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1. Chairman’s Note

Dear New and Former Members of ERGOMAS,

Even if it is still winter in most of our countries we have good reason to look forward towards the summer season and the 10th ERGOMAS Conference in Stockholm, June 22 – 26, 2009. The process of registration and accommodation reservation is starting. In this Newsletter you will find key logistic information. A Registration form is included as well as detailed contact information regarding three pre-booked hotels and one Military Academy (Karlberg). We kindly ask that you read this information carefully as there are many deadlines for registration, booking and payment that you will need to attend to so that your participation in the conference proceeds smoothly.

I hope you can overlook the fact that at present we are unable to confirm the final details of the conference program. Abstracts and papers are not in yet, and even if some of the working groups can present their contributions in some detail, others need more time to prepare their materials. In due course, we shall send you the complete conference program.

I want to express my thanks for the widespread expression of interest and support that so many of you have shown towards the conference and those who are working on the program planning and administration. On behalf of the Board and the Organizing Committee I send you all a hearty welcome to Sweden.

Alise Weibull

2. ERGOMAS Conference in Stockholm, 2009, June 22-26

Organisation

The 10th Biennial conference of ERGOMAS will be hosted by the Swedish National Defence College (Försvarshögskolan, FHS) in Stockholm. The conference will provide an opportunity to listen to and join some of the present or proposed working groups but also to put forward suggestions for new ideas and directions.

Conference themes 2009

The programme for the conference will be based on a combination of keynote talks, and presentations by the working groups. Proposals for new working groups and research themes are also welcome and room will be made for the presentation of these. The conference themes will encompass the whole range of issues to do with armed forces and society from everyday conditions in international operations to critical events for civil and military personnel. Central themes during the conference are:

1. *21st century military operations, focusing on issues arising from multinational links, jointery, inter-agency relationships and questions of linking military and reconstruction/nation building missions.*
2. *The effects of operations on deployed personnel (not just military but civilians, contractors etc) as well as families, and wider publics; and impact of families and publics and deployed experiences on operations: so there are two-way relationships to be investigated here.*
3. *Privatization of security and the use of private security companies in delivering support for military missions: legal, regulatory, civil-military and defence economics issues, including the question of how far commercialization and outsourcing of its core functions can go without undermining military effectiveness.*
4. *Military cultures – challenges of social change and changing nature of operations – continuity and change.*

2.1 Logistical Arrangements

General information

Three hotels and one Military Academy (Karlberg) have been contacted in advance and a certain number of rooms have been pre-booked for participants in ERGOMAS conference (see below). The pre-booking is only made for the conference days (arrival June 22, departure June 26).

The local organizing committee cannot guarantee room availability, as the number of rooms in each place is restricted and the rooms are assigned on a first-come- first-served basis. And as Stockholm might be quite crowded at this time of the year, you are kindly advised to schedule your trip and send in your forms and requests at your earliest convenience.

The rooms in the hotels (Tapto, Viktoria and Ariadne) are offered to a reduced price if booked before deadline and with reference to a special booking number (in hotel Viktoria just “ERGOMAS”). The cheapest accommodation is offered by the Military Academy.

However, for staying at the Military Academy Karlberg the procedure is different. In this case everything must go through the Defence College. Rooms must be both booked and paid for in advance and, as above, before a certain deadline. After payment a list of names of the guests will be handled to the guard (Reception) at Karlberg, where you will also get the key. Be prepared to prove your identity with card or passport.

Breakfast is included in the prices at all hotels. At Tapto hotel are also supper and afternoon coffee/tea included in the price. For the time being there seems to be no breakfast facilities at the Military Academy, as the students are on summer holiday, but depending on the number of guests, and thereby a reasonable price, we will perhaps be able to make an agreement with the restaurant.

2.2 Accommodation and Booking Details

(Please note that the exchange rate from Swedish currency to EURO dates from 14 January 2009)

1. Clarion Collection Hotel Tapto (*****) Walking distance to SNDC (20 min)

Jungfrugatan 57
11531 Stockholm

SEK 1605 single/night (€ 148.-, Friday or Saturday SEK 965)
SEK 1795 double/night (€ 165.-, Friday or Saturday SEK 1089)

Booking: Tph. +46 8 6645000
Email: cc.tapto@choice.se

Booking number: 2018R069287

Deadline: 22nd of April 2009

2. Drottning Viktorias Örlogshem (***) A simple but good hotel down town)

Teatergatan 3
11148 Stockholm

SEK 600 single/night (€ 55.-)
SEK 900 double/night (€ 83.-)
SEK 1200 3 beds/night (€ 110.-)
SEK 1200 -1300 single suite (€ 110.- to 120.-)
SEK 1400 – 1500 double suite (€ 130.- to 140.-)
(The hotel is closed during Midsummer Holiday: 19-21 of June.)

Booking: Tph + 46 8 611 01 13
Fax + 46 8 611 31 50
Email: info@orlogshemmet.com

Booking reference: "ERGOMAS"

Deadline: 15 May 2009

www.orlogshemmet.com

3. Scandic Hotels AB Ariadne (**)** By the seaside and the inner harbour
Södra Kajen 37
115 74 Stockholm

SEK 983:-/ single/night (€ 90.-)
SEK 1086:-/double/night (€ 100.-)

Booking: Tph. +46 8 517 386 00
Fax: +46 8 517 386 30
Email: ariadne@scandichotels.com

Booking Number: FOR220609

Deadline: 22 May 2009

www.scandichotels.com

4. Military Academy Karlberg (Militärhögskolan Karlberg)
Karlbergs Slottsväg, Solna

SEK 300 (single/night) (€ 28.-)
SEK (double, same price, only 4 rooms)
All rooms with toilet and shower

Booking: Secr. Karin Skelton, Swedish National Defence College
karin.skelton@fhs.se

Deadline for booking: 22 April 2009

IMPORTANT: Book first and then when you get the reservation confirmed make the payment. Booking will be regarded as valid on the day when the transfer of the due amount has been made, and only then.

Banc details

Name of account holder: Swedish National Defence College (SNDC)

Address: Box 27805, 115 93 Stockholm

Bank name: Nordea Bank AB

IBAN code: SE 32 9500 0099 6026 0313 2370

BIC/Swift code: NDEASESS

Account no: 31 32 37-0

Org.number : SE 202100473001

IMPORTANT: To be able to identify who has paid and for what the following information must be added from the banc:

Activity no: 390506

Your name:

For more information about The Military Academy Karlberg see under "Army" and "Schools" at www.mil.se

2.3 Transport

There will be no organized transport to and from the Defence College, but all accommodation locations listed above can be reached by local transport within about 30 minutes. The closest hotel is Tapto (walking distance 20 minutes), and then hotel Viktoria down town and a little further away is hotel Ariadne and the Military Academy.

Details of transport from Arlanda airport to Stockholm City (shuttle bus, train, taxi) and local transport within Stockholm will be provided in more detail to those who will actually participate in the conference.

2.4 Conference Fees

Fees will vary according to the membership status of participants, their country of origin and whether or not they register before **April 1st**. Special rates will be available to students. The following table summarizes the applicable rates:

	Participants from EU countries, Norway, Switzerland, the U.S. and Canada	Participants from outside the EU, Norway, Switzerland, the U.S. and Canada
ERGOMAS members in good standing registering before April 1	€150	€100
Non-members registering before April 1	€170	€120
ERGOMAS members in good standing registering after April 1	€170	€120
Non-members registering after April 1	€190	€140
Students	€100	€80

The conference fee includes five meals (banquet dinner, three lunches and reception buffet) and transport to side activities. The side activities are not fully settled yet, but one is a tour to Swedish Armed Forces International Centre (SWEDINT) on Friday 26 (optional tour).

If you wish to bring a guest to the banquet dinner, reception buffet and side activities the applicable rate is **€0**. This amount, to be included in the total remittance (see Registration Form below) is for guests only. ERGOMAS members and other conference participants must pay the full conference fee.

2.5 Conference Registration Form

Please fill in the attached document “ERGOMAS Conference 2009 in Stockholm registration Form” and send the form to **Bernard Boëne (Treasurer)** b.boene@online.fr and copies to **Alise Weibull** (alise.weibull@fhs.se) and **Tibor Szvircesev Tresch** (tszv@zugernet.ch).

2.6 Draft Program (Preliminary Structure)

Day 1: Registration and reception

Registration will be possible Monday afternoon, June 22, 1700 – 2000 and Tuesday morning 0800-0900 in the SNDC Entrance Hall.

The Reception will take place on Monday evening, 1800-2000 in the near by Mess.

Day 5 is reserved for a visit/seminar at SwedInt, the Swedish training centre for international missions.

Day 2-4: Plenary and working group sessions

The plan is to have one plenary session per day with two keynote speakers (one civil/mil and one scientist), connected to the proposed plenary session themes (see below). Besides there will be room for other plenary sessions of common interest (proposals for new working groups, book presentations, business meeting etc.). A tentative time schedule is the following:

0900-1000	Welcome, introduction, keynote speaker no 1
1000-1045	Introduction, keynote speaker no 2
1045-1115	Coffee/tea
1115-1200	Discussion
1200-1330	Lunch
1330 -1445	Parallel WG sessions (+ one plenary WG session day 2)
1445-1515	Coffee/tea
1515-1630	Parallel WG sessions (+ one plenary WG session day 4)
1645-1800	Extra sessions, see proposals below

The Conference dinner will take place on Wednesday evening the 24th (**Day 3**) and the conference will formally close on Thursday afternoon the 25th (**Day 4**).

Plenary session themes

Day 2: International missions and the defence and security setting: comparative perspectives on what are armed forces for, including the implications of “outsourcing”?

Day 3: International missions and the experience of deployment – before, during, and after.

Day 4: Military Culture - what are the key challenges to ‘uniqueness’ (how important is privatization of security in this? (Or.....The notion of the ‘end of war’ and rise of ‘war amongst the people’ and the implications for military culture).

Extra sessions - proposals

We will have a session for PhD students to introduce their research area and invite scholars in the field to comment on and encourage their work and their future participation in ERGOMAS.

If you have other proposals for extra sessions please send these to the president (alise.weibull@fhs.se) and the secretary (tszv@zugernet.ch) by email not later than February 28, 2009.

Sponsorship

The Board of ERGOMAS is considering the possibility to sponsor the traveling to Stockholm for 1-2 young researchers, who would otherwise not have been able to attend the conference. Interested candidates can send an application to Tibor Szvircev Tresch (tszv@zugernet.ch).

2.7 Present Working Groups and Tentative Panels at the Conference

“Morale, Cohesion and Leadership”

Co-ordinator: Prof. Dr Gerry Larsson

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This information is addressed to old and potentially new members of two closely related working groups (WG):

ERGOMAS WG on Cohesion, morale and leadership

ISMS WG on Leadership, command and control, and basic competence.

The ERGOMAS WG has a long history. It has been led by Prof. Paul Bartone for a number of years and in the last few years Paul and I have shared the leadership. Paul has now announced that he wants to take a step back. This means that I will try to coordinate the WG myself until the upcoming ERGOMAS conference. As you all know, the ERGOMAS network is based on voluntary, individual membership.

The International Society of Military Sciences (ISMS) is newly founded. In contrast to the ERGOMAS, membership is institutional. The Netherlands are first out to lead the ISMS and the first president is Dr Alexander Bon, The Netherlands Defence Academy. One of the WG's is labelled Leadership, command and control, and basic competence (it was slightly renamed at the recent foundation meeting in Copenhagen). Currently, I am the coordinator of this WG.

To sum up, we now have two related research networks which both include WG's on leadership and related issues. Being the coordinator of both, my plan is to do as much as possible on a joint basis including all interested colleagues from both societies. To get a good start we need to meet! My suggestion is to have a combined WG meeting in connection with the next ERGOMAS conference in Stockholm, June 22-26 in 2009. Thus, I would like you all to do three things:

- (1) Consider presenting a paper at our WG panel in Stockholm (abstract submission deadline is January 31, 2009). I have already received contributions from Finland and Israel!
- (2) Consider potential joint research activities in the next few years. One suggestion you'll see in one of the attached files is a cross-national study on demands posed by irregular threats such as terrorism, organised crime, etc on military leadership during international missions. There may be several other suggestions we can discuss when we meet.
- (3) Please pass this message on to other colleagues whom you think may be interested!

Gerry Larsson, WG chair

“Public Opinion, Mass Media and the Military”

Co-ordinator: Prof. Dr. Marjan Malesic

marjan.malesic@fdv.uni-lj.si

1. Rene Moelker, From Dutch Approach to Comprehensive Approach. A Change in the Political Narrative Explaining the Mission
2. Sabine Collmer, Latest Developments in Afghanistan: Some Considerations about the Influence of Public Opinion on Security Policy Decision-Making in Germany
3. Karol Čukan and Eva Pollakova, Military Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan: Public Perceptions – working title
4. Silvia Würmli, Public Opinion Trends Towards the Military in Switzerland (from ‘ambivalent’ to ‘indifferent’) – working title
5. Marjan Malešič, Declining Support for Military Missions: Public Perceptions in Slovenia – working title

“Women in the Military”

Co-ordinator: Prof. Dr. Marina Nuciari

marina.nuciari@unito.it

More information will follow on the ERGOMAS website www.ergomas.ch and in the next newsletter.

“Military Profession”

Co-ordinator: Prof. Dr. Giuseppe Caforio

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Panel No. 1

1. Marina Nuciari (nuciari@econ.unito.it): “From conventional to non-conventional to <asym-metric> military profession what's going on in the soldier's educational field?”
2. Giuseppe Caforio: “The information society and the changing face of war”
3. Georgina Natzio (georgina.natzio@btinternet.com): “Working with the asymmetrical mind-set - an enquiry”
4. Victor Nemchinov (viators@mail.ru): “The New Philosophy of Asymmetric Engagement”

Panel No. 2

5. Renè Moelker (rene_moelker@yahoo.com): “From Dutch Approach to Comprehensive Approach. A change in the political narrative explaining the mission”
6. Urs Wenger (Urs.Wenger@vtg.admin.ch): “Abilities and difficulties of a militia type army with a low degree of professionalization in matters of possible counter terrorism operations”
7. Joseph Soeters (fam.soeters@tele2.nl): “The (un)importance of the Effect Based Approach in the Afghanistan operations”
8. Kadir Varoğlu, Mesut Uyar, Ünsal Sığrı (kvaroglu@baskent.edu.tr): “The Impact Of Asymmetric Warfare On The Structure And Training Systems : Some Examples From Turkish Armed Forces”

Panel No. 3

9. Vladimir Rukavishnikov (rukavish@hotmail.com): “Georgia-Russia asymmetric war”
10. Jurate Novagrockiene (Jurate.Novagrockiene@tspmi.vu.lt): “Image of the Military Profes-sion in Lithuania: view from society, youngsters, and soldiers”
11. Maja Garb (maja.garb@fdv.uni-lj.si): “The Revival of Sociological Debate on Military Pro-fessionalism”
12. Hermann Jung (aon.913759993@aon.at): “Intercultural Competence on the level of Inter-agency”
13. Juha Mäkinen (juha.makinen@mil.fi): TBA

“Democratic Control of the Armed Forces”

Co-ordinator: Dr. Hans Born

h.born@dcaf.ch

More information will follow on the ERGOMAS website www.ergomas.ch and in the next newsletter.

“Warriors in Peacekeeping”

Co-ordinator: Dr. Maren Tomforde

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1. Giulia Aubry (Italy): Italian Peacekeepers in Lebanon: An analysis of Unifil II
2. Delphine Resteigne (Belgium): Still connected in operations? A look at the use of internet and military blogs among soldiers
3. Dominika Svarc (Slovenia): Peace forces in the line of fire: Application of International Humanitarian Law to Contemporary Peace Operations
4. Maren Tomforde (Germany): To fight or not to fight? The dilemma of the Bundeswehr in Afghanistan

“Military Families”

Co-ordinator: Prof. Dr. René Moelker

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More information will follow on the ERGOMAS website www.ergomas.ch and in the next newsletter.

“Recruitment and Retention”

Co-ordinator: Dr. Tibor Szvircsev Tresch

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1. Mihail Anton, TBA
2. Yantsislav Yanakiev, Bulgarian Armed Forces a Year after the Abolishment of Conscription: Challenges Related to Recruitment and Retention of the Military Personnel
3. Christopher Dandeker, The British Army's Recruitment and Retention problems: Retrospect and Prospect 1957 to 2009
4. Erik Kopac, Interest of Slovene youth for military service: Time perspective 2. Satisfaction (contentment) with professional military service: Case study of Slovenia.
5. Erik Hedlund, The selection and recruitment of the Swedish soldier for international service
6. Tibor Szvircsev Tresch, Recruitment of military professionals by European all-volunteer forces as exemplified by Belgium, the Netherlands and Slovenia.

“The Blurring of Military and Police Roles”

Co-ordinator: Prof. Dr. Marleen Easton

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More information will follow on the ERGOMAS website www.ergomas.ch and in the next newsletter.

“Violence and the Military”

Co-ordinator: Dr. Karl Ydén

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More information will follow on the ERGOMAS website www.ergomas.ch and in the next newsletter.

3. Becoming ERGOMAS Member

An application form and some more information about the working groups can be found at our website www.ergomas.ch. For further information about the working groups contact the working group co-ordinators (see above). If you cannot decide beforehand which working group is most in line with your interest, apply for membership anyway, come to the conference and decide afterwards.

For further information you are also welcome to contact Alise Weibull, President, alise.weibull@fhs.se; Tibor Szvircev Tresch, Secretary, tszv@zugernet.ch; Bernard Boëne, Treasurer, b.boene@online.fr

4. Various Issues

New Chairperson of ERGOMAS

The board of ERGOMAS initially proposed four candidates for the next chairmanship. For different reasons three of these have found themselves compelled to withdraw their candidature, which means that the written selection procedure, predicted in the former Newsletter, is cancelled. The board has with acclamation proposed Prof. Dr. René Moelker as the new chair of ERGOMAS. Professor Moelker is Senior Lecturer in Sociology at The Royal Netherlands Military Academy, Breda; Netherlands and has a long and well-reputed background in ERGOMAS. The formal decision will be made at the business meeting in Stockholm.

Deputy Treasurer

Bernard Boëne's commission as deputy treasurer, caused by ordinary treasurer's (Andreas Prüfert) stay in Afghanistan, is formally by the end of 2008. In the light of that a change now will cause more confusion than benefit, Alise Weibull has, after consultation with the board, asked Bernard Boëne to stay as treasurer to the end of her term, June 2009. Bernard Boëne has accepted this prolongation.

5. New Publications

Please give in your newest publications and send it to tszv@zugernet.ch. Announcements will successively be made in coming Newsletters. Thank you all in advance!

6. Other Conferences

Call for papers IUS 2009 (copy website www.iusafs.org)

2009 INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTER-UNIVERSITY SEMINAR ON ARMED FORCES AND SOCIETY

The Palmer House Hilton in Chicago, Illinois USA
23 – 25 October 2009

A Call for Papers

DEADLINE: Monday 02 February 2009

The International Biennial Conference of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society will be held in downtown Chicago, Illinois, at the Palmer House Hilton on 23 – 25 October 2009. The Program Committee is currently soliciting proposals for individual papers and for panel sessions.

PLEASE NOTE: 2009 CONFERENCE PANELS WILL BEGIN FRIDAY MORNING, 23 October, with panels both morning and afternoon, and the IUS Welcome Reception and Dinner that evening. The regular Saturday and Sunday schedules will remain, with panels ending Sunday 25 October at noon. It may be best to plan to arrive on Thursday 22 October 2009.

Prospective participants may submit proposals on any topic within the broad intellectual scope of the IUS. Comparative and cross-national research is strongly encouraged. The following list is offered for consideration, but proposals are not limited to these suggestions.

Global Coalitions and Cross-National Alliances

- Cooperation and conflict between NATO and non-NATO militaries
- Interface of East and West with developing nations
- New economic and military alliances
- The military's role(s) in democratization and nation building

Social and Personnel Issues

- Social, cultural, medical, and institutional aftermaths of military conflicts
- Social issues (families, quality of life, women, minorities, gays in the military, etc.)
- Force restructuring (active-reserve mix, conscript v. professional, etc.)
- Impact of different cultures on military operations
- Enlisted and reserve forces: the quest for respect

Area Studies and Cross-National Analyses of Military Institutions

- Economic and military impact of the Pacific Rim and Asia
- Changing civil-military relations in EU and NATO enlargement
- The post-modern military reconsidered
- People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China, and its impact on society

Civil-Military Relations

- Impact of military operations on recruiting, retention, patriotism, anti-war/pro-war coalitions, etc.
- Military culture and/or structure of armed forces
- Conscription and/or national service

Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism, and Counter-Insurgency

- International cooperation in counter-terrorism
- Conceptualizing "terrorists", "insurgents" and "freedom fighters"
- Changing nature of warfare and counter-terrorism
- Home fronts in warfare and counter-terrorism
- Depictions of the military, insurgents, terrorists and counter-terrorism in the media
- New missions and roles of military forces: Blurring military and police roles
- Legal issues relevant to the military, terrorism and counter-terrorism
- Civil-military relations after September 11, 2001 and subsequent events
- Pre-emptive strikes and potential repercussions
- The UN's role in fighting terror
- Debating the links between US and/or other countries' foreign policies and terrorism

Post-Cold War Military Operations

- Peacekeeping and Peacemaking operations
- War in close quarters: Urban warfare after Mogadishu
- Roles of the UN and NATO
- Intra-state conflict, and domestic and international military involvement

The Panels

Most of the Conference is devoted to concurrent panels divided into simultaneous sessions each day. Again, note that panels will begin on FRIDAY MORNING, 23 October 2009. This is a change from previous years, intended to accommodate the growth of this important international conference.

Panels will be scheduled for 90 minutes each. Typically, panels have three to five panelists, a chair and a presenter. Individuals submitting single papers will be grouped by relevant subject matter into panels by the Committee. Panels are limited to no more than five (5) papers.

Proposals for entire panels (5 papers maximum) must indicate if a presenter is being requested (see below). Panel proposals with more than five (5) papers will be rejected by the Program Committee.

Presenter Format

Panels will use the presenter format, pioneered by IUS Founding Chairman Morris Janowitz. Presenters provide a summary and analysis of panelists' papers, including their own critique. The authors of the individual papers then make brief comments after the presenter's overview. This maximizes time available for discussion and provides a thematic overview of the papers. This differs from the discussant model used at other conferences, where paper authors speak first, and then the discussant provides his/her own comments and critique of the papers. As a courtesy, authors should provide copies of their papers to the presenter and the other panelists at least four (4) weeks in advance of the Conference.

Proposal Dates and Deadlines

The Program Committee must receive e-mailed proposals no later than Monday 02 February 2009. The IUS Secretariat will acknowledge receipt of each proposal via email.

Both paper and panel proposals (one page, please) must include the following information:

- Paper Title(s)
- Author(s) with address(es), phone, fax, and e-mail

- Brief abstract (200 words)

A panel proposal should also include:

- Panel Title/Topic/Subject
- Names of Chair and of Presenter
- Names, e-mails, phone/fax and addresses of all panelists (Maximum of 5)

Authors may submit one or more separate and distinct papers, provided they understand that IUS Conference participation is generally limited to one (1) sole-authored paper and no more than two (2) appearances on the final program. The Program Committee will make decisions accordingly.

Please e-mail all proposals to [the IUS Secretariat](#) by Monday 02 February 2009. Do not use any other e-mail address for the IUS Secretariat. Receipt of proposals will be confirmed by return e-mail within 72 hours.

Final decisions regarding the program will be made in late April 2009. All communications on proposal acceptance or decline, the program, hotel information, etc. will be sent electronically via e-mail.

The Program

A Preliminary Program with Conference and hotel details will be e-mailed in May.

NOTE: For accepted proposals, the Committee must have final titles of papers, author(s) name(s), the composition of panels, and names of chairs and presenters no later than 20 August 2009 to insure inclusion in the Conference Program.

Additional Comment from the Conference Committee

If there are any questions about this Call for Papers or other organizational matter, please contact the [IUS Secretariat](#).

ECPR General Conference "Security Sector Reform and Democratic Consolidation: New Conceptual, Theoretical and Methodological Perspectives"

From David Kuehn, University of Heidelberg

I would like to direct your attention to a panel on "Security Sector Reform and Democratic Consolidation: New Conceptual, Theoretical and Methodological Perspectives" on this year's ECPR General Conference which will take place on September 10-12, 2009 in Potsdam, Germany.

Could you pass the following information to your members?

Panel Title: Security Sector Reform and Democratic Consolidation: New Conceptual, Theoretical and Methodological Perspectives

Its sheer complexity makes well-specified concepts, clearly stated theories and rigorous methodological reflection quintessential for increasing our knowledge of the relationship between security sector reform and democratic consolidation. This panel aims at contributing to the research program by focusing on three fundamental dimensions of civil-military relations: concepts, theory and methods.

Conceptually, it aims at clarifying the outer bounds and inherent elements of the topic.

This includes dissecting the interrelation between democratic consolidation and civilian control of the security sector, as well as the identification and conceptualization of main issues like critical areas and recent problems in security sector governance and reform. Furthermore, the panel will reflect on the definition of

the central terms and address the issues of concept formation, indicator-building and operationalization that are quintessential for the subsequent theoretical and empirical work.

In its theoretical dimension, the panel covers determinants, processes and outcomes of security sector reform in young democracies, shedding light on two sets of questions. The first relates to the explanatory power of traditional theories of civil-military relations, the transferability of theories that have been developed for different contexts and the core components of a comprehensive theory on security sector reform in young democracies. The second aspect aims at proposing original theoretical approaches for understanding some of the more recent challenges for civil-military relations in young democracies, like privatization and regionalization of security.

In regards of methodology, the panel addresses questions as to what extent civil-military research acknowledges and takes advantage of the recent astounding advances that have been made in the field of large-n, small-n and mixed methods analysis. This includes an overview and assessment of the methodological trends and patterns within the subfield as well as an evaluation of the promises and pitfalls of some of the newer techniques for civil-military research.

Panel Chair: Aurel Croissant, University of Heidelberg

The organizers of the Panel would like to encourage the members of ERGOMAS to submit paper proposals to the panel by February 1st, 2009 via the panel homepage:

http://www.ecpr.org.uk/potsdam/panel_details.asp?panelID=384

General information on the Conference can be found on the following website:

<http://www.ecpr.org.uk/potsdam/default.asp>

Announcement

XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology 11 - 17 July, 2010, Gothenburg, Sweden

Research Committee on Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution RC01

Programme Coordinator

Guiseppe Caforio, CEMISS, Italy, gcaforio@fastwebnet.it

More information will follow on the ISA website in due time (<http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/rc/rc01.htm>)