Symposium: ‘War Amongst the People: A Critical Assessment’
The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst
30 June 2017

Venue: Chandler Lecture Theatre (Rm 102)
First Floor
Faraday Hall
RMAS

Programme

0830-0900: Arrival & tea/coffee

0900-0905: Introduction & Welcome: Brigadier Bill Wright (Deputy Commandant, RMAS)

0905-1000: Opening Keynote Address: Prof Beatrice Heuser (University of Reading): ‘What is War?’
Chair: Dr Norma Rossi (Defence & International Affairs, RMAS)

1000-1100: Panel One: Conceptual Debates & Critiques

Lt Col Jyri Raitasalo (Finnish Ministry of Defence/Finnish National Defence University): “War amongst the people”: should we take it seriously?
Mr Alex Waterman (University of Leeds): ‘Managing war amongst peoples’
Maj Ian Wilson (Royal Regiment of Scotland): ‘Factors influencing British public opinion in times of war’
Chair: Maj Gen (ret) Andrew Sharpe/Col Martin Todd (Centre for Historical Analysis and Conflict Research)

1100-1130: Tea/coffee break

1130-1230: Panel Two: Practical Challenges

Ms Whitney Grespin (King’s College London/US Army War College): ‘US sponsorship of contractor-delivered foreign internal defence and partner capacity-building efforts’
Dr Vladimir Rauta (University of Portsmouth): ‘The strategic value of interacting with proxies and auxiliaries in contemporary war’
Dr Georgina Holmes (University of Reading): ‘Enhancing operational effectiveness: pre-deployment training for tactical-level female military peacekeepers’
Chair: Mr Sean McKnight (Director of Studies, RMAS)

1230-1330: Lunch
1330-1430: **Panel Three: Legal Aspects**

**Dr Andree-Anne Melancon** (Defence and International Affairs, RMAS): ‘Redefining the ‘Combatant’: Just War Theory and Direct Participation’

**Lt Col Martin Gliniecki** (Defence Equipment and Support): ‘How can moral lessons from insurgency help to discern discrimination in modern asymmetric conflict?’

**Lt Col Grant Davies** (Army Legal Service): ‘Detention within non-international armed conflict’

**Chair:** **Dr Martin Smith** (Defence and International Affairs, RMAS)

1430-1530: **Panel Four: Policy and Operational Practice**

**Lt Col James Chandler** (77 Brigade): ‘The British Army’s Current Approach to Influence Operations’


**Discussant:** **Dr Ziya Meral** (Centre for Historical Analysis and Conflict Research)

**Chair:** **Dr David Brown** (Defence and International Affairs, RMAS)

1530-1540: **Closing Remarks:** **Ms Kirstin Howgate** (Howgate Publishing)