

Programme of the conference Irregular Warfare

18.–19. 6. 2024

Military History Institute Prague, Atrium of the Army Museum Žižkov, U Památníku 2, 130 05, Praha 3

DAY 1

8:30–17:30

8:30 Registration

9:00–9:15 Introduction

9:15–10:30 SESSION I

Legal perspective: where is the line between irregular warfare and terror, who is a combatant

Moderator: Mgr. Michal Cáp

Mgr. Vojtěch Šimák (VHÚ Praha): **From street brawls to political assassinations - the success of Italian fascist terrorism**

PhDr. Prokop Tomek, Ph.D. (VHÚ Praha): **Agents "walkers" as cold war fighters: an attempt at classification**

Mgr. Ondřej Crhák (Národní muzeum): **Foreign policy of the partisans: the Viet Cong as an international actor**

10:30–10:45 Break

10:45–11:35 SESSION II

Military thought: theoretical approach to the topic, international context and comparisons

Moderator: Mgr. Jan Vajskebr

pplk. JUDr. PhDr. Stanislav Polnar, Ph.D. et Ph.D. (Univerzita obrany): **Theories of war and guerrilla warfare in the context of Carl Schmitt's political philosophy**

PhDr. Vlasta Kordová (Filozofická fakulta Univerzity Jana Evangelisty Purkyně v Ústí nad Labem): **Theoretical definition of the term partisan in the context of World War II**

11:35–11:50 Break

11:50–13:00 SESSION III

Transformations: irregular warfare from the earliest times to the Cold War, in different places and contexts - earlier histories

Moderator: -

PhDr. Oto Mestek (Ústav světových dějin Filozofická fakulta Univerzita Karlova): **Bagaudae as a force of popular resistance at the turn of antiquity and the Middle Ages**

Mgr. David Radek, Ph.D. (Slezská univerzita v Opavě): **Irregular Warfare in the Middle Ages. On the example of the forgotten war for Siewierz**

Štefan Szalma, Ph.D. (Historický ústav Slovenská akadémia vied): **"For Your Highness knows that a soldier cannot be an angel..." Reasons and consequences of the armed actions of Ottoman and Hungarian soldiers in 1642-1664**

13:00–13:45 Lunch break

13:45–15:25 SESSION IV

Transformations: irregular warfare from the earliest times to the Cold War, in different places and contexts: 18th and 19th centuries

Moderator: Mgr. Michal Cáp

Dr. Ilya Berkovich Ph.D. (Institute of Habsburg and Balkan Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences): **Freikorps Grün Loudon and its Jewish Soldiers (1790–1798)**

Dr. Jacek Jędrzyak, Ph.D. (Instytut Historyczny Uniwersytetu Wrocławskiego): **“Small Wars” and Irregular Warfare as Elements of the Prussian Defence System in the East 1815–1848**

Prof. Lothar Höbelt: **“Austria amnestied.” The Strange Victory of the Boka Kotorska Irregulars in 1869/70**

Mgr. Zdeněk Munzar, BBus(Hons), DiS. (Vojenský historický ústav Praha): **Irregular Warfare and Volunteer Units in the Bohemian lands during the Coalition Wars against France**

15:25–15:40 Break

15:40–17:30 SESSION V

Transformations: irregular warfare from the earliest times to the Cold War, in different places and contexts: the 20th century

Moderator: Mgr. Petr Matějček

Mgr. Nikol Moravcová (Valašské muzeum v přírodě): **“A hungry fighter doesn’t last long.” Supplying the troops of the 1st Czechoslovak Partisan Brigade of Jan Žižka through the lens of the history of everyday life**

Mgr. Bc. Tomáš Řepa, Ph.D. (Univerzita obrany): **Magura 5 August 1947 – analysis and consequences of the clash in the irregular war**

Mgr. Tomáš Jakl (Vojenský historický ústav Praha): **Red Finns against Red Russians**

Michal Plavec (Národní technické muzeum): **The Slutsk Uprising. The struggle of the Belarusian People’s Republic against the Bolshevik occupation (October–December 1920)**

DAY 2

9:00–16:30

09:00–10:15 SESSION VI

Structures and methods: life underground, civilian involvement, specifics of weapons and equipment, material conditions, support and supply from home and abroad, victories and defeats

Moderator: PhDr. Prokop Tomek, Ph.D.

Mgr. Martin Posch, Ph.D. (Historický ústav Slovenská akadémia vied): **Cooperation between SOE and the Second Department of the Ministry of National Defence in London**

PhDr. Karel Straka, Ph.D. (Vojenský historický ústav Praha): **Sabotage and Terrorism as a Specific Part of the German Plan for the Invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1938**

Dr. Miloslav Půček, CSc. (Vojenský historický ústav Bratislava): **Preparation of Czechoslovak Military Intelligence for Hybrid Operations in the Main Areas of Interest (1960–1989)**

10:15–10:30 Break

10:30–12:10 SESSION VII

Reactions of the state apparatus: structures of the security apparatus, repression, consequences for the civilian population, perceptions of societies

Moderator: PhDr. Karel Straka, Ph.D.

Mgr. David Hubený, Ph.D. (Národní archiv): **Banditry as an instrument of irregular warfare? The fight against bandits in Subcarpathian Rus in the first half of the 1920s**

Mgr. Petr Kaňák, Ph.D. (Ministerstvo vnitra ČR): **Nazi preparations for waging anti-Partisan war in the rear of the Eastern Front**

Mgr. Eliška Poloprudská (Filozofická fakulta Univerzita Jana Evangelisty Purkyně v Ústí nad Labem): **The influence of SA members on the consolidation of NSDAP power and their repressive activities against the civilian population in the Sudetenland**

Mgr. Jan Šach (Vojenský historický ústav Praha): **Elements of irregular warfare in its early period and the defence of territory. Czechoslovakia, 1950s-1960s**

12:10–13:00 Lunch break

13:00–15:05 SESSION VIII

After the fight: political and social ambitions, former combatants in the service of the state, the army and the security apparatus, veterans' organizations and their celebrations

Moderator: PhDr. Daniel Povolný, Ph.D.

PaedDr. Jindřich Marek (Vojenský historický ústav Praha): **The Partisan Movement in the Czech Lands after World War II in the Context of Law 34/46 Coll.**

PhDr. Michal Schvarc, Ph.D. (Historický ústav Slovenská akadémia vied): **Members of the Waffen-SS from Slovakia and their prosecution after 1945**

Mgr. Pavel Mücke Ph.D. (Ústav pro soudobé dějiny Akademie věd ČR): **The hidden lives of Major Čáry or historical explorations between the lines of the memoirs of Karel Hora, veteran of (i)regular wars**

Mgr. Michal Cáp (Vojenský historický ústav Praha): **The relation between the concepts of the military preparedness and irregular warfare in Czechoslovakia after 1945**

Daniel Gargulák (Valašský odbojový spolek): **Memorial in Prlov through time**

15:05–15:20 Break

15:20–16:10 SESSION IX

The present and future of irregular warfare

Moderator: Mgr. David Pazdera

Mgr. David Jirásek (Fakulta sociálních studií Masarykovy univerzity): **Hybrid forms of warfare in the Russian-Ukrainian war**

PhDr. Petr Janoušek, Ph.D. (Vojenský historický ústav Praha): **From the Gulf to Afghanistan.**

Notes on the transformation of the operational environment of the CSA/ACR between 1990 and 2020

16:10 Concluding remarks



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