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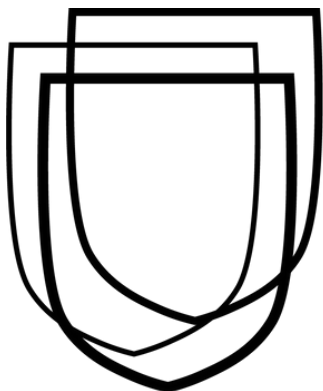


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The Military History Consortium (MHC) connects institutions, academics, and students engaged in the study of warfare and/or military organisations in the past. Its dual aim is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas in order to strengthen international 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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- Lancaster University
- Centre for International Studies of Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon

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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Programme Outline

Wednesday, June 4

13:00 - 14:00	Registration & Coffee	Atrium - Building 2, Floor 2
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16:00 - 17:30	Welcoming and Official Opening	Auditorium B2.03 - Floor 2
17:30 - 18:30	Wine Reception	Terrace, Floor 3

Thursday, June 5

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Programme

Wednesday, June 4

13:00 - 14:00 - Registration & Coffee (Atrium Floor 2)

14:00 - 15:30 - Parallel Panels 1

Panel 1.1	<i>Roman and Byzantion Warfare</i>	Room B2.01
Chair: Maria Fotiadi (Hellenic Ministry of Culture)		
Daniela Dantas (Centre for History of the University of Lisbon)	Rivers and strategy in Julius Caesar's Gallic campaigns	
Nika Khoperia (Georgian Institute of Public Affairs)	War Elephants in Byzantine-Sasanian Conflict in Lazica (551-556 CE)	
Chiara Rizzatti (Independent scholar)	The Manipular Legion: The Roman Army's Response to the Samnite Guerrilla Warfare	

Panel 1.2	<i>Air Power and Leadership</i>	Room B2.02
Chair: Heinrich Matthee (North West University)		
Serhat Guvenc (Kadir Has University)	Turkish Air Action over Cyprus, 20 July-16 August 1974	
Alan Baumler (Indiana University of Pennsylvania)	Livin' Large and Smuggling Gangbi: Claire Chennault and Military Entrepreneurship in the China Airspace, 1935–52	
Benoît Pouzoulet (Sorbonne Université - UMR 8138 SIRICE)	Former ally, new client: French military influence in Brazilian aeronautics, 1918-32	
Sven Deppisch (Zentrum für Militärgeschichte und Sozialwissenschaften der Bundeswehr)	Call of Duty: German generals' view of the changed security situation after the end of the Cold War	

14:00 - 15:30 - Parallel Panels 1

Panel 1.3	<i>Conduct and Consequences of World War I</i>	Room C2.01
Chair: Jamie Bryson (University of Exeter/University of Gloucestershire)		
Jake Gasson (King's College London)	'at best indifferent, and on the whole outright bad'?: Morale and Combat Motivation in the British Salonika Force, 1915-1918	
Jalal Zine El Abidine (Faculty of Letter and Human Siences Sais- Fez)	Resident-General Lyautey's Strategy in Maintaining Morocco during World War	
Mariya Romanova (European Humanities University, Vilnius)	The Eastern Galicia's borders' delimitation under the French diplomatic mission's trusteeship from 1919 to 1921	

15:30 - 16:00 - Break**16:00 - 17:30 - Welcome and Official Opening (Auditorium B203, Floor 2)****17:30 - 18:30 - Wine Reception (Terrace, Floor 3)**

Thursday, June 5

09:30 - 11:00 - Roundtable & Parallel Panels 2

Roundtable	<i>Crepúsculo do Império. Portugal e as Guerras de Descolonização</i> [" <i>Twilight of the Empire. Portugal and the Wars of Decolonization</i> "], eds. Pedro Aires Oliveira and João Vieira Borges (2024)	Auditorium B2.03
Chair: Pedro Seabra (Iscte)		
Pedro Aires de Oliveira (Institute of Contemporary History - NOVA FCSH)	Book Editor	
João Vieira Borges Portuguese Military History Commission)	Book Editor	
Bruno Cardoso Reis (Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon)	Chapter Author	
Maria José Lobo Antunes (ICS-ULisboa)	Chapter Author	
Helena Carreiras (Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon)	Discussant	
José Neves (NOVA FCSH)	Discussant	

Panel 2.1	<i>Masculinities and Wars</i>	Room B2.01
Chair: Alica Kizekova (Curtin University)		
Johannes Andersson (University of Helsinki)	Manly ideals expressed as emotions in war 1805–1814	
Paola Medina-Gonzalez (University of Warwick)	“Cruel Insults to Memory”: Nazi Martial Cross-dressing and Protean Masculine Performance	

09:30 - 11:00 - Roundtable & Parallel Panels 2

Panel 2.2	<i>War Wounds</i>	Room B2.02
Chair: Andreea Dahquist (Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies)		
Barend Noordam (Heidelberg University)	Premodern Interdisciplinarity: Medical Methodology and the Late Ming Military	
Kevin Hartigan (Catholic Relief Services (CRS))	Military Bodies and Territorial Incorporation: Xinjiang and the Chinese Geo-Body	
Hugh Shapiro (University of Nevada, Reno)	The Sacred Wound: the Experience of Being Shot in 19th and Early 20th-century China and the United States	

11:00 - 11:30 - Coffee Break**11:30 - 13:00 - Parallel Panels 3**

Panel 3.1	<i>China Military Operations, Exercises, and Identities</i>	Room B2.01
Chair: Yinou Chang (Tung Hai University)		
Zhang Jian (University of Edinburgh)	Armies at the Margins: Xu Shuzheng's Outer Mongolia Expedition and the Challenges of Frontier Warfare in Republican China, 1919-1921	
Diogo Borges (Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon)	Military Conflict and the Shaping of a Contemporary Malaysian Chinese Identity: European Military Presence and the Larut Wars (1861-1874)	
Alica Kizekova (Curtin University)	From Rivalry to Relations with 'No Limits': Analysing Russia and China's Military Relations Through Joint Exercises, Mutual Mistrust, and Historical De Facto Alliances	

09:30 - 11:00 - Roundtable & Parallel Panels 2

Panel 3.2	<i>Italy during World War II</i>	Room B2.02
Chair: Nika Khoperia (Georgian Institute of Public Affairs and Giorgi Tsereteli Institute of Oriental Studies)		
Vincenzo Demichele (University of Bari, Italy)	Digital Mapping of World War II. The Case of Bombings, Civilian Victims and War Damages in Basilicata, Southern Italy	
Federico Ciavattone (Ministry of Education and Merit)	April 1945: Operation 'Herring', the last war jump of the Second World War in Europe	
Federico Cormaci (University of Florence and Siena)	Public health under occupation: a new perspective on Allied rule in Sicily (1943-1945)	

Panel 3.3	<i>Islands and Shorelines in Wars</i>	Room C2.01
Chair: Pedro Seabra (Iscte)		
Ole Jørgen Maaø (Royal Norwegian Air Force Academy / Norwegian University of Science and Technology)	Splendid Isolation: Jan Mayen during World War Two	
Abedoye A. Tinubu (University of Calgary)	Before Gallipoli: Britain's Amphibious Operation in Duala during the First World War	
Tomé Ribeiro Gomes (Univeristy of Beira Interior/Iscte)	Strategic islands and sovereignty at sea: the Azores in the American Civil War (1861-1865)	

13:00 - 14:00 - Lunch Break

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14:00 - 15:30 - Parallel Panels 4

Panel 4.1	<i>Military Occupation and Political Regimes under Axis Rule</i>	Room B2.01
Chair: António Costa Pinto (ICS-ULisbon)		
Enriketa Pandlejmoni (University of Tirana)	Building a puppet state: Italian Occupation and collaboration in Albania, 1939-1943	
Aristotles Kallis (Keele University)	State (dis)continuity in Military occupied Greece: regimes of emergency	
António Costa Pinto (University of Lisbon)	Building Dictatorships under Axis Rule. Towards a Global Overview	
Goffredo Adinolfi (Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon)	The Italian Social Republic. Legitimation Struggles and Unfulfilled Visions	

Panel 4.2	<i>Media in Wartime and Peacetime</i>	Room B2.02
Chair: Ana Mónica Fonseca (Iscte)		
Aimée Dion (Université Laval)	A Forceful Image of War: Aesthetics of Violence in Canadian Great War Posters	
Maria Javed (Jawaharlal Nehru University)	Propaganda and Visual Media in the War: The Indian Red Cross Society	
Simon Moody (King's College London)	The Popular Press and the 1950s Moral Crusade Against British Army 'Bull(shit)'	

Panel 4.3	<i>Battleships</i>	Room C2.01
Chair: Daniela Dantas (Centre for History of the University of Lisbon)		
Jordan Houchis (Midland University)	The Role of Symbolic Capital in Battleship Acquisition	
Bogdan Alexandru Schipor (Romanian Academy)	The Romanian Story of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf von Spee, 1939-1940	

15:30 - 16:00 - Coffee Break

16:00 - 16:30 - Parallel Panels 5

Panel 5.1	<i>Romania during World War II</i>	Room B2.01
Chair: Mariya Romanova (European Humanities University in Vilnius)		
Andreea Dahquist (Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies)	The Significance of the Jassy-Kishinev Offensive for the Axis War on the Eastern Front in 1944	
Tudor Vişan-Miu (Institute for Political Studies of Defence and Military History, Romania)	The Quest for Peace: Romania's Secret Diplomatic Contacts with the Allies during the Second World War, 1941-1944	
Simion Caltia (University of Bucharest)	Military decorations and politic control: the military Order "Mihai Viteazul" under the authoritarian regime (1940-1944)	

Panel 5.2	<i>Why sign up? Rethinking Motivation and Ideology of French Foreign Legionnaires 1914-1954</i>	Room B2.02
Chair: Omer Bartov (Brown University)		
Máté Rigo (LMU Munich)	Signing up and signing off: The French Foreign Legion's East European recruits between imperialism and communism during the Indochina War	
Mariela Terzoli (Sapienza University Rome)	North Africa 1943-1946: Paths of Italian Soldiers from Captivity to the French Foreign Legion	

16:00 - 16:30 - Parallel Panels 5

Panel 5.3	<i>Reframing the San Fan Rebellion and its Significance for Asian History</i>	C2.01
Chair: Jing Liu (Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences)		
Kenneth Swope (University of Southern Mississippi)	Springboard for Conquest: How the Suppression of Wu Sangui in the Southwest Stimulated Qing Expansion	
Yan Hon Michael Chung (Emory University)	Boots on the Ground: The Demographics of Banner Soldiers in the Three Feudatories Revolt	
Xing Hang (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)	The Guangdong Shang Feudatory and the Transmission of Buddhism to Vietnam	

Panel 5.4	<i>State/Nation-Building in Colonial and Post-Colonial Southern Africa</i>	C2.02
Chair: Kondwani Happy Ngoma (Stockholm School of Economics)		
Henrique Garbino (Swedish Defence University)	Balancing violence and restraint: warfare types and patterns of landmine use in Angola (1961–2002)	
Laurenz Fuerst (Theresian Military Academy, Vienna)	Boots on the Ground: The Demographics of Banner Soldiers in the Three Feudatories Revolt	
Christian Kjellsson (Swedish Defence University)	Swedish neutrality and support to the national movements FRELIMO (Mozambique) and MPLA (Angola), 1964–1975	

17:30 - 19:00 - Keynote Lecture - Auditorium B2.03

Richard Reid (University of Oxford)

"Isike's Road: An African revolution in five acts"

Friday, June 6

09:30 - 11:00 - Parallel Panels 6

Panel 6.1	<i>New Approaches to Early Modern Warfare</i>	Room B2.01
Chair: Mariella Terzoli (Sapienza University Rome)		
Martino Zanardi (Universities of Padua and Ca' Foscari of Venice)	Military trials as sources for military history: the case of Parma and Piacenza	
Luca Domizio (University of Genova)	The Night in Wartime: Risks, Opportunities, and Military Perceptions of Obscurity	
Edoardo Flavio Tesolin (University of Basel)	The Uskok War (1615-1617) a reflection on the use of auxiliary troops in early modern warfare	

Panel 6.2	<i>Cultural Constructions of Violence</i>	Room B2.02
Chair: Enriketa Pandelejmoni (University of Tirana)		
Henry Brown (Cardiff University)	'An example for our race': antifascism and race in the Republican Army during the Spanish Civil War (1936-9)	
Maayan Armelin (Bar Ilan University)	Hierarchies and Social Relations in the SS-Einsatzgruppen - Understanding Mass Murder in Nazi Occupied Soviet Union	
Suné Van Achterbergh (North-West University)	A clash of imaginaries: Cultural versus political nationalism in South Africa during the Second World War	
Kongko Lopus Makau (Stellenbosch University)	Decapitation of Power: The Beheading of African Leaders as a Colonial Control Strategy: South African Case	

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Panel 6.3	<i>Transnational Perspectives in 20th Century African Military History</i>	Room C2.01
Chair: Cynthia Villagomez (Winston-Salem State University)		
Roy Doron (Winston-Salem State University)	“The Japanese Are Just like a Snake”: African Perspectives of Combat in Burma	
James Blackwell (Winston-Salem State University)	“It Was Good to Be Biafrans Then:” The Transformation of the Igbo Experience in Southern Cameroon During the Biafran War	
Suné Van Achterbergh (Winston-Salem State University)	A clash of imaginaries: Cultural versus political nationalism in South Africa during the Second World War	
David Romines (Winston-Salem State University)	African American Women and Angola's Civil War: 1974-1999	

11:00 - 11:30 - Coffee Break**11:30 - 13:00 - Parallel Panels 7**

Panel 7.1	<i>Coalition Warfare and United Nations Missions in the Twentieth Century</i>	Room B2.01
Chair: Pedro Seabra (Iscte)		
Gabriela A. Frei (University of Oxford)	Coalition Warfare in Korea, 1950-1953	
Enrico Magnani (Independent Scholar)	The Missed Occasion. The Failed Attempt to set up a Global Peace Enforcement Force of UN before Cold War (1945-1948)	
Philipp Fraund (University of Konstanz)	Germany, the German Armed Forces and UNOSOM II (1993 – 1994)	

11:30 - 13:00 - Parallel Panels 7

Panel 7.2	<i>European and Local Military Resources in the Early Modern Portuguese Empire</i>	Room B2.02
Chair: Edgar Pereira (University of Coimbra)		
Andre Murteira (NOVA University Lisbon)	Full-rigged Ships and Western Military Exceptionalism: The Portuguese Naval Fleet in Asia	
Helder Carvalhal (Uppsala University)	Migration, Military Labour, and State Building in the Estado da Índia, c.1500-1640	
Daniel Costa (NOVA University Lisbon)	The Fall of Muscat - 1650	

Panel 7.3	<i>Southern Africa's Liberation Era</i>	Room C2.01
Chair: Tim Stapleton (University of Calgary)		
Tycho van der Hoog (Netherlands Defence Academy)	Frontline State Security: Direct Intervention in the Mutinies of African National Liberation Movements, 1960-1990	
Jean-Pierre Scherman (Stellenbosch University)	"Blood Brothers": The Secret South African - Portuguese Military Alliance, 1960-70	
Heinrich Matthee (North West University)	Electoral opposition, extraparliamentary mobilization and political violence: The case of the Conservative Party in South Africa, 1990-1994	

13:00 - 14:00 - Lunch Break

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14:00 - 15:30 - Parallel Panels 8

Panel 8.1	<i>Comparative Insurgencies and Counterinsurgencies</i>	Room B2.01
Chair: Tycho Van der Hoog (Netherlands Defence Academy)		
Patrick Kingston (University of Calgary)	Galula in the Bush: A Case Study of Counterinsurgency Theory Using the Insurgent Conflicts in Postcolonial Uganda, 1981-2006	
Jofin Tom J Patassery (University of Delhi)	Why do some insurgents Win and some fail - A Comparative Analysis of Asymmetric Warfare in Bangladesh Liberation War and Sri Lankan Civil War	
Paul Rich (Small Wars & Insurgencies)	Lineages of settler colonialism, state making and war: a comparison of South Africa and Israel, 1899–1948	
Blanka Matkovic (University of Warwick)	The Coldest Peace: The Organisation and the Rise of the Anti-Communist Guerilla Resistance in Former Yugoslavia in the Shadows of the Cold War Beginnings (1945-1947)	

Panel 8.2	<i>World War I beyond Combat</i>	Room B2.02
Chair: Jake Gasson (National Army Museum/King's College London)		
Salma Wasi (Jawaharlal Nehru University)	Food and Cooking: Experience of Indian Sepoys in the First World War	
Jamie Bryson (University of Exeter / University of Gloucestershire)	Clashing Shadows: The Rivalry Between the Tsarist Secret Police and Military Intelligence in World War I	
Qianyi Zhang (University of Oxford)	Personal Perceptions and Overlapping Identities: Diaries of Chinese Labourers during the First World War	

14:00 - 15:30 - Parallel Panels 8

Panel 8.3	<i>Repositioning Military Roles after World War II and the Cold War</i>	Room C2.01
Chair: Marco Wyss (Lancaster University)		
Yinou Chang (Tung Hai University)	The Power of Encouragement: The Chinese People's Volunteer Force's Psychological Strategy and the Success of its Political Control during the Korean War	
Pedro Aires Oliveira (Instituto História Contemporânea)	The polemics of decolonization and the official inquiry into the role of the military in Portuguese Timor, 1975	

15:30 - 16:00 - Coffee Break**16:00 - 17:30 - Parallel Panels 9**

Panel 9.1	<i>Theories and Constructs of Warfare</i>	Room B2.01
Chair: Tomé Gomes (UBI/Iscte)		
Noëlle Manoni (Université du Luxembourg)	Logistics as a turning point in combined arms warfare – Historical analysis and reflection through	
Tony Mullis (US Army Command and General Staff College)	Thucydides, Clausewitz, and Tuck: A Theoretical Assessment of Settler Colonialism	
Rodrigo Martínez-Val (Universidad Politécnica de Madrid)	British Air Superiority in the North African Scenario of the Second World War	
Ashley Dell'Orso (Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon)	Fostering Dissent, Critical Consciousness, and Transformation: Dialogues and Journals on the U.S. Military	

16:00 - 17:30 - Parallel Panels 9

Panel 9.2	<i>West Africa Military</i>	Room B2.02
Chair: Tim Stapleton (University of Calgary)		
Pape Sarr (University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)	Repressing and negotiating: a politico-military history of conflict management in the Casamance region from 1963 to the 1990s	
Sarah Davis Westwood (Grup d'Estudis de les Societats Africanes)	The Importance of History and Imagery in State–Military Relationships in Senegal	
Alexis Gasisou	Making War in the Massa Land: Context, Actors, and Strategies (19th-20th Centuries)	
Francesca Vita (Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon)	Material, labour, construction sites. The military reordering of rural areas in Guinea-Bissau (1968-1974)	

Panel 9.3	<i>Diverse Experiences of World War II</i>	Room C2.01
Chair: Jean-Pierre Scherman (Stellenbosch University)		
Megan Hamilton (King's College London & Imperial War Museum)	The 'Sacred Cow of Modern Warfare': Battle Drill across the British Empire, 1939-45	
Carl Punt (Stellenbosch University)	Preparing for war: How the UDF trained the 1st South African Infantry Division before deployment	
Brandon March (Norwich University)	Delayed Evacuations and Agricultural Strategy: Japanese American Farms during WWII	
Chrystalle Zebdi Bartz (University of Lorraine, University of Luxemburg)	Two prisoner of war camps in annexed Moselle: a study of the administration and of the organisation of the Stalag XII F and Stalag XII E, between detention and forced labour under Nazi domination	

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Panel 9.3	<i>Tangible and Untangible Military Heritages</i>	Room C2.01
Chair: Maayan Armelin (Bar Ilan University)		
Maria Fotiadi (Hellenic Ministry of Culture)	Documenting the Forgotten Concrete bunkers of West Greece: an ongoing research on the IB defense line	
Emile Coertzee (North-West University)	Where men once fought, only monuments remain: A study on the tangible heritage of the North West province's military history	
Senhaji Anass (Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University)	Battles between Morocco and France in the narrative of paintings: The Battle of Isly in 1844 as a model	
Eric Burke (U.S. Air Force, 52d Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base)	"Von Aachen bis Zündnadelgewehr: Military Encyclopedism in the Deutscher Bund, 1815-1871"	

17:30 - 17:45 - Closing of the Conference (Auditorium B2.03))**19:00 - 22:00 - Conference Dinner (Entrecopos Restaurant)**