

# RUSI Land Warfare Conference 2019

## Securing Competitive Advantage

**Day One: Tuesday 4 June 2019**

0800-0900 Registration

0900	<b>Session One: CGS's Introductory Remarks</b>
Chair	<b>Dr Karin von Hippel:</b> Director General – RUSI <b>General Sir Mark Carleton-Smith, KCB, CBE, ADC Gen:</b> CGS – British Army
0925	<b>Session Two: What does the arena for modern competition look like?</b> <i>Constant competition means confronting adversaries across a wider array of domains, in complex terrain, and in morally and legally innovative ways.</i>
Chair	<b>Lucy Fisher:</b> Defence Correspondent – <i>The Times</i> <b>Ewan Lawson:</b> Senior Research Fellow, Military Sciences - RUSI <b>LTG (Retd) Terry Wolff:</b> Director, Near East South Asia Center - NDU <b>Dr Ronen Bergman:</b> Author of <i>Rise and Kill First</i>
1030	Tea and Coffee
1100	<b>Session Three: How are Land Forces adapting for competition?</b> <i>Land Forces are reshaping their operational concepts, procurement priorities, training, and culture to adapt to this new era.</i>
Chair	<b>Dr Jack Watling:</b> Research Fellow, Land Warfare - RUSI <b>Giedrimas Jeglinskas:</b> Vice Minister of National Defence - Lithuania <b>Maj Gen Kathryn Toohey, AM, CSC:</b> Head of Land Capability – Australian Army <b>MG Charles Beaudouin:</b> Director of Capability – French Army
1205	<b>Session Four: How can armies modernise while remaining resilient?</b> <i>The most powerful systems are often exquisite and therefore neither scalable nor attritable. Moreover, introducing new equipment quickly can create unexpected vulnerabilities.</i>
Chair	<b>Prof Michael Clarke:</b> Distinguished Fellow – RUSI <b>Sharon Weinberger:</b> Author of <i>The Imagineers of War</i> <b>LTG (Retd) Alain Bouquin:</b> Defence Advisor - Thales <b>Brig (Retd) Iain Harrison, CBE:</b> Strategic Engagement Director - QinetiQ
1310	Lunch
1400	<b>Session Five: Fighting in denied and dangerous environments</b> <i>The proliferation of long-range precision standoff capabilities, and cover-agnostic high-lethality munitions is reshaping the way that armies must fight.</i>
Chair	<b>Lt Gen (Retd) Graeme Lamb, KBE, CMG, DSO</b> <b>LTG Eric Wesley:</b> DCG, Futures Command – US Army <b>BG Ori Gordin:</b> Chief of Staff, Ground Forces - IDF <b>Brig James Martin, DSO, MC, OBE:</b> Commander, 1 Armoured Infantry Brigade – British Army
1510	Tea and coffee
1550	<b>Session Six: Securing Information Advantage</b> <i>Information will shape public support for a war effort, the attitudes of populations in the battlespace, and the intelligence picture. How can we secure information advantage?</i>
Chair	<b>Dr Lynette Nusbacher:</b> CEO, Nusbacher Associates <b>Ed Williams:</b> CEO – Edelman UK <b>Konstantin von Eggert, MBE:</b> Baltic Correspondent - DW

**Dave Longmuir:** BD & Sales Manager FVEYS - L3 TRL Technology

1700 **Session Seven: Keynote Address**  
 Chair **Prof Malcolm Chalmers:** Deputy Director-General - RUSI  
**The Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt MP:** Secretary of State for Defence

1730 **Drinks Reception**

## Day Two: Wednesday 5 June 2019

0800-0900 Registration

0900 **Session Eight: Keynote Address**  
 Chair **Professor Peter Roberts:** Director Military Sciences – RUSI  
**LTG Mykhailo Vitaliyovych Zabrodskyi:** Commander – Ukrainian Airmobile Forces

0940 **Session Nine: Evolving Alliances**  
*How is NATO adapting to re-engage with peer level competitors? What does European Strategic Autonomy mean for the alliance, if it is viable? How have transactional alliances forged by Russia and China reshaped the way we think about power and influence?*  
 Chair **Shashank Joshi:** Defence Editor – *The Economist*  
**Ambassador Sarah MacIntosh, CMG:** UK Permanent Representative to NATO  
**Prof Anne Applebaum:** Director of ARENA – London School of Economics  
**Dr Barbara Kunz:** Research Fellow - CEFRA  
**Dr David Roberts,** King's College London

1100 Tea and coffee

1130 **Session Ten: Historians' Analysis of OVERLORD**  
*On the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Operation Overlord – and at a time when Land Forces are increasingly required to work across multiple domains – what lessons can be drawn from one of history's most complex, multination and multidimensional operations?*  
 Chair **Maj Gen (Retd) Mungo Melvin, CB, OBE**  
**Prof John Buckley:** Professor of Military History - University of Wolverhampton  
**Dr Matthias Strohn:** Head of Historical Analysis – CHACR  
**Prof Michael Goodman:** Official historian of the Joint Intelligence Committee

1250 Lunch

1340 **Session Eleven: The Disruptors**  
 In collaboration with *The Wavell Room* we will hear from a number of speakers delivering short pitches on disruptive ideas.  
 Chair **Major Kitty McKendrick:** 4 Armoured Close Support Squadron, REME – British Army  
**Steve -** 'You think you're disruptive, but you're not'  
**Emma -** Rethinking How and Who to Recruit: Disrupting Talent Management  
**Noel -** The Army's role in Civilian Resilience  
**Ryan -** 'I'm a soldier, not a warrior' the problem with the 'warrior ethos'  
**David Kilcullen -** Russian Liminal Warfare, from Crimea to Clinton

1500 Tea and coffee

1530 **Session Twelve: Innovation and Adaptability**  
*Having ideas is the easy part. Implementing them is the real challenge. How can innovation be effectively integrated into the force?*  
 Chair **Col James Cook, OBE:** British Army  
**Lt Col Alan Brown:** CO 101 Engineer Regiment – British Army

**Samuel Bendett:** Research Analyst - CNA

**Prof Nina Kollars:** Associate Professor – US Naval War College

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1700

**Conference Closes**