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# Launch of the Defence Forces Review 2023

In association with the Centre for Military History & Strategic Studies (CMHSS), Department of History, Maynooth University.

**Renehan Hall, South Campus**

**Thursday 01<sup>st</sup> February 2024**

“Exploring the challenges and opportunities associated with joint operations and with the creation, sustainment and employment of joint forces, institutions and structures today and into the future.”

Registration at 0900hrs



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## Timetable

Registration and Arrival of Defence Forces' Chief of Staff	0900
Official photograph with contributors	0930
Conference Room opens for attendees	0945
Welcome Remarks	0955
<b>Opening Address:</b> Defence Forces' Chief of Staff Lt Gen Sean Clancy & President of Maynooth University Eeva Leinonen	1000
<b>Keynote Address:</b> French Ambassador to Ireland His Excellency Ambassador Vincent Guérend	1015
Panel 1 – <i>Exploiting the challenges and opportunities associated with 'Jointness' for Ireland's Defence Forces</i>	1045
Coffee	1145
Panel 2 – <i>The application of joint structures, institutions and practices: A perspective from the past, present and future</i>	1200
Lunch	1300
End of Conference	1400

## Presentation of Papers

<p>Panel 1</p> <p>1045 - 1145</p> <p><b>Moderator: Dr Laura Brown</b></p> <p><i>Four (04) ten minute presentations followed by 20 minutes of questions and answers.</i></p>	<p><i>Ian Speller</i></p> <p><i>Mike Brunnicardi</i></p> <p><i>David Memery</i></p> <p><i>Brendan Flynn</i></p>	<p>Joint Operations, Multi-Domain Operations and Integrated Action: What Are They Are Why Should We Care?</p> <p>Securing Ireland’s Future: Advancing National Security and Defence through a Comprehensive Five-Domain National Security Strategy.</p> <p>The Irish Defence Forces As a Joint Force – Where Is it Going and What Is the Way to Get There?</p> <p>Sharp Lessons in Jointness From the Russo-Ukraine War: What Relevance for Ireland?</p>
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<p>Panel 2</p> <p>1200 - 1300</p> <p><b>Moderator: Dr David Murphy</b></p> <p><i>Four (04) ten minute presentations followed by 20 minutes of questions and answers.</i></p>	<p><i>Dan Ayiotis</i></p> <p><i>Cian Lynch</i></p> <p><i>Cian Moran</i></p> <p><i>Kenneth O’Rourke</i></p>	<p>Joint Irish-British Military Planning and Operations: A Historical Perspective.</p> <p>The Use of Aerial Assets in the Allied Campaign of Antisubmarine Warfare during the Great War - a Model for Enhancing Contemporary Irish Maritime Security.</p> <p>Black Flags and Grey Law : The Law of Armed Conflict and Its Application in Counter-Piracy Operations.</p> <p>Exploring The Risks and Opportunities of Educational Wargaming in Irish DF Professional Military Education.</p>
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## Biographical Statements

**Professor Ian Speller** is the Director of the Centre for Military History and Strategic Studies in the Department of History at Maynooth University. In that capacity he is responsible for coordinating Maynooth's educational partnership with the Defence Forces. His main research interests lie in the fields of maritime strategy, naval history and joint warfare and he has published extensively in these fields.

**Commandant Daniel Ayiotis** is the Officer-in-Charge of the Military Archives, where he has been based since 2015. He has written two books - *The Military Archives: A History* (Dublin: Eastwood, 2022) and the upcoming *Moral Formations: Discipline and Religion in the Irish Army, Civil War to Eucharistic Congress* (Dublin: Eastwood, 2024) - as well as having been a member of the editorial / project board for Eoin Kinsella's *The Irish Defence Forces 1922-2022: Servant of the Nation* (Dublin: Four Courts, 2022). Other published work includes contributions to *India, Ireland and Anti-Imperial Struggle: Remembering the Connaught Rangers Mutiny* (India: Akker, 2021, Eds. O'Halpin, Atwal), *The EU, Irish Defence Forces and Contemporary Security* (Switzerland: Palgrave MacMillan, 2023, Eds. Carroll, O'Neill, Williams) and *Irish Archives: The Journal of the Irish Society for Archives* (2023). Most recently, he has written the afterword to *Grief's Broken Brow*, a limited-run fine press edition, designed and produced by The Salvage Press, consisting of ten poems commissioned by UCD Library, Poetry Ireland and Arts Council Northern Ireland as part of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media's Poetry as Commemoration programme.

**Lieutenant Commander David Memery C.Eng** was commissioned into the Naval Service in 2002 as an Electrical Engineering Officer and has served overseas in KFOR and UNIFIL in staff, support and operational roles, as well as appointments within Fleet Operations, Readiness, Standards and Training (FORST), the Naval College and Naval Support Command HQ, where he is currently serving as OIC of the Maintenance Management Unit, and is a graduate of the US Navy's International Shipyard Management Course, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickham, Hawaii. He holds primary degrees from the University of Dublin, Trinity College in Mathematics and Electronic & Computer Engineering and an M.Sc in Computer Science from the Open University, and is currently reading for an M.Eng in the South East Technical University. He is a graduate of the 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Command and Staff Course and holds a Master of Arts in Leadership, Management and Defence Studies from NIUM with his thesis entitled 'The Future Model of Jointness within the Irish Defence Forces: How do we get there?'. He has previously published on the theme of Organisational Cultural Change within the Defence Forces, with a particular focus on the definition and move to a Future Force model.

**Lieutenant Commander Mike Brunicardi** has twenty-two-years' service in the Irish Defence Forces. He joined in 2001 as an Operations Branch Cadet, following his Commissioning he served his time as an Officer Under Training and completed his professional qualifications. He has served across the fleet in various appointments and his last appointment at sea was as Officer Commanding LE JAMES JOYCE. He has also served in various appointments ashore including the Naval Operations, the Officer Training School, and Naval Headquarters. Lieutenant Commander Brunicardi is a Graduate of the National University of Ireland, Galway with an Honours Degree in Geophysics, a graduate of University College Cork with a Higher Diploma in Geographical Information Systems and a Graduate of the University of Staffordshire with an MA in International Policy and Diplomacy. He also holds a Special Purpose Award for the Senior Command Operations Course from the National Maritime College of Ireland. He has just completed the Fifth Joint Command and Staff Course as is awaiting results on an MA in Leadership, Management and Defence Studies through Maynooth University and the Military College, Defence Forces Training Centre. Lieutenant

Commander Brunicardi is from Fermoy, Co. Cork, and lives in Kinsale Co. Cork with his family.

**Cian Lynch** is a PhD candidate in University College Cork's School of History. He has previously obtained an undergraduate degree with distinction in Politics and History and a master's degree in International History from Trinity College Dublin. His research focuses primarily on the societal and economic impacts of the Great War campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare and on Allied efforts to mitigate this campaign. Cian is currently a member of the Reserve Defence Forces serving in 1 Brigade Artillery Regiment and is a member of the ongoing 6<sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Potential Officers course.

**Lieutenant (NS) Cian Moran** holds a PhD in International Law from the University of Galway and his forthcoming book, *The Evolution of Humanitarian Intervention in International Law: From the Ottoman Empire to Ukraine* has recently been contracted for publication by Brill Academic Publishers. Cian was commissioned as an Operations Branch officer in 2018 and currently works as Assistant Manpower Officer in the Naval Service, having recently finished as Gunnery Officer onboard LÉ SAMUEL BECKETT. Cian holds a first class honours LLB in Law from NUI Galway, where he graduated with the highest marks in his class, and an LLM in International Law from the University of Nottingham. He also holds a first class honours diploma in Irish/Gaeilge from the University of Galway and a first class honours BSc in Nautical Science from Munster Technological University. He has had several articles published in academic journals such as the *Nordic Journal of International Law*, *Irish Studies in International Affairs* and the *European Journal of Legal Studies*.

**Commandant Kenneth O'Rourke** is a serving Infantry Officer in the Irish Defence Forces with 21 years' experience. He has served in various command, staff, and training appointments both at home and overseas. These roles include being an Infantry School Chief Instructor, DCO of the Force Reserve Company in UNDOF, and his most recent role as Officer Commanding 1 MIC in the DFTC. He is a graduate of the University of Galway, and also completed a one year exchange to the French Military academy of St. Cyr. He is currently completing an MA in Teaching and Learning in SETU. His dissertation is exploring the application of educational wargaming in Professional Military Education (PME). His dissertation methodology includes a case study of the DF's current use of simulation in PME. He also conducted action-based exploratory research using a UK wargame with the approval of the Director of the British Army's Centre for Historical Analysis and Conflict Research (CHACR). He will be participating in a panel discussion at the inaugural 'British Army Wargaming Symposium' at RMA Sandhurst. From August 2023 he began a new appointment in Strategic Planning Branch, DFHQ.

**Doctor Brendan Flynn** is an Assistant Professor and Head of the Discipline of Political Science at the School of Political Science and Sociology, NUI, Galway. His research interests include maritime security and defence and security studies more broadly. He teaches European politics and Ocean and Marine politics and has lectured at the Irish Defence Force's Joint Senior Command and Staff Course and the Land Component Staff Course. He was a co-editor of the 2018 and 2022 Irish Defence Forces Review. Recent publications include: Robert McCabe & Brendan Flynn (26 Aug 2023): Under the radar: Ireland, maritime security capacity, and the governance of subsea infrastructure, *European Security*, DOI: 10.1080/09662839.2023.2248001; Flynn, Brendan. "Knowing your CJEF from your JEF: Europe's "Alphabet soup" of interstitial military cooperation-what relevance for cold war 2.0?." *Defence Studies* (2022): 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14702436.2022.2137495>; Flynn,

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