



All Souls College
University of Oxford

The 2019 Interdisciplinary History of War Conference

A collaboration between the
Faculty of History at the University of Oxford
and the
Sir Michael Howard Centre for the History of War at King's College London

19 March 2019, All Souls College, Oxford

9:30–10:00 am Arrival, Registration and Morning Tea/Coffee **Hall**

10:00–10:20 am **Welcome Address** **Old Library**
Peter Wilson (Oxford)

10:30–11:30 am **Session 1**

Panel 1a: Expertise, Professionalism and Discipline **Old Library**

Chair: Joshua Bilton (KCL)

- Morwenna Blewett (Oxford), *Stolen Colours, Coercion and Kidnap: A Defeated Nation's Artists' Materials and Conservation Knowledge in the Aftermath of the Second World War*
- George Evans (KCL), *A 'Modern', Professional Officer Class? Irish Officers in the Artillery and Engineers*
- Davide Morassi (Oxford), *Army Discipline in Classical Athens*

Panel 1b: Strategical Thinking in War and Peace **Wharton Room**

Chair: Tobias Graf (Oxford)

- Katrin Heilmann (KCL), *War and Peace: Planning for China's Third World War*
- Thomas Heyen-Dube (Oxford), *The Influence of the Revolutionary Right on the Elaboration of Strategy in Interwar France And Britain*
- Kumuthan Maderya (Oxford), *Stabilizing the 'Arc of Instability' – India's Response to the Soviet-Afghan War*

11:30 am–11:50 Tea/coffee break **Hall**

11:50–1:10 pm Session 2

Panel 2a: Asymmetrical Warfare

Old Library

Chair: Richard Reid (Oxford)

- Nathan Kwan (KCL), *A Common Enemy? Understanding the War on Piracy in Nineteenth-Century China*
- Abdulhafiz Wando (KCL), *Violent Religious Extremism in the Twenty-First Century: The Rise of Boko Haram in North-East Nigeria*
- Thomas Booth (Oxford), *The Politics of Rhetoric and Group Interactions in the Shōchō Uprising 1428*

Panel 2b: Military Communities and Civilian Society

Wharton Room

Chair: Tom Kelsey (KCL)

- Anna Blomley (Oxford), *A Landscape Approach to Ancient Conflict: The Late Classical and Hellenistic Argolid (Greece) as a Case Study*
- Ben Angell (Oxford), *Reconceptualising Roman Military Communities*
- Vittoria Princi (Oxford), *Stomping Grounds: The Use of Land for Military Manoeuvres in the Napoleonic Kingdom of Italy (1805–1814)*
- Kunika Kakuta (KCL), *The Empire of Owl and the Empire of Rising Sun: A Comparative Approach to Sea Power as Cultural Identity in Imperial Japan (1868–1941) and Fifth-Century BC Athens*

1:10–2:00 pm

Lunch

Hall

2:00–3:00 pm

Session 3

Panel 3a: Memorialising War

Old Library

Chair: George Evans (KCL)

- Oliver Jones (Oxford), *On the Cusp of War and Peace: Russian National Identity in Vasilii Grossman's 'Stalingrad Dilogy'*
- Kevin Noles (Oxford), *'Trusted Men': Post-War Memory of a Japanese Intelligence Failure in India during World War Two*
- Gemma McKinnie (Oxford), *Between History and Historiography: The Use of the Archives in Two World War Documentaries*

Panel 3b: Soldiers' Experiences of War

Wharton Room

Chair: Peter Wilson (Oxford)

- Kathryn White (Oxford), *'Told in the Huts': The Social Role of Religion in the Work of the YMCA*
- Joshua Bilton (KCL), *With a Bang: The Assimilation of British Replacements into Combat Units on the Western Front, 1916–1918*
- Katharina Friege (Oxford), *Enchanted Forests, Sinister Steppes: Landscapes as Imagined and Lived by the Wehrmacht on the Eastern Front, 1941–1945*

3:00–3:30 pm

Tea/coffee break

Hall

3:30–4:30 pm Session 4

Panel 4a: Violence, Ethics and War

Old Library

Chair: David Edgerton (KCL)

- Izumi Braddick (Oxford), *War and Peace in Ancient Japan: An Examination of Violence in the Prehistoric Hunter-Gatherer Jōmon Period*
- Petros Spanou (Oxford), *The Notion of ‘Just War’ and Britain’s Involvement in the Crimean War, 1854–1856: An Examination of Wartime Religious Sermons*
- Elif Gürdoğan (KCL), *War and the Milestone in International Criminal Justice: The Yugoslav War and the Creation of the ICTY*

Panel 4b: Ideology and War

Wharton Room

Chair: Patrick Houlihan (Oxford)

- Sung-Yeon Choi (Oxford), *‘Philosophers of War’: The Kyoto Scholars’ Wartime Colloquium on the Pacific War (1941–1945) and Modern Japan in World History*
- Alexandria Dugal (Oxford), *‘Such Unrighteous War’: Christianity in the Pacific War at the Japanese Shizuoka Eiwa Mission Girls’ School*
- Tom Kelsey (KCL), *Defence Procurement and the Limits to Economic Liberalism under Mrs. Thatcher*

4:30–4:45 pm Break

Hall

4:45–6:00 pm

Round Table

Old Library

Self-Branding for the (Academic) Job Market, Or What the Historical Study of War has to Offer to Departments

Discussion introduced by David Edgerton (KCL) and Peter Wilson (Oxford)

Chair: Tobias Graf (Oxford)
