

# Armageddon: The Second World War in Comparative Perspective

Second World War Research Group Annual Conference, 13-14 June 2019  
City Campus, University of Wolverhampton.

## Day 1: Thursday 13 June

**0900-1000 - Registration** *Outside MC001 Lecture Theatre, Millennium City Building*

**1000-1015 - Opening Comments**

**1015-1145 - Panel Session**

### Panel A: Propaganda, Politics & Media in Wartime Britain

*Millennium City Building, MC001 Lecture Theatre*

Chair: tba

Stephen Badsey  
(University of Wolverhampton)

'British War Propaganda in Theory and Practice  
1899-1945

Grace Stephenson (University of  
Durham)

'War Reportage and the Civilian Experience of War: A  
Case Study of the British Newsreels of The Second  
World War'

Kit Kowol (King's College London)

'Britain in 1940: Comparing Left & Right'

### Panel B: Humanitarian Assistance

*Millennium City Building, MC406*

Chair: tba

Johannes-Dieter Steinert (University of  
Wolverhampton)

'British humanitarian assistance, the military and  
voluntary organisations'

Evelyn Price (University of Wolverhampton)

'The Friends Ambulance Unit: A Record of Goodwill'

Lisa Payne Ossian, (Des Moines Area  
Community College)

'The Children of the Children?: Herbert Hoover's  
Humanitarian Aid after both World Wars, 1919 &  
1946'

### Panel C: Alliances

*Millennium City Building, MC408*

Chair: tba

Zhaodong Wang (University of Edinburgh)

'Troubled Alliance 1941-1945: Sino-British Conflicts  
over Tibet during the Pacific War'

Daniel Lear (King's College London) "A Minor Trans-Tasman Crisis": New Zealand-Australian Relations 1938-39

Niall Barr (King's College London) 'Liaison 1914 and 1943'

**1145-1205 - Refreshments** *Outside MC001 Lecture Theatre, Millennium City Building*

**1205-1335 - Panel Session 2**

**Panel A: Resistance, the Holocaust and Forced Labour**

*Millennium City Building, MC001 Lecture Theatre*

Chair: tba

Jadwiga Biskupska (Sam Houston State University) 'Pawiak Prison: Nazi Persecution and the Formation of Polish Resistance'

Gilad Jaffe (independent scholar) 'Between a Rock and a Hard Place: The Jews and the British in Palestine, September 1939-November 1942'

Thomas Irmer (independent scholar) 'The German Electrical Industry and Forced Labor in World War I and II – The Example of AEG in Berlin'

Alina Nowobilaska (independent scholar) 'The First Mass Transport into Auschwitz and their Survival'

**Panel B: Empires, Nations and Race**

*Millennium City Building, MC406*

Chair: tba

Guy Bud (Cegesoma, Brussels) 'Rebuilding Europe's 'Severed Empires': Belgium, Colonial Governance in Exile and the Agency of Comparison'

Michelle Moffat (University of Otago) 'Second World War Scotland'

Francisco Cesar Alve Ferraz, (State University of Londrina) 'The nuisance mirror: race relations in the Brazilian and American Armies during World War II'

**Panel C: Roundtable: The Northwest Europe campaign, 1944-45, in comparative perspective**

*Millennium City Building, MC408*

Chair: tba

Jonathan Fennell (King's College London)

John Buckley (University of Wolverhampton)

Gary Sheffield (University of Wolverhampton)

**1335-1430 – Lunch**      *Millennium City Building, MC228*

**1430-1600 - Panel Session 3**

**Panel A: Motivations of Individuals and Groups**

*Millennium City Building, MC001 Lecture Theatre*

Chair: tba

Maximilian Heumann (Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich)

‘Social norms and individual forms of “outbreak”: The emotions of Wehrmacht soldiers in their war letters from Norway (1940-1945) and Italy (1943-1945)’

Bastiaan Willems  
(independent scholar)

‘The Summary Executions of 1945: Considering the fluidity between German Historicism and National Socialism’

Joseph Quinn (University College Dublin)

‘Why men from Irish Free State men joined the British Army’

**Panel B: India and Burma**

*Millennium City Building, MC406*

Chair: tba

Kevin Noles (University of Oxford)

‘“Trusted Men”: Post-war memory of a Japanese intelligence failure in India during World War Two’

Alan Malpass (Sheffield Hallam University)

‘Internment in India: enemy aliens and prisoners of war in the British Raj, 1939’

Aditya Kiran Kataki (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva)

‘Spectacles in the sky: weaponized technologies, global war and governance in the Indo-Burma (Myanmar) frontiers’

**Panel C: Smaller Powers at War**

*Millennium City Building, MC408*

Chair: tba

Pedro Ponte e Sousa (New University of Lisbon)

‘War as evidence of foreign policy change? The case of Portugal in the Spanish Civil War’

Mercedes Penalba-Sotorrio (Manchester Metropolitan University)

‘Spain at the crux of the two world wars: a history of continuities through German propaganda’

Jurica Barić (independent scholar)

‘One Army, Six Revolutions: Comparing the Early Revolutionary Events of the Yugoslav Partisan Movement’

**1600-1620 – Refreshments** *Outside MC001 Lecture Theatre, Millennium City Building*

**1620-1720 Keynote Address 1:** *Millennium City Building, MC001 Lecture Theatre*

Chair: tba

Jeremy Black (University of Exeter)

‘Contrasting the Two World Wars’

**1900 onwards – Conference Dinner and Drinks**

**Day 2: Friday 14 June - Refreshments from 0900-1000**

**1000-1100 - Keynote Address 2: *Millennium City Building, MC001 Lecture Theatre***

Chair: tba

Jenny Macleod (University of Hull) 'Looking Forward to the Centenary of the Second World War: Lessons from 2014-2018'

**1100-1300 - Panel Session 4**

**Panel A: The British Armed Forces *Millennium City Building, MC001 Lecture Theatre***

Chair: tba

John Greenacre (University of Suffolk) 'The Use of Britain's Fishing Fleet to Fill Capability Gaps during the Second World War'

Linda Parker (independent scholar) 'In This Sign Conquer - Change and continuity in the role of British army chaplains over a century, with particular reference to the Second World War'

William Franklin (University of Wolverhampton) 'Archibald Wavell in two world wars'

**Panel B: Staff Rides *Millennium City Building, MC414***

Chair: Christina Goulter (tbc)

Jeffery McGovern (US Air Force) 'Same Place at Different Times: Place, the Battle Staff Ride, and the Continuing Relevancy of the Second World War to Future Conflicts'

Mungo Melvin (British Army (ret'd)) 'Staff Rides from a Land perspective'

Jon Robb-Webb (King's College London) (tbc) 'Staff Rides from a Maritime perspective'

**Panel C: Motivation and combat effectiveness *Millennium City Building, MC415***

Chair: Jonathan Fennell (King's College London)

Dermot Rooney (King's College London) 'Tactical Psychology: low-level actions that cause enemy troops to run, hide and surrender'

Robert Watt (University of Birmingham) 'Combat Effectiveness of the Chihenne Apaches and "Buffalo Soldiers" 1879-1881'

Hélène Solot (EHESS, France) 'Social Scientists to Manage American Soldiers: Rethinking a WWII Innovation in the Early Cold War'

**1300-1345 – Lunch** *Millennium City Building, MC331*

**1345-1545 Panel Session 5** *Millennium City Building, MC001 Lecture Theatre*

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*Millennium City Building, MC001 Lecture Theatre*

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Jonathan Fennell (King's College London)

**1545 Closing Remarks** –*Millennium City Building, MC001 Lecture Theatre*