

ERGOMAS
Working Group: The Military Profession
Turin, February 5- 8th
Call for Papers

Armed Forces and Operations in Asymmetric Warfare Environments

The ERGOMAS working group (WG) on "The Military Profession" announces a call for papers for a special workshop on the theme, *Armed Forces and Operations in Asymmetric Warfare Environments*, to be held in Turin in 5th to 8th February

The use of the military in environments of asymmetric war has always been more prevalent in recent years and this has certainly forced military professionals to face the challenge of new types of missions, missions that are different than those for which the formative period prepared them. In this framework and for the practical purpose to draw lessons from the experience gained in the field, the WG has launched the field research "Officer and Commander", whose features can be read on the last ERGOMAS Newsletter, or on the ERGOMAS website.

The Turin conference has a twofold purpose. First, to provide an **interim meeting** of the working group "The Military Profession," in order to take stock of the first results of the research quoted above that the group is now carrying on. The second is to offer the opportunity to all members of ERGOMAS and to other interested scholars, to come together and discuss a more general topic of great relevance today.

Papers in all areas touching on the general theme of the conference in national and international contexts are solicited. Given the breadth of this theme, panel submissions (groups of 3-4 papers on a similar theme) are enthusiastically solicited. Every effort will be made to group papers into relevant panels, so individual paper submissions are also welcome.

In relation to the general theme of the workshop, the following topics would be of particular interest (without wishing to restrict other proposals):

1. Aspects and problems of acceptance of death in action.
2. Diversity and cultural issues in multinational co-operations.
3. The military's functional or dysfunctional role in the international humanitarian intervention and state-building.
4. Impacts of asymmetric conflicts on military professional expertise, cohesion, representativeness and legitimacy.
5. Theoretical and practical aspects of military leadership.

Proposals (250 word abstracts, complete contact information for presenting authors) must be **received no later than December 15th, 2014**. Selection decisions will be communicated to presenting authors on or before January 10th 2015. For this purpose or for other details please write to Professor Marina Nuciari (marina.nuciari@unito.it) **and** to me (gcaforio@fastwebnet.it)

Programme

The workshop programme is broadly as follows:

Thursday February 5th Arrival day, 18.00 registration and reception;

Friday 6th morning 9.30 Opening session and panels all day long, 8 pm Social Dinner,
Saturday 7th morning eventual panels left, at the end business meeting
Saturday afternoon touristic sightseeing
Sunday 8th Departure day.

Logistics

To facilitate participation in the conference, there will be no registration fees and we tried to find accommodation facilities as cheap as possible.

Three stars hotels

- Cairo Hotel
Via La Loggia, 6 Torino
011.3171555 – paola.masci@hotelcairo.it (S. 60 – D. 80) (- 10% If the reservation is made online)
- Hotel Lancaster
Corso Turati, 8
011.5681982 – hotel.lancaster.it (S. 75 – D. 99)

Bed & Breakfast:

- Bed & Breakfast “Le Magnolie”
Corso Turati, 13
011.505881 – tremagnolie@yahoo.it (S. 50 – D. 70)
- Bed & Breakfast “Ai Savoia”
Via del Carmine 1/h
+39 339 1257711 – www.aisavoia.it (S. 75 – D. 97)

Prices are in euros, breakfast included. S. for single, D. for double room
Meals during the workshop are offered by the organisation

Conference Location: University of Torino
School of Management and Economics
Corso Unione Sovietica 218bis, 10134 Torino Italy

The WG Coordinator

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