

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

**Centre for Military History and Strategic Studies, Maynooth University.**

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## **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

### **Day 1. Thursday 16 January**

**0900: Conference registration.** Meeting in Renehan Hall, South Campus (Maynooth University)

**0930-45: Conference introduction (Prof Speller, Director, Centre for Military History & Strategic Studies, Maynooth University)**

**0945-1030: Keynote address:**

Professor Kate Utting. Professor of PME at King's College London and Dean of Academic Studies at the UK Joint Services Command & Staff College, UK Defence Academy.

**1030-1050: Tea/Coffee in Renehan Hall**

**1050-1230 Panel 1 (Renehan Hall): *Harnessing diversity***

Dr Helene Olsen (King's College London/ UK Defence Academy). *Teaching with Your Assailant: How to Support Women's Careers in PME*

Dr Anna Brinkman (University of Lincoln/BRNC): Operational Myopia: Diversifying the Curriculum to Improve Command

Dr Anna Hansen Schoning (Royal Danish Defence College). Female representation in advanced officer education: a Danish perspective

Dr Sorana Jude (King's College London/ UK Defence Academy). *Gender and PME: the value of "critical friendship" in teaching and learning practices*

Marwa Wasfy (King's College London). *A gender-based approach to the professional military education programs in the GCC countries*

**1050-1230 Panel 2. ( SE014. School of Education Building) *PME in practice***

Prof Abel Esterhuyse (Stellenbosch University). *South African PME. Balancing historical and theoretical realities with contemporary challenges*

Professor G. Kurt Piehler (US Air Force Academy). *The civilianisation of military education at the US Air Force Academy since the 1990s.*

Dr Brian Laslie (US Air Force Academy). *Cross departmental communication for curriculum development.*

Dr Niels Bo Poulsen (Royal Danish Defence College). *The role of military history in PME: can it offer the solutions that students seek?*

**1230-1330: Lunch Break**

**1330-1500 Panel 3 (Renehan Hall) *Wargaming, staff rides and simulations***

Dr Patrick Finegan (University of Lincoln). *Using low-tech simulations to enhance defence logistician learning.*

Dr Don Thieme (US Naval War College). *Immersive PME: incorporating staff rides and wargaming.*

Dr Mathew McDonough (US Air Command & Staff College). *Integrated approach to wargaming to develop joint-minded airmen.*

**1330-1500 Panel 4. (SE014) *Critical thinking and PME today***

Dr Angela McGinn (Maynooth University). *Promoting critical reflection. An exploration of the use of reflective writing in PME.*

Dr Shounak Set (King's College London): *Participatory Case Study Approach and PME: Reflections and Retrospect*

Dr Nathan Gonzalez & Lt Col Jennifer Nash (Global College of PME, Maxwell AFB): *Critical and creative thinking in a hybrid PME environment.*

Dr Anne Marie Hagan (Norwegian Defence University College). *"Hooks to hang leadership to": using fiction to create reflective military leaders.*

Dr An Jacobs (RMA Sandhurst). *Enhancing critical thinking in PME at Sandhurst. Exploring the value of experiential learning.*

**1500-1530. Break and opportunity for networking**

**1530-1715 Panel 5 (Renehan Hall): *Teaching strategy in PME: integrating civilian, military and a multidisciplinary approach***

Colonel Gareth Prendergast (Defence Forces). *Discussant.*

Dr Timothy Hoyt (US Naval War College). *Strategy and Policy: Bridging the PME/Civilian Divide*

Dr John Maurer (US Naval War College). *A History of the Past Fifty Years of Teaching Strategy and Policy at the U.S. Naval War College*

Dr Yvonne Chiu (US Naval War College). *Strategy & Policy Curriculum Design in Multiple Contexts*

Cdr Timothy O'Brien (US Naval War College). *A Military Practitioner's Role in Teaching Strategy in Professional Military Education*

Dr Jesse Tumblin (US Naval War College). *Teaching Military History and Race in Professional Military Education*

### **1530-1715 Panel 6. (SE014) PME in Ireland**

Comdt. Gavin Egerton (Irish Military College). *Military theory in PME: John Boyd's OODA loop and its enduring relevance*

Comdt. Simon Keenan (Irish Military College). *The teaching of adaptive decision making cycles to support future leaders.*

Lt Col. Colin Lawlor (Registrar, Defence Forces). *Mapping the PME Field in Ireland – A Bourdieusian Approach.*

Anne Meaney (South East Technological University). *RPL: recognising the training of a military career.*

### **1730-1830: Renehan Hall: Launch of the 'Women in PME network'**

#### **Day 2: Friday 17 January**

#### **0930-1100 Panel 7 (SE012): PME and emerging challenges**

Cdr Dr Roy de Ruiter (Netherlands Defence College). *PME in wartime.*

Dr Thomas Crosbie & Holger Lindhardtzen. (Royal Danish Defence College) *Old wars, new wars, future wars: towards a competency development approach.*

Dr Melvin Deaile (US School of Advanced Nuclear Deterrence Studies). *Helping students to understand deterrence today and into the future.*

Dr Ron Ti (King's College, London). *Teaching the NATO Operations Planning Process: reflections from the Baltic Defence College Joint Staff Exercise Joint Resolve, 2023 & 2024*

#### **0930-1100 Panel 8 . (SE014) Roundtable: Teaching war theory: an inter-disciplinary approach**

Capt Jeff DeMarco/OF-5 (US Naval War College). *Moderator*

Dr Doyle Hodges (US Naval War College). *panellist*

Dr Vanya Bellinger (US Naval War College). *panellist*

Dr Marc Genest (US Naval War College). *panellist*

Dr Magdalena Bogacz (Johns Hopkins University). *panellist*

#### **1130-1300 Panel 9 (SE014) Pedagogical challenges for PME today**

Dr Aleksandra Gulasaryan (King's College London). *Learning experiences and rationales of the mid-career professionals on the flagship professional military education programme*

Dr Maria Burczynska (King's College London). *Navigating Professional Commitments and Postgraduate Study: Supporting Military Students in an Online Flipped Learning Course*

Dr Augustine Meaher (US Air University). *Teaching regional studies with case studies in asynchronous online PME: the benefits and challenges.*

Romy Uit Het Broek (Netherlands Defence Academy). *The role of the teacher in blended PME: the importance of effective professional development and gamification*

#### **1130-1300 Panel 10 (SE012). PME in and contemporary challenges**

Cdr Roberta O'Brien (Irish Naval Service): *CNI and sub-sea threats*

Cdr Cathal Power (Irish Naval Service): *Capability development: a joint force approach*

Dr Paul Hegarty (National Maritime College of Ireland): *PME for maritime force development*

Dr Kieran Doyle (Kennedy Institute, Maynooth University): *Reflections on a Pedagogical Approach to Online Teaching of Mediation, Negotiation and Dialogue Skills for Conflict Intervention Personnel"*