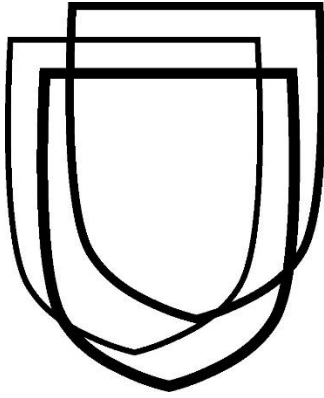


Military History Consortium

**Inaugural Conference
Lancaster University
6-8 June 2024**





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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 co-operation 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.

Members:

- University of Amsterdam
- University of Calgary
- Stellenbosch University
- Sciences Po Aix
- Lancaster 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.

Programme Outline

Thursday 6 June 2024		
12:00-13:30	Registration and Coffee	Faraday Foyer
13:30-14:00	Welcoming and Official Opening	Faraday Lecture Theatre
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15:30-16:00	Coffee Break	Faraday Foyer
16:00-17:45	Parallel Panel 2	
18:00-19:00	Cocktail Function	Private Dining Room 1
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16:45-17:00	Closing of the Conference	Cavendish Lecture Theatre
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Programme

Thursday 6 June

Registrations and Coffee (*Faraday Foyer*) - 12:00-13:30

Welcome and Official Opening (*Faraday Lecture Theatre*) - 13:30-14:00

Parallel Panel 1 – 14:00-15:30

Panel 1.1	Mercenaries/PMSCs in Sub-Saharan History/Historiography	Room: Faraday Lecture Theatre
Chair: Tim Stapleton (<i>University of Calgary</i>)		
Tilmann Siebeneichner (<i>Leibniz-Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung</i>)	"Ex-Nazis" into "Dogs of War"? German Mercenaries in the 1960s Congo	
Gary Baines (<i>Rhodes University</i>)	Retrospective Rehabilitation of Mercenaries in the Historiography of Post-Colonial Sub-Saharan African	
Walter Bruyère-Ostells (<i>Sciences Po Aix</i>)	French and Belgian Mercenaries in the Congo and in the Angolan Civil War, Revealing the Re-compositions of International Relations in Postcolonial Africa in the 1960s	

Panel 1.2		Room: Cavendish Colloquium
Chair: Bafumiki Mocheregwa (<i>University of Southern Mississippi</i>)		
Scott Dunleavy (<i>University of Cambridge</i>)	Firearms in Warfare and Conflict in the Lower Zambezi, 1600-1888	
Louis Makau (<i>Stellenbosch University</i>)	When the Spear Defeated the Gun: The Incorporation of the Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Sekhukhune's Wars of Resistance, 1876-1879	
Tony R. Mullis (<i>US Army Command and General Staff College</i>)	Comparative Colonial Conspiracies: Cattle Killings and Military Response in South Africa and the United States in the 1850s	

Panel 1.3	The Commonwealth and the Korean War	Room: Faraday SR4
Discussant: Christopher Price (<i>York St John University</i>)		
Robert Barnes (<i>York St John University</i>)	"United as free and equal": The New Commonwealth, Prime Ministers' Meetings and the Korean War	
Ian Horwood (<i>York St John University</i>)	The Commonwealth Air Campaign in Korea	

Coffee Break (*Faraday Foyer*) – 15:30-16:00

Parallel Panel 2 – 16:00-17:45

Panel 2.1	Change and Innovation in Military Institutions	Room: Faraday Lecture Theatre
Discussant: Dafydd Townley (<i>University of Portsmouth</i>)		
Ian Thompson (<i>University of Portsmouth</i>)	To What Degree Was Innovation and Change Used by the RAF's Air Transport Force to Mitigate the Decisions of Mason Review and Facilitate a Subsequent Out of Area Enabling Capability?	
Matthew Powell (<i>University of Portsmouth</i>)	Forging the Future: The Air Ministry and the Move to All-Metal Aircraft in the Inter-War Period	
Ben Jones (<i>University of Portsmouth</i>)	Theory & Practice: Aircraft Requirements and Production for the Fleet Air Arm, 1939-1943	
Samuel Hollins (<i>Lancaster University</i>)	The Trojan Bird: Early French Intercessions in the Panavia Tornado Programme	

Panel 2.2	Change and Innovation in Military Institutions	Room: Cavendish Colloquium
Discussant: Chuwei He (<i>University of Edinburgh</i>)		
Chuwei He (<i>University of Edinburgh</i>)	To Live or to Die: Examination of the Final Victory in Kuomintang's Wartime Newspapers Supplements	
Hanzhi Dai (<i>University of Edinburgh</i>)	Yan Xishan, Propaganda, and Surviving in Shanxi's War of Resistance 1940-1944	
Tianyi Sheng (<i>University of Edinburgh</i>)	"Iron Fists" versus "Paper Tigers": Maoist China's Struggle and Obsession with Material Weakness During the Second Taiwan Strait Crisis (1958, STSC)	

Cocktail Function (*Private Dining Room 1*) – 18:00-19:00

Friday 7 June

Parallel Panel 3 – 08:30-10:00

Panel 3.1		Room: Cavendish Colloquium
Chair: Fankie Monama (<i>Stellenbosch University</i>)		
Anri Delpont (<i>Stellenbosch University</i>)	Revisiting Citizenship and Social Justice: An Exploration of the Dynamic Interplay of the Social Contract between South Africa and its First World War Ex-servicemen, 1914-1939	
Oliver Wilkinson (<i>Lancaster University</i>)	Allied? Inter-allied Encounters in First World War Captivity	
Anna la Grange (<i>University of Potsdam</i>)	Military Culture and Illegitimate Violence by South African Troops during the First World War	

Panel 3.2	Britain's Military Obligations in Peace and War, 1859-1947	Room: Frankland Lecture Theatre
Discussant: Rory Butcher (<i>University of Leeds</i>)		
Nick Bailey (<i>University of Leeds</i>)	'The most competent and most natural trustees of the future interests of the men they have trained': Regimental Obligation in the civilian Corps of Commissionaires, 1859 to 1914	
Mary Brazier (<i>University of Wolverhampton</i>)	"Shell Shock to Flying Stress": How Understanding of the Psychological Impact of Service in RAF Bomber Command Developed from 1917 to 1947	
Jennifer Grant (to be presented/read by Rory Butcher) (<i>Queen Mary University of London</i>)	'But what about Portugal?': The Evolution of British Conceptions of 'Alliance' and 'Obligation' Within the Context of the 1946 London Victory Parade	

Panel 3.3		Room: Cavendish Lecture Theatre
Chair: Marco Wyss (<i>Lancaster University</i>)		
Vittorio Cisnetti (<i>University of Bologna</i>)	The Karians and the Cypriots as Naval Subjects of the Achaemenid Great Kings	
Tomé Ribeiro Gomes (<i>ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon</i>)	The Tide Rises, the tide Falls: The Strategic Geography of the Azores Islands	
Miguel Brandão (<i>Porto University</i>)	Seapower, Deterrence and Diplomacy: Britain and Portugal during World War One	

Coffee Break (*Faraday Foyer*) – 10:00-10:30

Parallel Panel 4 – 10:30-12:15

Panel 4.1		Room: Cavendish Colloquium
Chair: Sophie Thérèse Ambler (<i>Lancaster University</i>)		
Thomas Brosset (<i>Lancaster University</i>)	A Quantitative Approach to Jazīran and Syrian Siege Warfare during the Twelfth Century (1097-1192)	
Ronan O'Reilly (<i>Royal Holloway</i>)	Crushed rather than Conquered: A Military Analysis of the Battle of the Springs of Cresson, 1187	
John Marshall (<i>Trinity College Dublin</i>)	A Magnate of Great Power: The Military Resources of the Marshal Earls of Pembroke and Lords of Leinster, 1189–1245	
Andrii Kepsha (<i>University of Hradec Králové & University of Uzhhorod</i>)	Revenge and Treachery on the Rus'-Steppe Frontier, 1090s	

Panel 4.2		Room: Frankland Lecture Theatre
Chair: Daniel Whittingham (<i>University of Birmingham</i>)		
Daniel Costa (<i>Universidade NOVA de Lisboa</i>)	The Siege of Hormuz – 1622	
Joanna Vandenbring (<i>Swedish National Heritage Board</i>)	Schützen, Croats and the Flying Army: Danish Light Troops during the Scanian War 1676-1679	
Moulay Lmustapha Mamaoui (<i>Sultan Moulay Slimane University</i>)	The English Occupation of Tangier (1662-1684) in British and Moroccan Texts and Discourses of the Period	
Doreen Skala (<i>Independent Scholar</i>)	"Various are the Conjectures of their Designs": The Attempted French Invasion of Britain in 1744	

Panel 4.3		Room: Cavendish Lecture Theatre
Chair: Evert Jordaan (<i>Stellenbosch University</i>)		
JP Scherman (<i>Stellenbosch University</i>)	Springbok Gunners – South African Artillery and the Defence of Tobruk, 20-21 June 1942	
Megan Hamilton (<i>King's College London</i>)	Inter-Theatre Learning: The British and Imperial Armies in the Second World War	
Matthew Olex-Szczytowski (<i>Independent Scholar</i>)	'Untarnished Regiment'? Divergent Perspectives on the Wehrmacht's 9 th Infantry, 1939-41	
Boshen Yan (<i>University of Chicago</i>)	Nationalist Army Logistics and Army Food Provision in Republican China, 1926-1937	

Lunch Break (*Private Dining Room 1*) – 12:15-13:15

Parallel Panel 5 – 13:15-14:45

Panel 5.1		Room: Cavendish Lecture Theatre
Chair: JP Scherman (<i>Stellenbosch University</i>)		
Evert Jordaan (<i>Stellenbosch University</i>)	South African Defence Policy-making during the Mandela Era	
Abel Esterhuysen & Evert Jordaan (<i>Stellenbosch University</i>)	In Need of Defence: The Armed Forces in a Post-1994 Democratic South Africa	
Max Lauker & Tony Garcia (<i>Independent Scholar/Stellenbosch University</i>)	Strategic Agility: Swedish Military Evolution in the Post-9/11 Period – The Dawn of Special Purpose Units	

Panel 5.2		Room: Cavendish Colloquium
Chair: Walter Bruyère-Ostells (<i>Sciences Po Aix</i>)		
Otman Bychou (<i>Sultan Moulay Slimane University</i>)	European Empires' Recruitment of North African Soldiers: Strategies and Cultural Challenges from Antiquity to the 20 th Century	
Mark Briskey (<i>Murdoch University</i>)	The Pakistan Army: Its Use and Manipulation of Proxy Forces in Asymmetric Warfare 1947-1971	
Tim Stapleton (<i>University of Calgary</i>)	Small Wars or Small Genocides? "Punitive Expeditions" and "Patrols" in the British Conquest of Nigeria (c.1900-1910)	

Panel 5.3		Room: Frankland Lecture Theatre
Chair: Lewis DeFrates (<i>University of Cambridge</i>)		
Christopher Griffin (<i>Université Catholique de l'Ouest in Nantes</i>)	The Use of History in American Military Doctrine: The Case of the Large-Scale Combat Operations Series	
Terence Love (<i>Design Out Crime</i>)	New Military History: Using Variety Dynamic	
Riley Ford (<i>Texas Christian University</i>)	Boy Meets Girl: How Occupation Shaped the Japanese and German War Bride Experience	

Coffee Break (*Faraday Foyer*) – 14:45-15:15

Parallel Panel 6 – 15:15-16:45

Panel 6.1		Room: Frankland Lecture Theatre
Chair: Nick Bailey (<i>University of Leeds</i>)		
Quentin Verreycken (<i>Catholic University Louvain</i>)	A Violent Homecoming: Crimes and Returning Soldiers in the Hundred Years' War	
Michael Reeve (<i>Open University</i>)	'Panacea to a Soldier in the Field': Tobacco, Welfare, and Wartime Well-Being in Britain, 1853-1945	
Jessica Myer (<i>University of Leeds</i>)	Returning to Work: Training and Employment for Ex-servicemen in Britain after the First World War	

Panel 6.2		Room: Cavendish Lecture Theatre
Chair: Bastiaan Willems (<i>Lancaster University</i>)		
Martijn Lak (<i>Utrecht University</i>)	The War of the Factories – Wartime Production and the Eastern Front in the Second World War	
Steve Jaskoski (<i>Independent Scholar</i>)	Cascading Risk Aversion: Strategy Conflict from Campaign Termination in Sicily to Assaulting Mainland Italy in 1943	
James J. Kimble (<i>Seton Hall University</i>)	Targeting the Soft Underbelly of Fortress Europe: The Intersection of Perceptual Geography and Strategic Metaphors in World War II	

Keynote Lecture (*Cavendish Lecture Theatre*) – 17:00-18:00

Tarak Barkawi (*Johns Hopkins University*):

Fighting and the Production of Military History: The US in the Korean War

Saturday 8 June

Parallel Panel 7 – 08:30-10:00

Panel 7.1		Room: Cavendish Lecture Theatre
Chair: Evert Kleynhans (<i>Stellenbosch University</i>)		
Louise Clare (<i>University of Manchester</i>)	'War does not begin with its outbreak. It begins with the use of words.' Media and Cultural Influences in the Prelude to the 1982 Falklands/Malvinas War	
Andrew Griffiths (<i>Open University</i>)	Interacting with News of War: Readers and Newspapers in Britain, 1914-18	
Suné Kleynhans (<i>North-West University</i>)	A Battle for Hearts and Minds: Propaganda and Public Opinion in South Africa during the Second World War	

Panel 7.2	Neglected Experiences of Warfare, 1793-1815	Room: Frankland Lecture Theatre
Discussant: Sam Edwards (<i>Loughborough University</i>)		
Rory Butcher (<i>University of Leeds</i>)	Labourers, Hatters, and Wrights: The Fencible Regiments, Motivations for Service, and British Home Defence, 1793-1802	
Zack White (<i>University of Portsmouth</i>)	Agency of Empire: East India Company Sepoys and Pragmatic Methods of Command & Control	
Séverine Angers (<i>University of York</i>)	Carving Lines and Raising Stones: Familial Memorialization of Soldiers in Britain during the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars	

Coffee Break (*Faraday Foyer*) – 10:00-10:30

Parallel Panel 8 – 10:30-12:15

Panel 8.1		Room: Frankland Lecture Theatre
Chair: Karen Horn (<i>University of the Free State</i>)		
Fankie Monama (<i>Stellenbosch University</i>)	Fighting against Sabotage: Essential Services Protection Corps and Internal Security in South Africa during the Second World War	
Graeme Plint (<i>Stellenbosch University</i>)	'Youth Under Fire': Socio-Statistical Analysis of the Musketry results of Cape Province Cadet Detachments during the Second World War	
David Ulbrich (<i>Norwich University</i>)	Lend-Lease Negotiations and Racial Tensions in South Africa: U.S. Minister Thomas Holcomb during the War Years and Post-War Years	
Charl Blignaut (<i>North-West University</i>)	Traitorous Patriotism: Vaderlandsliefde (Love of the Fatherland) and the Republican Ideal as Motivational Forces behind Members of the Ossewa-Brandwag's Resistance against the Union of South Africa's Participation in the Second World War	

Panel 8.2		Room: Cavendish Lecture Theatre
Chair: Samuël Kruizinga (<i>University of Amsterdam</i>)		
Bafumiki Mocheregwa (<i>University of Southern Mississippi</i>)	For Queen and Empire: British Military Assistance and Influence in Post-colonial Botswana, 1977-1987	
Alexander Hill (<i>University of Calgary</i>)	The Cold War Soviet Navy in Sub-Saharan African Waters: From the Republic of Guinea to Angola and Mozambique	
Yongrui Li (<i>Lancaster University</i>)	The Red Dragon's Rhodesia Safari	
Cristina Brăgea (<i>Institute for Political Studies of Defence and Military History, Romania</i>)	Strained Alliances: Military Relations Between Romania and African States During the Communist Regime	

Lunch Break (*Private Dining Room 1*) - 12:15-13:15

Parallel Panel 9 – 13:15-14:45

Panel 9.1	Disruption and Continuity in Early Modern and Modern Military History: Insights from Europe to the World	Room: Frankland Lecture Theatre
Discussant: Mariella Terzoli (<i>Università degli studi di Roma La Sapienza</i>)		
Luca Domizio (<i>University of Genova</i>)	The Republic of Genoa during the Thirty Years War: Strategy of Adaptation and Transformations in 17 th Century Warfare	
Francesco Biasi (<i>University of Salerno</i>)	The Neapolitan Army between Murat and Bourbon Arrangements: Continuity and Discontinuity of the Military Organisation at the Turn of the Restoration	
Salvador Lima (<i>European University Institute</i>)	Between the Old and the New: The French and the Spanish Foreign Legions in the Interwar Period, 1919-1934	

Panel 9.2		Room: Cavendish Lecture Theatre
Chair: Tony Garcia (<i>Stellenbosch University</i>)		
Alfred Tembo (<i>University of Zambia</i>)	Enemies within? Internment of Axis Nationals in Zambia during the Second World War	
Willem du Plessis (<i>Stellenbosch University</i>)	Shadows of Deception: Investigating the Role and Functioning of the Trompke Intelligence Network in Southern Africa during World War II	
Karen Horn (<i>University of the Free State</i>)	'We would endeavour to weed out the Fascist element': Conflict and Cooperation between Italian Prisoners-of-War, Military Authorities, and Civilians in the Union of South Africa, 1941-1947	

Coffee Break (*Faraday Foyer*) – 14:45-15:15

Parallel Panel 10 – 15:15-16:45

Panel 10.1	Would-Be Warriors: Communities on the Margins of Twentieth-Century Warfare from 1939-1993	Room: Cavendish Lecture Theatre
Discussant: David Ulbrich (<i>Norwich University</i>)		
Frances Houghton (<i>The Open University</i>)	All Hands on Deck: Medical Duties, Martial Status, and British Naval Doctors in the Second World War at Sea	
Malcolm Craig (<i>Liverpool John Moores University</i>)	'When you say "thermonuclear war", I think you mean "the call to adventure"!': The Twilight: 2000 Tabletop Role-playing Game and the Imaginary Spaces of the Post-nuclear World	
Mark McLay (<i>Lancaster University</i>)	In the Fog of a Culture War: Grappling with Gay Service in the US Military, 1992-93	

Panel 10.2		Room: Frankland Lecture Theatre
Chair: Mark Briskey (<i>Murdoch University</i>)		
Brian Hall (<i>University of Salford</i>)	'Never equal to its task'? The African American 325th Field Signal Battalion in the First World War	
Sam Edwards (<i>Loughborough University</i>)	The First Friendly Invasion: The American Military in Britain, 1917-1919	
Vlad-Cristian Gheorghiuță (<i>Institute for Political Studies of Defence and Military History, Romania</i>)	The Ideological Dimension of Going to War: Romania's Decision-Making Process in 1916	
Daniel Whittingham (<i>University of Birmingham</i>)	Military Occupation and Conflict Termination: The British and the Ottoman Empire, 1918-23	

Closing of the Conference (*Cavendish Lecture Theatre*) – 16:45-17:00

Conference Dinner (*Private Dining Room 1*) – 18:00-21:00