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PRESIDENT'S LETTERS 3/2018

Dear RC01 membership,

In this newsletter you will find information on activities we have planned for RC01 on the occasion of the ISA World Congress, information on the location and some of the motions at the business meeting, some metrics on both RC01 representation at the World Congress and how our membership has evolved over since 2014, a word from your incoming president, some departing reflections from me... and we will introduce your new executive!

Christian Leuprecht
Outgoing RC01 president

Let me begin by saying what a great honour it is for me to be elected as President of RC01. This is a huge challenge and I will strive to lead RC01 in a way that will do justice to all members and your respective research projects. We have a proud history, set by former presidents such as Guiseppe Caforio in showcasing the relevance of the work we do, but much more needs to be done. The study of the military, war and society still remains at the fringes of our discipline and is often invisible to students, particularly at civilian universities. How can we bring back the study of war and armed conflict back into the sociological canon? How we can use sociological theory and concepts more effectively in understanding the changing character of war and organised violence in the world today? What does this mean for the military profession, institution and society? My appeal to you is to make suggestions on relevant and interesting projects that can display the work of RC01. I also wish to thank Christian Leuprecht for his term as President and look forward to working with the newly elected RC01 Board.

Lindy Heinecken
Incoming RC01 president



ISA WORLD CONGRESS

Click here to access the [on-line program](#) with RC01 panels.

[Click here for the detailed program itemizing all panels. You will find RC01 panels on pp. 101-107.](#)

ACTIVITIES

Friday 13 July

For those who will already be in Toronto, we are organizing a day-trip to the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario. In case you are interested but have not emailed me yet, you will need to let me know soonest.

Business Meeting: Monday 16 July 7:45PM, Royal Canadian Military Institute (see Appendix for directions)

The business meeting will be held in the Otter Room at the Royal Canadian Military Institute at 426 University Avenue, about a 15-minute walk from the Convention Centre where the ISA World Congress is taking place and, for many of you, likely about the same distance from your hotels. Detailed directions are appended to this newsletter. There will be a cash bar (they will take credit card or cash, drinks will range from CDN\$8 and CDN\$18, and they take both, credit card and *Canadian* cash. Bar will be open 7PM-10PM; to give those on the last panel enough time to make it to the RCMI, we will commence the business meeting around 7:45, followed by a modest reception after the meeting.

Book Table: There will be a table to display any recent books you may want to bring for attendees to peruse.

Items on the agenda for the business meeting include:

1. A motion to amend article IX of RC01's statutes <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc01-armed-forces-and-conflict-resolution/> to adopt the practice of RC 32: institute the positions of president, president-elect, and past-president <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc32-women-in-society/>.

If approved, the change would take effect with the 2022 election, at which point we would, in 2022 only, elect both a president and president-elect; followed by a president-elect every four years after. The aim is to provide better continuity for the exec: the president-elect would hold the position for four years before then becoming president for four years and remaining as past-president for four years. So, in effect, the presidency becomes a 12-year commitment. Instead of expanding the number of positions on the executive, we would simply reduce the number of vice-presidents from three to one.

2. To provide greater predictability for the electoral process, I will be proposing the attached Terms of Reference for the Nominating Committee. The past-president would chair the nominating committee, along with one other member.

3. RC01's incoming president, Professor Lindy Heineken, has offered to host the 2020 interim meeting in South Africa. Those present will have an opportunity to vote on this proposal.



4. Dr Heinecken will take some time to outline her taskings and vision for the RC for the next four years.

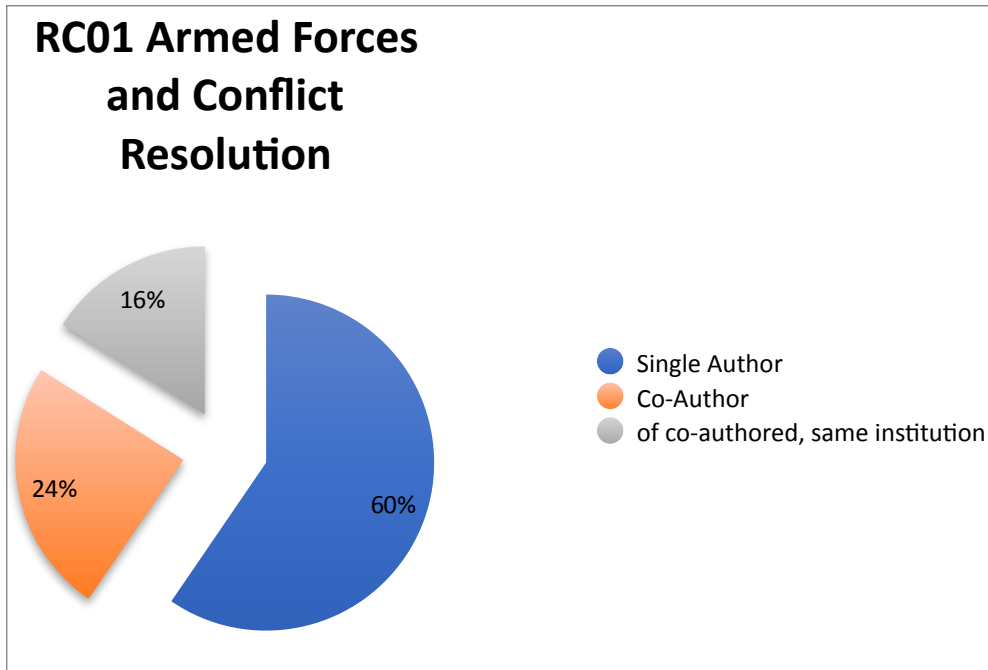
Wednesday 18 July

Visit to the Canadian Forces College, the Canadian Armed Forces' staff college, which happens to be in Toronto. We shall depart the city together by subway, have lunch, an introduction to CFC, and a tour, and return by subway. Given Toronto traffic, subway is our most efficient means of transportation there and back. Participants' cost will a return travel on the subway (CDN\$3 each way) and lunch, but the cost of lunch is quite modest (around CDN\$10). We are trying to schedule the visit to minimize interference with RC01 panels. Since CFC is a secure military facility, it is imperative that you email me your name well beforehand if interested so I can get you on the list and give the officers' mess numbers of lunch: christian.leuprecht@rmc.ca

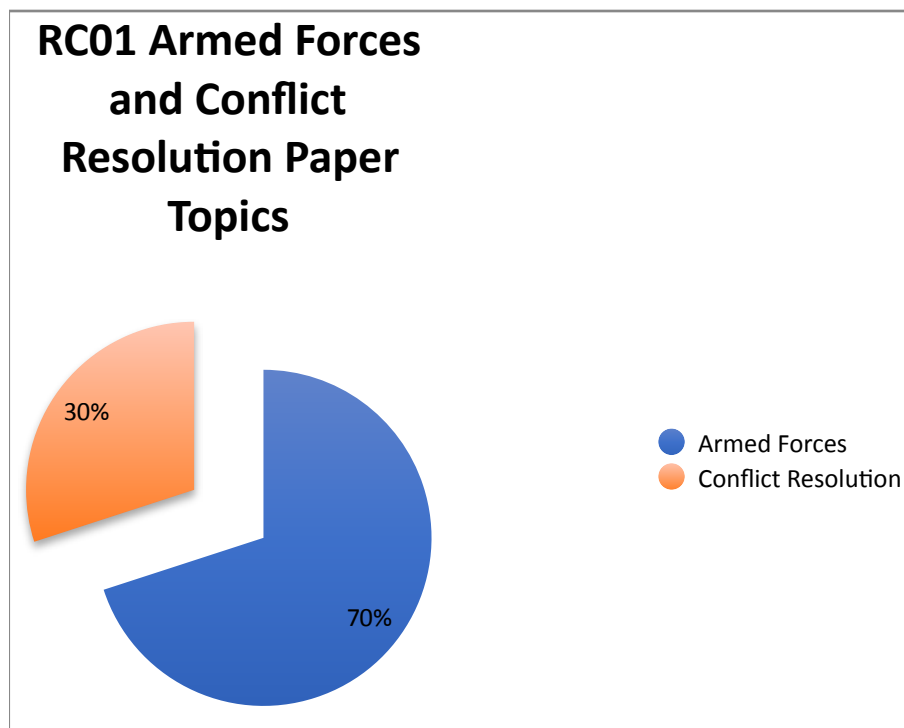
METRICS

Below you will find some of the metrics for RC01 panels at the 2018 World Congress. I am very pleased to report that RC01 will have its biggest footprint ever at a World Congress. A substantial growth in membership between 2014 and 2018 ensured that RC01 was allocated 22 panels, and I am glad to say that demand for spots vastly exceeded supply. Thanks to program chair Dr. Heinecken, we were able to maximize opportunities for presenters: 21 panels, one joint session, 25 unique panel organizers, with 109 paper, in all three of ISA's official languages: English, French, and German. However, by the time you count co-authors, well over 200 scholars are represented across RC01 panels alone.

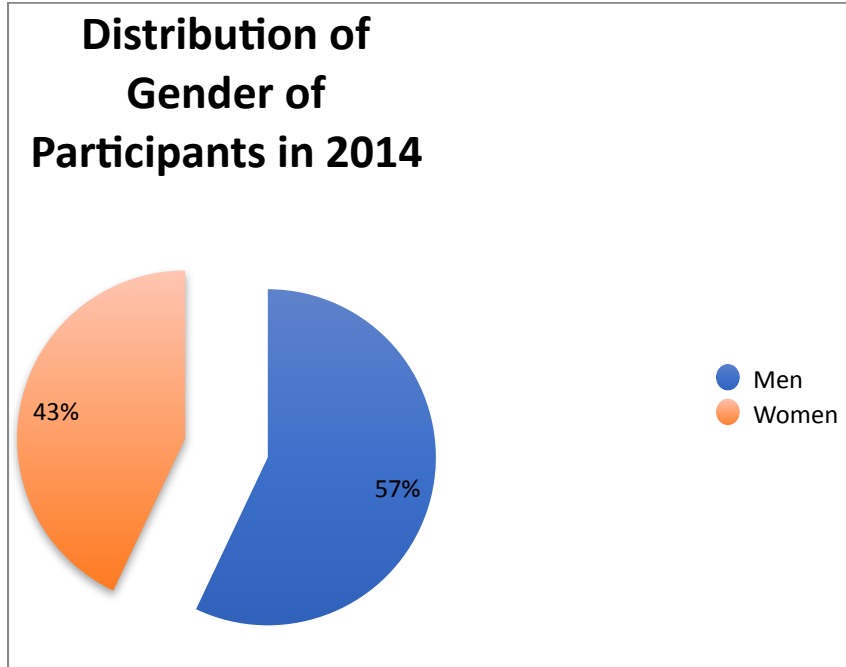
I have broken out some of the data below. You will see that there is opportunity to foster greater collaboration: only 40% of papers being presented are co-authored, and only 24% have a co-author from an institution that is different than the author's. I point this out because there may not be a better forum than RC01 to meet like-minded people from across the world who are interested in Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution.



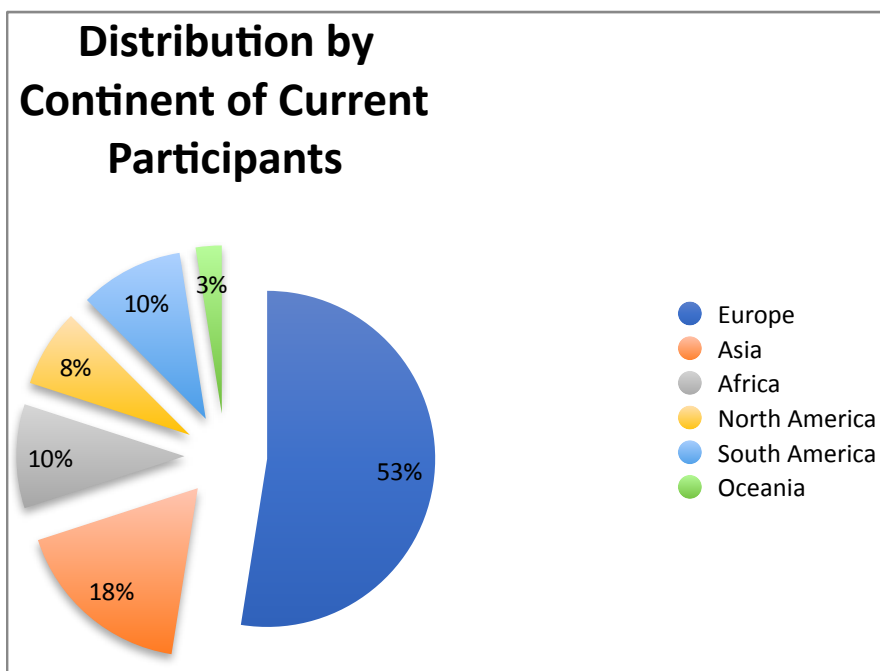
We have greatly improved in my efforts to ensure we strike a better balance between the two complementary dimensions of the committee: 30% of papers now deal with the Conflict Resolution component of our mandate, not just Armed Forces which has traditionally dominated our meetings.



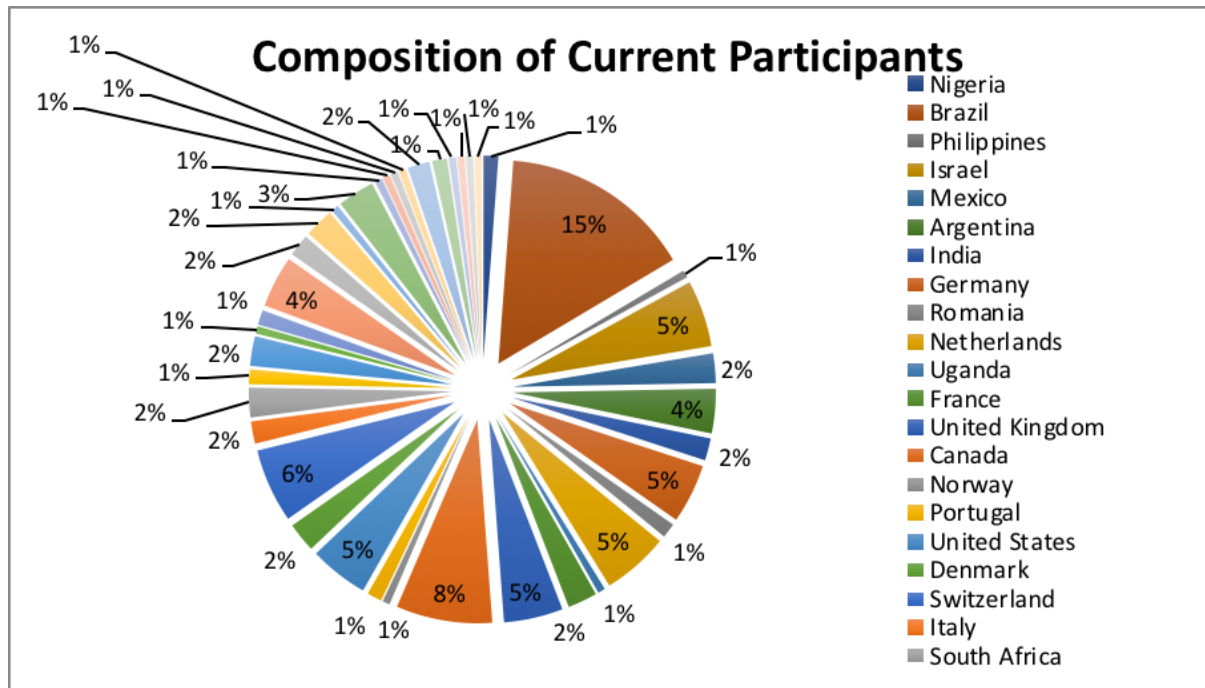
RC01 has traditionally done well on gender equity and continues to improve, but at the business meeting we will want to discuss what more RC01 can and should do to foster equity, diversity, and inclusion.



Interestingly, the regional distribution among continents has changed little between our interim meeting in Rio in 2016 and the World Congress in Toronto. One of the interesting observations is the continued soft representation from North America and the disproportionately strong representation from Europe. However, overall we continue to improve on regional representation. Note that we continue to have good representation from all continents.



Finally, you will see that we have over 40 countries represented across RC01 panels at this 2018 World Congress, and we have pretty good distribution across those countries.



RC01 MEMBERSHIP

My core objective as president was to shore up the membership. The Committee now has a historically unprecedented 175 official ISA RC01 members, up from 68 in 2014, an increase of over 150% over the course of 4 years. This puts us in a robust financial position, but it also comes with other benefits: the more members we have, the more panels we are allocated; if we optimize those allocations – as we are doing in Toronto – it maximizes our exposure and contribution, and the opportunity for our community to connect and thrive; with more members we also receive more gratis registrations. You will recall that we put out a transparent call some months ago for prospective participants to make their case to have their registration fees waived. In the end, that allowed us support all six individuals who made a well-substantiated request for support: one student member from Europe, and five regular members from India, Lebanon, Africa, and Europe.

REFLECTIONS ON 2014-2018

RC01 made considerable strides, especially in membership, number of panels and participants at the interim meeting in Rio and the World Congress in Toronto, and in establishing a publications program for books with Springer and through Special Issues with Res Militaris. Executive members Helena Carreiras (Portugal) and Celso Castro (Brazil) were instrumental in making the interim meeting the biggest ever, and Helena also did double duty as the RC01 executive rep at the ISA's 2016 Forum in Vienna, Irina Goldenberg (Canada) took on the publication program, Lindy Heinecken served as principal program chair for the RC01 panels at the World Congress



(no small feat given the number of proposals and submission received), and none of it would have been possible without Uros Svete's diligent support as Executive Secretary, keeping track of things and helping to liaise with ISA HQ. Other members of the executive assisted throughout.

But much more remains to be done. I had two aborted attempts at rebuilding a dedicated RC01 web site, along with an opportunity for people to indicate and upload publications so we would have a single, centrally searchable index of material on armed forces and conflict resolution. On that same website I had intended to create a collection of course syllabi so we can benefit mutually from the literature we were assigning our students and the assignments we were giving them. I had hoped to do more on gender issues in collaboration with Women In International Security (WIIS) and had hoped to get a mentorship program for junior RC01 members by senior ones off the ground, and I had hoped to have a robust research program in place around which the membership could coalesce. I had also envisaged a more strategic approach to sustaining our membership and promoting RC01 with regional representatives from the RC and country reps drawn from the membership.

I agreed to take over the presidency on the premise that there was much work to be done, but I can't be player and coach, and that the entire executive committee would need to step up with everyone taking on some heavy lifting. Although the membership and executive endorsed the strategy I laid out above and pledged their support, when it came down to parcelling out the heavy lifting, the actual economy of effort varied considerably across members of the executive. With the help of those who did step up we thus focused on the core existential effort of sustaining and growing the membership, ensuring successful meetings in Rio and Toronto, and getting administratively and financially caught up. Perhaps my initial vision was too ambitious, perhaps the requisite foundations had not been put in place, perhaps we had too many targets and were trying to achieve them too quickly, or perhaps we did not have the right distribution of talent across the executive. Regardless, while RC01 is well positioned to continue on a growing and positive trajectory, there is no lack for opportunities for the new executive to pick and run with, depending on the effort and roadmap agreed upon at the business meeting.

So, I would urge you all to attend the business meeting as an opportunity to do a bit of a post-mortem of the last four years and chart the course for the coming four years. It's a big tent and there's room and need for a wide array of talent and interests. To begin with, RC01's incoming president will definitely need: a program coordinator for each of

- the interim meeting at the Stellenbosch University, South Africa in 2020
- the ISA Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil in 2020, and
- the ISA World Congress in Melbourne in 2022.

RESEARCH PROGRAM

Now that I'll have a bit more bandwidth, I will be introducing a new multi-year research program on Comparative Professional Military Education (C-PME). My intention is to design a framework to compare quantitative and qualitative metrics of military education across countries. I will introduce a preliminary framework for doing this but am hoping for participants from as many countries as possible to provide feedback and collect data on their respective country. Aside from the first methodical effort to collect such data in a systematic way, other benefits will include opportunities to collaborate on publication and solicit extramural research funding. The overall objective is to identify different models of professional military education, costs, results



in education, research, policy advise, national, regional, international and global expertise, etc. I am particularly interested in people who work in or with, or are quite familiar with or connected with, their national military academy/ies, university/ies and staff college(s). Part of my concern is that fiscal constraints make military notoriously vulnerable; so, my overall aim is to be able to make the benefits and payoffs from military education more explicit and transparent for decision makers. I have found that often institutions with a mandate to provide military education find themselves compared to other post-secondary educational institutions in their own country when, instead, a much better comparator are comparable military academies and universities. However, there are usually comparative metrics on national universities, but there are no comparative metrics on different institutions, approaches, and resource allocations for military education across countries. Given the way the world is headed, the increasingly complexity and rapidly expanding task and mission sets expected of the armed forces in general, and of military officers in particular, and the unprecedented demographic change that awaits all countries in the world, I am convinced that never has military education been more important than in the 21st century. The benefits from this project will accrue to military academies and universities regardless of the country's economy, regime type, culture, society, demography or legal system. Rather, the objective is to demonstrate the value of professional military education, to learn from one another, and to show that well-educated officers who are prepared to make difficult decisions in complex environments are of great societal and international benefit. I will introduce this project briefly at the business meeting and would be delighted to talk with anyone who is interested in contributing then, but if you won't be at the business meeting, please, drop me a line so we can explore your involvement: christian.leuprecht@rmc.ca

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Special Issue of *Res Militias* on [Recruitment and Retention as a Challenge of Contemporary Armed Forces and Societies](#) edited by Tibor Tresch

Bowles, Stephen and Paul Bartone. 2018. *Handbook of Military Psychology*. New York: Springer.

Demont-Biaggi, Florian. 2018. [The Nature of Peace and the Morality of Armed Conflict](#). New York: Springer.

Burke, Edward. 2018. [An Army of Tribes: British Army Cohesion, Deviancy and Murder and Northern Ireland](#). Liverpool: Liverpool University Press.

Leuprecht, C., Sokolsky, JJ and Hughes, T. [North American Strategic Defence in the 21st Century: Security and Sovereignty in an Uncertain World](#). New York: VS Springer, 2018. Use the following token for a 20% discount (valid 15 July – 12 August): FA7dCP8mstqQ4Qq

Leuprecht, C. and MacLellan, S. [Governing Cyber Security in Canada, Australia and the United States](#). Waterloo, ON: Centre for International Governance Innovation.

Collins, P. 2018. [Civil-Military Legal' Relations: Where to from Here. The Civilian Courts and the Military in the United Kingdom, United States and Australia](#). Brill

Wadham, B. and Goldsmith, A. [Criminologies of the Military: Militarism, National Security and Justice](#). Hart Publishing.



Ruffa, Chiara. 2018. *Military Cultures in Peace and Stability Operations: Afghanistan and Lebanon*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

Soeters, J. 2018. *Sociology and Military Studies: Classical and Current Foundations*. Abingdon: Routledge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

15TH BIENNIAL ERGOMAS CONFERENCE LISBON, PORTUGAL, 17-22 JUNE 2019

The European Research Group on Military and Society (ERGOMAS) is an interdisciplinary, international scientific association devoted to collaborative research on military and society. It is a public, non-profit, and politically and ideologically independent professional organization of scientists. Its purposes are pursued through the activities of its Working Groups (WGs) and a biennial conference.

ERGOMAS Working Groups include: Morale, Cohesion and Leadership, Public Opinion, Mass Media and the Military, Gender and the Military, Military Profession, Civilian Control of the Military, Warriors in Peacekeeping, Military Families, Recruitment and Retention, Military and Police Relations, Violence and the Military, Veterans & Society, Military Conflict Management and Peace Economics, Critical Military Studies.

We are pleased to announce the 15th biennial ERGOMAS conference!

The conference will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, 17-22 June 2019.

The theme for this conference will be **Military Studies in a Post-Truth Society: Challenges and Perspectives**.

The Oxford English dictionary declared 'post-truth' the word of the year in 2016, defining it as "relating or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief." While there are many good reasons for social scientists to have a critical view of such generalizing concepts, the idea of post-truth captures important challenges to the way knowledge is built in contemporary societies and invites a reflection on scientific processes and research practices. Where does the study of the military stand in relation to such challenges? To what extent have military researchers been addressing the theoretical, methodological, and ethical dimensions of research in a 'post-truth' society? How can the existing knowledge, methods and techniques be used to examine the ever-changing relationship between the military and society? These are some of the questions to be addressed in the next ERGOMAS Conference, as well as research across the broader domains covered by the ERGOMAS Working Groups.

The conference will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, at ISCTE-University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL). ISCTE-IUL is one of the three public universities in Lisbon, focused on Social Sciences, Management and Technologies. It is located in the northern part of the city, close to the city center, between the metro stations 'Entrecampos' and 'Cidade Universitária' (address: Av. das Forças Armadas, 1649-026 Lisboa). The venue is within easy reach of many hotels and is served by a good network of public transportation (www.iscte-iul.pt).



INTER-UNIVERSITY SEMINAR ON ARMED FORCES AND SOCIETY (IUS) CANADA

The IUS Canada conference, entitled *Beyond Tokenism: How Diversity Can Strengthen the Armed Forces*, will take place 19-21 October 2018 in Ottawa Canada. Papers are still being accepted for the conference until **30 June!** Papers can be submitted on-line at <http://www.cimvhr.ca/iuscan/iuscfa.php>.

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TESTING ASSOCIATION (IMTA)

The next IMTA conference, entitled *Leading During Times of Uncertainty*, will be held in Kingston, Ontario, Canada from 15-19 October 2018. For additional information about the conference visit http://www.imta.info/Conference/Conference_Home.aspx.

Call For Papers for a **NATO HFM symposium** entitled *Evidence-Based Leader Interventions for Health and Wellness* (NATO HFM-302 Symposium). The symposium will take place 8-10 April 2019 in Berlin.

<https://events.sto.nato.int/index.php/upcoming-events/event-list/event/26-cfp/159-call-for-papers-hfm-302-symposium-on-evidence-based-leader-interventions-for-health-and-wellness>

the **Veterans and Families Research Hub** is a newly launched website designed to capture the research that exists around the topics of Military Veterans and their Families.

The aim of the hub is to “Provide an accessible, contemporary and authoritative repository of UK and international research-related resources and literature on military veterans and their families, including transitions to civilian lives, that informs and stimulates research, policy development, improved service delivery and journalistic enquiry.”

The Hub has been developed to enable a broad range of international users to share in the creation, discovery and understanding of evidence-based information about the military veteran family. It is designed for those involved in research and its outputs to create, communicate and collaborate more efficiently. It will support statutory and charity organisations to create better targeted and more efficient policies and services and will assist in developing a better understanding of veterans’ matters across communities.

Please see: www.vfrhub.com

There is a short video on YouTube which provides an overview of the hub and its functions - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnQJqMHfzE0>

Some of the benefits of using the hub:

1. Academics can create their own profile pages in which they can link their research. This is a great way to build your profile in this area.
2. Repository of evidence-based research – you can either search for works to help with your project or link to your own research and reach bigger audiences.
3. Forums – discussion boards to share ideas or seek new collaborators.
4. Events Page – check out upcoming conferences or events based on veterans.
5. News – keep up to date with the latest news in this area.



Reflection Platform on Military Mission Integrity – call for papers, identification of interests

The Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defence Academies and Security Research Institutes (PfP C) Security Sector Reform Working Group (SSR WG) seeks to establish a reflection platform on Mission Integrity in Military Missions.

While Integrity Building has taken on a dynamic of its own within NATO and other regional and international organisations, it has yet to reach the area of military missions, despite the fact that discussions at the national and international level continue with regard to corruption and how best to tackle it.

In light of the above, the SSR WG proposes to establish a reflection group (combining conceptual, and eventually, operational interests). As a first step, we will:

- Collect papers for a survey on the status of thinking on the below questions; and
- Convene a meeting of like-minded researchers and practitioners to explore possibilities of an action plan within the PfP C, and possibly beyond.

We believe the following questions to be of relevance:

- (1) How lack of Integrity affects the success of a mission
- (2) How lack of integrity affects host country population perceptions of the mission and nations contributing to missions
- (3) How lack of Integrity affects host countries' values and lifestyle
- (4) Operational definitions of Mission Integrity
- (5) Mission Planning and Integrity – how can Integrity criteria become part of Mission planning
- (6) How to encourage/enforce Mission Integrity (Codes of Conduct, Laws, others)
- (7) Is there a role for parliaments of sending nations (parliamentary oversight) to guide and watch over mission integrity
- (8) Should specific governmental/intergovernmental bodies be created to watch over mission integrity?
- (9) Missions and Law. Should there be Mission specific Legislation - if so, what would it look like?
- (10) Prevailing narrative on- and empirical examples of how a lack of Integrity affects/affected delivery of military mission objectives.

The SSR WG invites contributions to this reflection process, based upon the aforementioned questions of relevance, until 30 June, 2018.

Cordially,

Philipp Fluri, Ph.D., Chair, SSR WG

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IUS CANADA CONFERENCE

Beyond Tokenism: How Diversity Can Strengthen The Armed Forces

The 2018 IUS Canada Conference will be held at the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa, Ontario from the October 19-21. The conference theme is on understanding how the Armed Forces can harness the potential of the diversity that exists across society. What are benefits of having a more diverse military – and what are the challenges of including those with different backgrounds, experiences, worldviews and values? Moving beyond how the military can attract more individuals from under-represented groups, how much difference is too much and, conversely, how much can or should the dominant military culture and prototype ideal service member evolve? IUS Canada 2018 will provide an opportunity to consider diversity from different perspectives and seeks to attract a range of scholarly work on the subject.

Papers aligned with the conference theme are eagerly solicited. Papers in all areas touching on defence and security in national and international contexts are also welcome. As per IUS Canada tradition, panel submissions (3-4 papers) are very welcome, and every effort will be made to group individually submitted papers into relevant panels. Submissions from graduate students who wish to be considered for the Frank Pinch Award for best Graduate Student Paper should be clearly identified as such.

DEADLINE: Proposals (250 words abstracts, complete contact information for presenting authors) must be received no later than June 30, 2018. Selection decisions will be communicated to presenting authors on or before August 1, 2018. Final papers must be received by the programme chair (Dr. Sarah Hill; sarah.hill@rmc.ca) on or before 5 October, 2018 or they may be dropped from the conference agenda.

SUBMISSIONS: All submissions must be made using our on-line system (<http://www.cimvhr.ca/iuscan/iuscfa.php>). Email submissions to the programme chair will NOT be considered.

Unfortunately, ongoing fiscal realities mean that IUS Canada is not in a position to subsidize travel or accommodation again this year. We are making every effort to maintain the low cost of the conference, however, to facilitate maximum participation. Registration details are currently being finalized, and information will be posted on this site as soon as it becomes available (estimated publication window – the latter half of June).

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TESTING ASSOCIATION

IMTA 2018: Invitation and Call for Papers

Kingston, Ontario Canada from the 15-19 October 2018.

We expect that the theme for the 2018 IMTA conference, “Leading during Times of Uncertainty” will provide a foundation for many exciting and stimulating papers.

This year's conference will include the usual track presentations on occupational analysis, recruitment/retention, selection/classification, cognitive and non-cognitive assessment, strategic



personnel management, organizational behaviour, leadership, and military operations. We invite you to submit a symposium consisting of up to five papers, or individual papers, which will be assigned to a symposium based on a common theme.

Deadline for submissions: 1 Aug 2018.

Drs Allister MacIntyre and Daniel Lagace-Roy

Chairs: IMTA 2018 Organizing Committee

ELECTION RESULTS: YOUR ISA RC01 EXECUTIVE 2018-2022

Thanks to past-president Gerhard Kümmel for serving on the nominating committee and for orchestrating the elections, which generated a roster of not just exceptional calibre, but also pretty good gender equity as well as representation across regions, countries, disciplines, and subspecialties. To underscore my point, I felt it appropriate to introduce the incoming executive with their bio sketches. Unfortunately, electoral participation was not even 27%. At the business meeting I hope to discuss how we might increase turnout for elections in four years' time.

President:

Lindy Heinecken was formerly a researcher and Deputy Director of the Centre for Military Studies (CEMIS) at the South African Military Academy. She now serves as Professor of Sociology at Stellenbosch University, South Africa where she lectures in political and industrial sociology. The main focus of her research is in the domain of armed forces and society where she has published widely on a range of issues including gender integration, civil-military relations, military unionism, HIV/AIDS and security and more recently on the impact of private security on the military profession. She holds a Doctorate from the Department of War Studies, Kings College, University of London. She serves on the Council of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (USA) and the International Sociological Association's (ISA) Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution Research Group and is a B-rated National Research Foundation researcher.

Vice Presidents:

Helena Carreiras is an Associate Professor of Sociology, Public Policy and Research Methodology at ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL), and a senior researcher at the Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology (CIES- IUL). Presently she is the dean of the School of Sociology and Public Policy of ISCTE-IUL and the president of the European Association ERGOMAS (European Research Group on Armed Forces and Society). She holds a PhD in Social and Political Sciences from the European University Institute (Florence). Between 2010 and 2012 she was deputy-director of the Portuguese National Defence Institute and in 2014 she was Visiting Professor at the University of Georgetown (Department of Government). Her research interests are in gender and society, armed forces, civil-military relations, security and defence public policies and qualitative research methodology. Her work has focused on gender integration in military institutions and gender aspects of international security. She is the co-editor of *Researching the Military* (Routledge, 2016, with Celso Castro and Sabina Frederic), *Qualitative Methods in Military Studies* (Routledge, 2013, with Celso Castro) and *Women in the Military and in Armed Conflict*, (Vs Verlag, 2008, with Gerhard Kuemmel), and the author of



Gender and the Military. Women in the Armed Forces of Western Democracies (London, Routledge, 2006).

Celso Castro was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1963. He is Professor and current Dean of the School of Social Sciences at Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV CPDOC, Brazil). Dr. Castro has a PhD in Social Anthropology and is the author of several books on the military, including *Qualitative Methods in Military Studies* (Routledge, 2013) and *Researching the Military* (Routledge, 2016). He teaches in graduate and undergraduate courses at FGV and is the director of a series of books of Social Sciences for Zahar editors. During his academic career, he was member of the Executive Committee of the Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA, 2004-2008) and Visiting Scholar at the Universities of Oxford (2000), Grenoble (2009) e El Colegio de México (2010). He was the host of the Meeting of RC01 in Rio de Janeiro, 2016.

Tibor Szvircesev Tresch holds the Chair in Military Sociology at the Military Academy at ETH Zurich since 2008. Born in Zug, Switzerland, in 1967, he studied sociology, political science and criminology at the University of Zurich. In 2005 Szvircesev Tresch earned a doctorate from the University of Zurich with his PhD thesis "Europe's armed forces in times of change: From the conscript army to all-volunteer forces. An empirical study of European armed forces 1975 – 2003". From 2002 to 2006 he was a research assistant working for the Chair in Military Sociology. He then worked as a senior research fellow at the NATO Defence College in Rome from August 2006 till August 2007. From September 2007 till July 2008 he was a senior research fellow working for the Directorate for Security Policy and conducted the research project "Challenges regarding the recruitment of military professional personnel in Europe: Lessons learned for Switzerland" at the Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich. From 2008 till 2012 he was the Secretary of the European Research Group on Military & Society (ERGOMAS) and since 2008 he is the Working Group Coordinator of the working group "Recruitment & Retention" of ERGOMAS and since 2010 a Board Member of the Research Committee 01 of the International Sociological Association (ISA-RC01) and since 2014 till 2018 also Vice President of ISA-RC01. Until end of 2014 he was a specialist officer of the Swiss Armed Forces in the rank of captain and served in the Psychological and Pedagogical Service.

Executive Secretary:

Uroš Svete works at Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, as Associate Professor of Defence Studies. Teaching several undergraduate (Informatization and contemporary armed forces, Contemporary defence and military technology, Security in the information society) and graduate courses (Information Technology and National Security, Cyber Security) and leading research projects (e.g. - national granted project Modelling of Comprehensive all-hazards crisis response for Slovenian Civil Protection and Disaster Relief). He is an all-round professional in the fields of defence and security studies. He is national representative in NATO Exploratory Team on Retention. Since 2008 he has been working as Executive Secretary of ISA RC01, in 2012 he was the host of the Interim Meeting of RC01 in Maribor. He is available at social networks: Twitter (@worldeu), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/uros.svete.90>) and LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/uroš-svete-7b584949>)

Executive Committee:

Eyal Ben-Ari was professor of Social Anthropology at the Hebrew University and is now Director of the Kinneret Institute for Society, Security and Peace in Kinneret Academic College Galilee. He has carried out research in Japan, Israel, Singapore and Hong Kong on white collar communities, early childhood, business expatriates, and the militaries of the industrial democracies. Among his authored books are Mastering Soldiers (1998), (with Zev Lehrer, Uzi Ben-Shalom and Ariel Vainer Rethinking the Sociology of Combat: (2008) and (2018) Japanese Encounters: The Structure and Dynamics of Cultural Frames. Among his edited books are (with Kobi Michael and David Kellen) The Transformation of the World of Warfare and Peace Support Operations (2009), (with Erella Grassiani) State/Violence (2011) and (with Jessica Glicken Turnley and Kobi Michael) (2017) Social Science and Special Operations Forces.

Kathryn M. Fisher is an Associate Professor at National Defense University with their College of International Security Affairs Joint Special Operations Master of Arts Program based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, USA. In addition to prioritizing teaching and student advising, her research is located primarily around intersections of security, identity, and insecurity. This includes the book Security, Identity, and British Counterterrorism Policy (Palgrave Macmillan 2015), chapter on temporality, counterterrorism, and foreign fighters (Oxford University Press 2019), collaborative paper on the militarisation of migrants (EISA 2018), and working manuscript on the spatial and temporal dimensions of food, identity, and border (in)security comparing US-Mexico and Ireland-Northern Ireland boundary sites. She holds a PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science, MA in International Affairs from American University, and BA in Geography and French from the University of Colorado.

Irina Goldenberg has served on the board of RC01 since 2014, contributing in a variety of ways, perhaps most notably in forging a publication agreement to stand up a defence series with Springer publishers. In her 'day job' she leads the extensive program of research on military recruitment and retention in the Canadian Armed Forces, in the Director General Military Research and Analysis organization, where she has been employed for the past 14 years. Since 2013 she has been the Secretary General of the European Research Group on Military and Society (ERGOMAS), an international multidisciplinary organization that collaborates on research and dissemination across the diverse research domains of its 13 working groups. She stood up and co-chaired a 4-year NATO Research Task Group of 15 national representatives that concluded in winter of 2017; this spring she stood up and will co-chair a NATO Exploratory Team on retention in the armed forces and is co-ordinating (with UK and Sweden) an upcoming NATO Advanced Research Workshop on the Reserves. She has collaborated frequently on a variety of research and publication initiatives and serves on the editorial board of *Armed Forces and Society* and as an ERGOMAS editor for *Res Militaris: European Journal on Military and Society*.

During the last year at the Doctoral School (2011) **Oleg Ivanov** started my work at the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine. Actually it was accidental: one official from there searched for a qualified male professional sociologist and came to our dean who recommended me. I liked the work there, it was interesting for me. I was the only expert in sociology among the officers trained mainly in history and philosophy. So all current methodological base for the research of the officers and non-commissioned officers (NCOs) was developed by me. The problem was



that I simply extrapolated my civil research experience to the military. I had no chance to get any special theoretical and methodological training in the field. I lived this work after 2,5 years due to the lack of development.

Now military sociology is practically non-existent in academic sphere in Ukraine. The last military sociologist was graduated from National academy of Defence of Ukraine in 2005. Then this specialty was abandoned. Actually when it existed it also was not so good, because teaching stuff consists of only historians and philosophers, who taught with the use of Soviet and Russian textbooks.

Today the Armed Forces of Ukraine (AFU) are the only state army which openly takes part in combat in Europe. After the war in Donbass region broke out the AFU transformed both quantitatively and qualitatively: it increased to almost 300,000 active personnel and changes its marginal status in Ukrainian society. That is why we cannot but consider social problems of AFU and their possible implications on its ability to ensure security in the region. I hope my research experience with international team of military social scientists would be helpful for the development of the Sociological Center of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

René Moelker (Rotterdam, 1960) holds a Ph.D. from the Erasmus University Rotterdam (1992). From 1992 – 1994 Moelker worked at the Naval Academy as assistant professor. Since 1994 he lectures at the Netherlands Defense Academy where he is associate professor of sociology (from 2001). His work in military sociology concentrates on the sociology of military families, military technology, military profession, international co-operation, the military sociology of Norbert Elias, military education, conflict in Chechnya and media. With Stephen Mennell he edited Norbert Elias's *The Genesis of the Naval Profession* (2007, Dublin: UCD press). He published o.a. in the *British Journal of Sociology* and in *Armed Forces and Society* (amongst others on military families and the Dutch Approach). Co-edited books '*Krijgsmacht en Samenleving*' (*Armed Forces and Society*), *Blurring of Military and Police Roles* and *J.A.A. van Doorn en de Nederlandse Sociologie* were published in 2009 and 2010 (Amsterdam: Boom). A present ethnographic project compares veteran culture in the USA with veteran culture in the Netherlands. A book on military families (Routledge, 2015) studies social support from an international perspective. He was acting president of the European Research Group on Military and Society from 2009-2011. From 2011 he is secretary of this above-mentioned Research Group. Presently he is treasurer. He is on the editorial board of *Armed Forces and Society* and *Res Militares*. At the 2017 Inter University Seminar Biennial Conference René Moelker was awarded the prestigious Morris Janowitz Career Award.

Fabiana Pierre is originally from Brazil, where she did her undergrad in International Relations. This is where she started to study gender and international relations, more precisely, the women's movement in international arena. After that, she moved to Chile to do a Masters in Political Science and International Relations (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile) and her Doctorate in Social Sciences (Universidad de Chile) where she worked on the participation of Chilean women in peacekeeping missions. She was also a research fellow at the Global (In)Security Center at University of Bristol for 6 months, where I was able to interact and exchange experiences with great academics such as Dr. Paul Higate, Dr. Marsha Henry and Dr. Jutta Weldes, among others. She is finishing a book on key actors in implementing gender perspective in peace missions and is currently working at the Ministry of Women and Gender Equality.

Delphine Resteigne is Associate Professor at the Chair of Sociology of the Royal Military Academy in Brussels and at the University of Mons (Belgium). She has worked on the daily life of military personnel in operations; her work relates to various aspects of multinational deployments, including working and living conditions, managerial issues, and cooperation within

culturally complex contexts. More recently, she has undertaken several researches about gender diversity in organizations, social and cultural dimensions in operations and about the use of Special Operations Forces for contemporary conflicts.

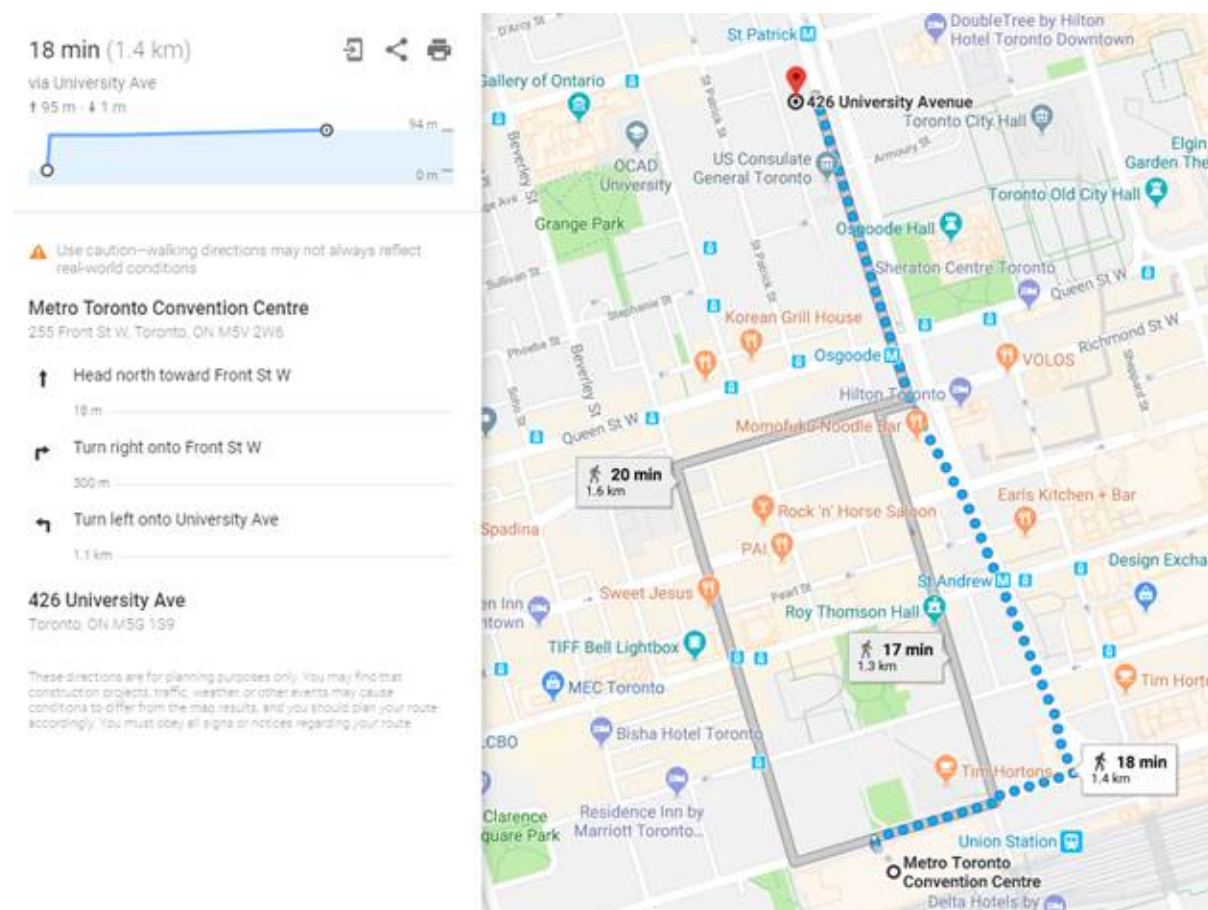
APPENDIX A: LOCATION OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

Location: Royal Canadian Military Institute, 426 University Avenue (near the intersection of University and Dundas), downtown Toronto

Subway station: St. George

Directions from the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (the ISA World Congress venue): Exit on to Front St, walk Eastbound towards University and then North on University towards Dundas, as per the map below.

Time: 7-10PM, business meeting at 7:45PM, reception immediately following





APPENDIX B: LOCATION OF THE CANADIAN FORCES COLLEGE

The Canadian Forces College is located on the north-east corner of Yonge Boulevard and Wilson Avenue in the residential area of Armour Heights in North York, as shown on this [map](#).

When travelling by subway, the College is accessible by bus from the York Mills station on the Yonge Street line. The bus platforms are located at the north end of the subway station, accessed without exiting the turnstiles. Westbound bus routes 96 and 165 stop on Wilson Avenue at Yonge Boulevard, while the stop for buses 97A and 97D is on Yonge Boulevard, just south of Wilson Avenue. The [TTC Trip Planner](#) is helpful for newcomers to Toronto.

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We hope that you enjoyed reading this issue of RC 01's newsletter.

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