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# Warfare Masterclasses

## for 2015

St John's College, Cambridge

17-19 July 2015

and 14-16 August 2015

*Building on the success of Warfare Masterclasses run in 2013 and 2014, Military Operations and Infinity Journal will conduct two further Masterclasses in 2015.*

From 17th to 19th July, **The Graduate Warfare Class** will be another opportunity to experience last year's highly successful event.

Over the period 14th to 16th August, **The Seminar Wargame** will be an adversarial, free-play event designed to expose and analyse some of the dynamics of modern land warfare.

### Warfare Class sessions will cover

Military Thought	Armoured Warfare
Human Aspects of Warfare	C4ISTAR (Command, Control, Computation, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance)
The Policy Framework	Combat Support and Logistics
Irregular Warfare	
The Conduct of Counter-Insurgency	
Dismounted Combat	

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**The Graduate Warfare Class** will be an authoritative programme of classes designed to expand and broaden participants' knowledge and understanding of the conduct of war on land. It will consist of a series of linked sessions and exercises, each analysing a key aspect of contemporary warfare. The syllabus will cover both regular and irregular warfare. It focuses on developing an in-depth understanding of the conduct of war on land across the spectrum of conflict. Participant numbers will be strictly limited to ensure a participatory, interactive event.

These sessions will be followed by two short group exercises aimed at exploring the realities of time, space and distance in warfighting and COIN operations. In this way the Graduate Warfare Class will consider *how land forces actually operate*. It will not 'discuss the discourse' of how academics think, or write about, how land forces operate.

**The Seminar Wargame** will walk through the planning and conduct of a major land operation through the perspectives of both opposing forces. Working in ad-hoc teams, participants will consider some of the problems, realities and dilemmas faced by land force commanders and staffs.

The Wargame will expose both the consequences of planning decisions and the realities of a live, responsive enemy which will fight for its own objectives and according to its own plans. The scenario will be set at the higher tactical and theatre levels.

The Wargame will revolve around an imagined scenario of conventional land warfare. It will include aspects of irregular warfare and consideration of influence operations. It will avoid high-technology, computer-based simulation and instead focus on consideration and discussion of the dynamics of land warfare.

The Masterclasses will be conducted by the editors of Military Operations and Infinity Journal:

**Jim Storr** is the editor of Military Operations (see [www.tjomo.com](http://www.tjomo.com)) He served in the British Army for 25 years and is now a defence analyst and writer. He is Professor of War Studies at the Norwegian Military.



**William Owen** is a defence writer and consultant specialising in a range of military activities. He is both the co-founder and editor of Infinity Journal. (see <https://www.infinityjournal.com>) He has previously served in both regular and reserve units of the British Army.



The Wargame will not be tied to any one nation's military doctrine. It will therefore present an opportunity for practitioners to think beyond their own national approaches. It is expressly intended to widen horizons and encourage open thinking. As with the Graduate Warfare Class, numbers will be strictly limited.

**Both Masterclasses** seek to explore the real dynamics of warfare; to get behind simplistic popular understandings and gain deep insight into the realities of how policy, violence, human behaviour and technology meet to produce battlefield, campaign, and national-level outcomes.

Participants will work in the fields of conflict, defence and war studies. They will be employed as journalists, in defence industry, film or TV; or perhaps as authors. They may work in publishing, NGOs, or be serving commissioned officers. The masterclasses will be conducted at postgraduate level, so participants should have at least a first degree or twelve year's

relevant experience. But, most importantly: if you really want to broaden, deepen and improve your understanding of contemporary warfare, and are prepared to contribute to the process, you should attend one of the Warfare Masterclasses.

The Masterclasses will take place at St John's College, one of the oldest and largest colleges in Cambridge University. St John's was founded in 1511 and its buildings were substantially completed in their present form by 1863. See <http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/>

Events will be held in the Fisher Building, a modern state-of-the-art conference venue within the college grounds.

Please see the following page for schedule information and details on how to apply for your place on each masterclass.

## Schedule & Location

Each Masterclass will take place from 6pm on Friday until 6pm on Sunday. Accommodation is available in St John's College and at a wide range of venues in and around Cambridge. See <http://www.visitcambridge.org/accommodation>

Both events will include a **gala dinner** in the historic Wordsworth Room, where the poet William Wordsworth lived whilst an undergraduate as St John's College in the 1780s. The dinner will be held on the Saturday evening. Participants' wives, husbands or partners are welcome to attend the gala dinner for an additional charge.



Each Masterclass costs £380, which includes dinner in College on both evenings, lunch, coffee and afternoon tea. Single en-suite accommodation in College costs £80 per night, including breakfast. Parking is available on College grounds for a small cost. Regrettably wives, husbands or partners cannot be accommodated in College.

Cambridge is easily accessible by car and train. It can be reached by train from all London airports, and from London Stansted by bus as well (45 minutes).

*The organisers reserve the right to exclude applicants from the Masterclass, and to cancel the event if necessary.*

### Useful Resources

St John's College  
<http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/>

Divinity School  
<http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/newly-restored-divinity-school-unveiled>

Infinity Journal  
<https://www.infinityjournal.com/>

Accommodation at Cambridge  
<http://www.visitcambridge.org/accommodation>

## To Apply For The Masterclasses

### Graduate Warfare Class

To apply for the Masterclass please complete the application form. Your participation will be confirmed on receipt of the deposit. All fees should be paid in full by Friday, 22 May 2015.

Application Form available from:  
[https://www.tjomo.com/graduate\\_masterclass](https://www.tjomo.com/graduate_masterclass)

### Seminar Wargame

To apply for the Masterclass please complete the application form. Your participation will be confirmed on receipt of the deposit. All fees should be paid in full by Friday, 19 June 2015.

Application Form available from:  
[https://www.tjomo.com/seminar\\_wargame](https://www.tjomo.com/seminar_wargame)

Application forms should be sent to Mrs Maureen Baker at [registration@tjomo.com](mailto:registration@tjomo.com).

Please direct any enquiries to as to the conduct of the events to Professor Jim Storr at [editor@tjomo.com](mailto:editor@tjomo.com).