Military Ethics and Urban Warfare
10th Annual Conference
Berlin, Germany
18-20 May 2020

Call for Papers
Registration Form and Information Pack
Urban warfare is one of the most challenging types of warfare. Viewed from the perspective of command & control, it is difficult to manage. Viewed from the perspective of the laws of war, it is troublesome. Viewed from the perspective of humanitarian relief, it becomes near-impossible to bring either safety to the people, or, alternatively, to bring the people to safety. Seen from the perspective of human rights, no basic rights appear to exist, other than the law of the jungle. Neighbourhoods, streets and even houses can change hands several times in as many weeks. Killing becomes, almost inevitably, indiscriminate.

Frequently, urban warfare is asymmetric. It is a war of David versus Goliath, where the Davids of this world are able to reduce the military might of superpowers to a mediaeval type of warfare, almost literally. Urban warfare is also increasingly a propaganda war. It emphasises the collateral damage caused by one side, while non-sovereign fighters are firing RPG's at population centres, using the civilian population as a human shield. They fight with virtual disregard for the laws of war what regular soldiers usually do not. These characteristics encompass the quintessential challenge of the military commander in practically every battlefield today. This challenge is characterised as enormous. Even where urban wars are not asymmetric, the hallmarks of a more primitive type of warfare are usually still in evidence.

Once the fighting dies down and the appearance of victory of one side over the other looms, the problems continue. The first hours, days and weeks after a victory can be claimed, can be the most frightening for the civilian population. The old order has been defeated; the new order, still unknown, has yet to assert itself. Transgressions can be conducted with impunity. Basic services need to be re-established; a functioning municipal authority needs to be established; a minimum of security & order needs to be upheld. Law, order and justice are often absent.

Inevitably, a civil-military and humanitarian coordination effort faces its own challenges. Senior military personnel from within the allied coalition in Afghanistan, Iraq and other theatres are making the argument that warfare today is a 360° effort; the military mission can only succeed if it takes into account the humanitarian needs of the civilian population and coordinates with many other actors to allow the supply of humanitarian aid to be distributed not only in times of fighting but also during the immediate aftermath. To what extent does this ‘comprehensive approach’ fly in the face of humanitarian considerations of neutrality and independence?

At EuroISME’s 10th annual conference on “Urban warfare” the question will be what role military ethics, and the morally sensitive military, can play in order to alleviate the problems mentioned.
The conference will take place in Berlin on 18-20 May 2020.

Optionally, there will be a private guided tour of the Reichstag building during the afternoon of the 17th of May. This will followed by an informal reception.

The conference will be held at the Conference Center of the Federal Ministry of defence which is located in the Julius-Leber-Barracks of the German Armed Forces (JLK). The main entry is situated close to the Airport of Berlin TEGEL (TXL). The address for GPS-navigation is Kurt-Schumacher-Damm 41, 13405 Berlin–Wedding.

The JLK is nowadays the largest military facility of the Bundeswehr in the capital. But the history of the barracks in Berlin-Wedding is long. The first buildings dated from the end of the 19th century, when it was an airfield for dirigibles.

From 1936 until 1945, the barracks were continuously enlarged to harbour the Airmobile Division N° 1 “Hermann Göring”. In 1943, the facility was also the theatre of persecution of Jews: during the so-called “Fabrikaktion” - term for the roundup of Jews to be deported from Berlin – a hangar within the barracks was used to hold persons arrested before being sent to concentration camps.

During the opening session of our conference, we will evoke these grievous outrages against humanity and hold a commemorative silence in honour of the victims.

From August 1945 to 1994, the area served as the headquarters of the Allied Airport TEGEL and of the French Forces at Berlin and was called "Quartier Napoléon".

In 1995, when the Federal Armed Forces repossessed the compound after the re-unification and the withdrawal of the Allied Forces from Berlin, the barracks were renamed “Julius Leber Kaserne” in honour of the social democrat and active resistant against nazism, executed in January 1945.

With this “Call for Papers”, we encourage interested military officers, civilian academics, policy makers, cadets, midshipmen and civilian students to present a paper. Both accounts of professional experience and scientific analyses are welcome. We specifically encourage submissions on the following topics:

- What lessons can be learnt from historical examples to avoid unnecessary bloodshed?
- Are the basic tactics of urban warfare still the same as in 1945? Should military doctrine be re-written, particularly in view of topics such as: house-to-house combat, targeting procedures, the use of drones, etc?
- To what extent should weapons and weapons systems be re-designed by the arms industry?
- Can a siege of a city – basically a medieval tactic – still be considered a permissible tactic?
- Once the military has acquired control over the city, how should they deal with the immediate aftermath: the governance of the city, humanitarian supplies, maintenance of law & order, allowing children back to school, etc?
- How should one prepare one’s own personnel for the horrors they will witness?
- Can one avoid a day of reckoning and promote reconciliation?
- How should one deal with the remnants of the defeated army?
Deadline & Policy

Given the increasing number of submissions which EuroISME receives for its annual conferences, and also given limitations of time & space for presentations, our policy for submissions has been adapted.

The deadline for submissions remains February 1st, 2020; Submissions should be made through the electronic submissions form, which is available on this website. If this is not possible, submissions can also be sent to Ms. Ivana Gošić at admin@euroisme.eu. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

The following submissions are welcomed:

- **Professional submissions.** This concerns submissions of both the military (active or retired) or academics. The submissions are 850-1000 words (that is two or three pages) in length. These submissions need to give: 1) discuss the societal relevance of the proposed topic; 2) a definition of the research problem; and 3) a summary of conclusions. For academics, we appreciate a description of the research method. Professional submissions will be given a right of priority if the number of submissions received exceeds the number of time-slots available. The authors of these submissions are, of course, invited to submit the full version of their manuscript to the planned conference volume in EuroISME’s book series, after the conference. The volume will be published by Martinus Nijhoff.

- **Full panel submissions.** We define a panel session as a time-slot of 90 minutes. A panel has preferably 3, though a maximum of 4, presentations, to be followed by some 20 minutes for questions and answers. In practice, this implies that with three presentations, each presenter has 20 minutes (15 minutes with 4 presentations). A full panel submission will contain the submissions of each of the panellists plus the title of the full panel and the Point of Contact on behalf of that panel. A full panel submission should be made by means of a comprehensive email, which includes all the presentations which will be made in that panel. Preference will be given to panels where the panellists come from two or more countries. At request, EuroISME can assist in seeking a moderator or a presenter for a near-complete panel proposal. Here too, the authors are invited to publish with EuroISME’s book series.

- **Brief submissions.** Submissions of 250-350 words will be welcomed by the Programme Committee in much the same way as in previous years. If however, the number of submissions received is greater than the number of time-slots available, a preference will be given to professional submissions.

- **Student’s submissions for the poster session.** In pursuance of its success at EuroISME’s previous conference in Vienna, we specifically invite cadets, midshipmen and civilian students (Executive Masters or Academic Masters) to submit. This may concern: (1) a submission on a research which has been recently concluded, but also (2) on an on-going research, whereby the author would appreciate receive input from the audience, including experienced professionals. Thus we hope to stimulate the involvement of students in the study and application of military ethics. To this effect, the Programme Committee plans to organise a poster session during the conference. During this session, each selected student will receive 10 minutes to present his/her research to the plenary. Subsequently, each student will be offered a corner in the conference hall, where they can – literally with the poster which summarises their research – can engage interested members of the audience and solicit their advice.
Student’s submissions will be 250 words in length. Students are strongly encouraged to carry large a sheet of paper (perhaps from a flip-over; approx. size A2), plus crayons or markers in various colours available during the conference.

All submissions. must be made in the English language, unless specific prior agreement has been made with the chairman of the Programme Committee, Dr. Ted van Baarda. (director.tvbaarda@euroisme.eu)

All submissions must contain, at the top of the front page: the name, rank and title of the author(s), plus the institution to which they are affiliated, plus contact details. They should also state in which category of submission the author intends to fit.

Availability of the submissions before the conference

In contrast to previous conferences, we will make available all submissions in Dropbox so that all registered conference participants can have access to them beforehand.

Languages and translations

The main conference language will be English. However, we are in the process of making special arrangements in order to have simultaneous interpretation German-English and French-English for the plenary room (i.e. also for one panel in parallel sessions). If any authors of submissions wish to make use of such facilities, they should make this clear when they submit. Any power point slides of the authors however, should be in English!
Registeration Form EuroISME 2020 Annual Conference
“Military Ethics and Urban Warfare”
Julius Leber Kaserne
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Conference Registration
For security reasons, details of our group must be submitted to the Federal Armed Forces and parliamentary authorities by 21st of April so please do not delay.
All participants must complete a registration form. The submission of a paper for consideration and/or its acceptance is not sufficient for registration.

Family name: Rank / academic title:
First name:
Organization / institution:
Professional address:
Telephone(s) (please include country code):
Landline: Mobile:
E-mail:
Birthday:
Passport number: Expiry date:
Nationality:

Conference Dinner
I would like to attend the conference dinner on Monday 18 May Yes/No
I would like to bring (a) guest(s) to the conference dinner. Number: ……..
Please give guests details here:
Title: .................................. First name..................................Family name..........................

Please note:
All guest meals should be reserved when registering for the conference.
The cost for each guest is € 80

Dietary requirements
If you have a dietary requirement please give details here.
Please be specific. For example, if you are vegetarian, please let us know whether you eat fish and/or dairy. If you are bringing a guest to the conference dinner or welcome reception, please remember to also specify their dietary requirements.
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Visit to the Bundestag and Reichstag Building
If you wish to participate in the guided tour to the Bundestag on 17 may at 17h30 please indicate clearly here: Yes / No Language: German or English

If you wish to bring (a) guest(s) with you on the visit, please indicate here:
First Name(s)............... Family Name(s)............... Birthday(s): ..................
The conference fees are:
- 290 euros conference fees for non-members, dinner included
- 280 euros conference fees for membership 2020 and dinner included
- 240 euros for conference only, without membership and/or dinner.
- 80 euros for dinner guests

The fees include:
- Attendance at all conference sessions and panel discussions
- The conference dinner on Monday 18 May
- A welcome reception on the evening of 17 May
- Lunches and light refreshments during the conference

Annual EuroISME membership costs 40 €.

Sign up or renew your existing membership, and save 10 € on the combined cost of membership and conference registration.

*I wish to renew my membership and have added the annual membership fee to my conference payment.

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*I do not wish to become a member.

*Please delete the statements that do not apply.

If you live inside the Eurozone, please pay your conference and/or membership fees by direct transfer (SEPA) to the following bank account:
Name: Euro-ISME Association
Bank: Société Générale
IBAN: FR76 3000 3017 2000 0372 6072 203  BIC/SWIFT: SOGEFRPP

Reference for your payment should be ‘Your family name-BER20’.

If you live outside the Eurozone, you can pay using PayPal, by following the link on the 2020 conference page on our website. These payment methods allow us to minimise bank charges and to keep our conference fee as low as possible.

Please indicate below whether you have paid by:

Bank Transfer or PayPal

Please send your completed form by email to arrive before 21 April 2020 to: Ivana Gošić at: admin@euroisme.eu

Data protection
By submitting your registration form you agree that your data are stored electronically for conference administration and security. You also agree that photographs of your participation can be posted to our website and other social media.
Practical information

尸 Travel to Berlin

Arriving by air International flights arrive at Tegel (TXL) and Schoenefeld (SXF) airports.

Planning your arrival from the airport(s) to the Julius Kleber Kaserne

To and from Tegel airport
To and from Schoenefeld airport

Terminal maps for Tegel and Schoenefeld airports

Travel within Berlin

Berlin has a very developed public transport system.
Further details can be found at: https://www.berlin.de/en/public-transportation/

Conference venue

By kind permission of the Commandant and the German Ministry of Defence, the conference will take place at the Julius Leber Kaserne, Berlin.

The postal address of the Kaserne is Kurt-Schumacher-Damm 41, 13405 Berlin, Germany.

The location of the Kaserne on Google maps

Conference Working Language

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Chatham House Rule

The conference will be held under the Chatham House rule. The only exceptions are the formal opening and closing addresses and the prize ceremony at the conference dinner.

The Rule states that:

‘When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.’

In addition, no part the conference may be recorded (sound and/or vision) without the written permission of the presenter and the executive directors.
Accommodation

There are many hotels in and around Berlin from the opulent to the modest.
Real time availabilities and prices can be identified via a number of websites (Booking.com, Tripadvisor, Expedia etc). The Berlin convention bureau also has a good interactive map which shows hotel locations: https://www.convention.visitberlin.de/en/service-event-planning

Recommended Hotel

We recommend the “Victor’s Residenz-Hotel Berlin-Tegel” which is located at the Holländerstraße 31 in 13407 Berlin

The hotel can be accessed easily by bus (line 128) from the airport, while the same bus will also bring you to the conference venue. We have been able to negotiate a special group rate for participants for a limited number of rooms. If you book before 17.02.2020 with the booking code EuroISME 2020 you will be eligible for this rate.

Visa

Germany is a member of the Schengen Area. Conference participants from outside the Schengen Area who need a formal invitation from EuroISME in order to apply for a visa, are advised to contact Ms. Ivana Gošić.

Given the fact that the application for a visa may take a considerable amount of time, participants are advised to ask for a formal invitation from EuroISME no later than 4 weeks in advance.

Information package and joining instructions

When the dates of the conference draw nearer, all registered conference participants will receive an information package plus joining instructions. This will include information concerning the visit to the Reichstag as well as the reception, both of which will take place on the late Sunday afternoon and same evening, May 17th.

Conference dinner

The conference dinner and prize ceremony for the Euro-ISME 2020 Ethics Prize will be held on Monday, May 18th at the Mix.

Address: Aroser Allee 80, 13407 Berlin  ➤ Location of the event on Google maps

Telephone: +49 30 45797-480

The Mix is easily recognizable; it is a red brick former paper factory, adjacent to the Victor’s Residenz Hotel Tegel.
You are most welcome to bring a guest to the conference dinner, but please note that the cost for this will be 80 € for each guest, which should be paid at the same time as your conference fee.

The cost for dinner includes a welcome drink, a three-course meal with coffee and wine or soft drinks with the meal.

**Travel funding**

EuroISME has a limited budget available to assist persons who wish to participate at one of our conferences, but who do not have the financial means to do so. The criteria for consideration for funding are set out here:


Since our budget is limited, the fact that an applicant meets all the criteria does not mean that financial support will be granted.

**All applications for travel funding must be made before the deadline for submissions expires: 1 February 2020.**

Applicants will be informed of the decision by EuroISME whether their application has been accepted.
EURO-ISME APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

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Wish to apply for or to renew individual membership of the International Society for Military Ethics in Europe
(Registered in France in accordance with the Law of 1901)

Address of the registered office :

2, Chemin Poisson, 44100 Nantes, France

Annual Membership fees

Junior/Student Members (under 25 years or unemployed): €20, 00
Full Individual Membership € 40, 00
For further details see Chapter III / Article 7 of the Euro-ISME statutes at

Signed at,

Signature........................................, Date.............................................

Please send this application to the secretariat and remit the membership fee to Euro-ISME’s bank account (both shown below).

A membership certificate will be sent immediately after your accreditation by the Board of Directors

Euro-ISME
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