchy in the second half of the seventeenth century
- *Pierre-Louis Coudray*, The Irish at war, the Irish soldier in the long eighteenth century
- *Ágoston Nagy*, Hungarian Soldiers, Noble Warriors and Armed Burghers: Diverging Masculinities, Civic and Military Identities in the Hungarian Patriotic-National Propaganda during the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars (1792–1815)

Boys Smith Room

Panel Title: Perspectives on War and International Relations

Chair: Dr John Greenacre, University of Suffolk

- *Ching-Yin Nathan Kwan*, 'Our Common Enemy and the Enemy of All Mankind': the Anglo-Chinese Expedition against Shap-ng-tsai and the War against Piracy in the China Seas
- *Katarina Mihaljević*, On the possibility of optional wars: defence of moral options in warfare. The case of the breakdown of the Yugoslav state
- *Olaf Meuther*, Discovering and Solving Hindsight Bias: Game Theory and (Military) History

Dirac Room

The Home Front

Chair: Dr Declan O'Reilly, University of East Anglia

- *Simon McNeill-Ritchie*, 'Free from anxiety, in comfort and in decency': State provision for soldiers' families during WW1
- *Jordan Malfoy*, The British Gas Mask Program and Civil Defence
- *Kevin Morrison*, Water and war: static water tanks and cityscapes during the Second World War

Palmerston Room

1700 - 1715 - Final Words, Future New Research in Military History Conferences

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