



# CALL FOR PAPERS

## Professional Military Education: equipping students for the challenges of a complex world.

**Conference: 16 January 2025**

**Venue: Maynooth University, Ireland**

On Thursday 16 January 2025 the Centre for Military History and Strategic Studies at Maynooth University will hold a conference to explore the challenges and opportunities associated with Professional Military Education (PME) today and into the future.

The conference is designed to examine the ways in which different groups and organisations approach the challenge of educating military personnel, exploring ways in which the latter can best be equipped to think, act and lead appropriately and ethically within an increasingly complex security environment. The aim is to bring together scholars and practitioners, to share ideas and to debate possibilities in order to better develop our understanding of the challenges and opportunities associated with all forms of PME.

We invite proposals from anyone interested in presenting papers, or organising panels, related to this topic. Potential topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Ethical teaching within a military context.
- The pedagogy of PME
- Staff rides and battlefield tours
- Gender and PME.
- War games as an educational tool.
- Civil-military relations in the classroom.
- Online and blended learning.
- Innovative forms of teaching and assessment within a military environment.
- Challenges of accreditation.
- Can PME inform practice in the civilian sector.
- PME and joint/multi-domain operations.

We are particularly keen to achieve a mix of academic and professional military speakers, able to address the topic from all relevant angles and with a view to informing the theory and practice of future military education. We are also interested in papers that can explore the history of PME, particularly with reference to the evolution of military engagement with third-level institutions in recent decades.

The conference will take place on campus at Maynooth University and we encourage speakers and delegates to attend in person, as this will enable lively discussion and debate. However, in order to facilitate the participation of speakers from overseas who are unable to travel, we are willing to consider the inclusion of an online panel should there be sufficient interest.

At this point we invite applicants to submit a short proposal (of no more than 500 words) for presentations of 15 minutes, accompanied by a one-page CV . Applications should be submitted no later than **30 September 2024** and successful candidates will be notified shortly thereafter.

**Conference date:** 16 January 2025

**Conference venue:** Maynooth University, Maynooth, County Kildare, Ireland

**Contact:** please send proposals for papers and/or panels, or requests for additional information, to Professor Ian Speller by email at [ian.speller@mu.ie](mailto:ian.speller@mu.ie), noting PME Conference as the Subject.

**About Maynooth:** Maynooth is a historic town situated just 25km from Dublin city centre and 35km from Dublin Airport. The airport can be reached in 40 minutes by car and the university has good public transport links (bus, coach, train) to the city centre and airport. The university campus lies in the heart of the town, adjacent to a 13<sup>th</sup> century castle. There are numerous hotels within easy reach of the university and accommodation can be booked on campus (subject to availability) using the following link, <https://www.maynoothcampus.com/>

