

The Ethics of **Urban Warfare**

The 10th EuroISME Annual Conference 2021 3rd, 10th, 17th of June | online

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DAY 1: THURSDAY, JUNE 3RD 2021



NETWORKING

13:00-14:15

WELCOME by EuroISME

• Informal meet & greet

OPENING PLENARY

• Possibility to visit the Expo room

14:15-15:00

CEREMONIAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

- Opening by Air Cdre. (ret) John Thomas, EuroISME President (UK)
- Inaugural address by by Col.(ret.) Prof.Dr. Boris N. Kashnikov, EuroISME BoD (Russia)



Short Break | possibility for virtual networking



HIGH-PROFILE DIALOGUE | Q&A

15:15-16:15

THE ETHICAL ASPECTS OF PEACE ENFORCEMENT

Chair: Col. (ret) Manfred Rosenberger, EuroISME BoD (Germany)

- Brigadier Gen. Tilo Maedler, Head of Subdivision "Armed Forces Command", Federal MoD (Germany)
- Eva Svoboda, Deputy Director of International Law and Policy, ICRC (Switzerland)
- Col. Pierre Santoni, Team leader for Experimental Research and Professional Training, French Armed Forces (France)



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#1 PANEL DISCUSSION | Q&A

THE USE OF ROBOTICS AND AI IN AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT (I)

Chair: Dr. Marie-des-Neiges Ruffo de Calabre, University of Namur (Belgium)

- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deane-Peter Baker (Australia): Can robotics save the city? Ethics, urban warfare and autonomous weapons
- Olivier Kempf PhD (France): Robots terrestres combat urbain: Quelle dimension éthique? • Dr. Patrick Smith (USA/The Netherlands): Lethal autonomous weapons systems as a counter-insurgency tool

#2 PANEL DISCUSSION | Q&A

16:30-17:30

CONCEPTUAL ISSUES

- Chair: Dr. Marina Miron (Spain) • Lt. Col. (ret) Tim Lupfer (USA): Cities are a symbol – and a target. Urban warfare is no longer a specialty – it will now be the norm
- 1st Lt. (ret) Prof. Dr. Brien Hallett (USA): Before ethics, definition



#3 PANEL DISCUSSION | Q&A

APPLIED ETHICAL CHALLENGES

Chair: Dr. Andrea Ellner (UK)

- Prof. Dr. David Whetham (UK; EuroISME BoD) & Dr. Mohammed Metwally (Egypt): Ethics training tool for crisis and military medicine
- **Dr. Deanna Messervey** (Canada): The ethical risk checklist: Identifying and preventing ethical risk
- Dr. Graham Parsons (USA): Reflections on the ethics and strategy of allied terror bombing in World War II



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#4 WAR GAME & PANEL DISCUSSION

DEVELOPING AND TESTING VR SIMULATION FOR URBAN WARFARE

Chair: Dr. Ioanna Lekea (Greece)

- Dr. Panagiotis Karampelas (Greece)
- **Dimitrios Lappas** (Greece)
- Cpt. (Armd) Savvas Papasavvas PhDc (Cyprus)
- Gustavs Macs (Latvia)

19:00-20:00



#5 PANEL DISCUSSION | Q&A

SIEGES OF A CITY

Chair: Dr. Florian Demont (Switzerland)

- **Dr. Dragan Stanar** (Serbia; EuroISME BoD): City sieges and [the] distribution of responsibility: the case of Serajewo
- Maciek Zając, MA (Poland): Preventing another Mosul; drones and autonomous weapons as the solution to the tragedy of modern siege
- Col. (ret) Prof. Dr. Boris N. Kashnikov (Russia; EuroISME BoD): The recent Russian experience of humanitarian costs of urban warfare. From Chechnya to Syria



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KEYNOTE | Q&A

20:00-20:45

THE HUMANITARIAN CHALLENGE OF URBAN WARFARE Chair: LtCol (Res.) Dr. Daniel Beaudoin, EuroISME Executive Director (Israel)

Speech by Dr. Hugo Slim, Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute of Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict at the University of Oxford (UK)



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DAY 2: THURSDAY, JUNE 10TH 2021

12:00-13:00

13:00-14:00

14:00-15:00

INFORMAL MEET & GREET

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SPECIAL PANEL

CONTEMPORARY IHL CHALLENGES: PROTECTING CIVILIANS

AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF HOSTILITIES DURING URBAN WARFARE Chair: Col. (ret) Prof. Dr. Boris N. Kashnikov (Russia, EuroISME BoD)

- Maj. (ret). Abby Zeith, Legal Advisor, ICRC (Australia): Contemporary IHL challenges: Protecting civilians against the effects of hostilities during urban warfare • Col. (ret) Stephen Kilpatrick, Unit for Relations with Arms Carriers, ICRC (Switzerland): Reducing Civilian Harm in Urban
- Warfare Guidance for Military Commanders

#6 PANEL DISCUSSION | Q&A

NARRATIVES AND URBAN WARFARE

Chair: Liezl Groenewald (Republic of South Africa)

- Capt. (ret) Dr. Tom Clonan (Republic of Ireland): Operation grapes of wrath a personal and ethical reflection • **Dr. Patrick Mileham** (UK): Chaos and the battle of narratives in urban warfare?
- Anastasia Ugleva PhD (Russia): The war in the post-truth era. Anti(trans)humanistic consequences of the digital and
- information revolution

#7 PANEL DISCUSSION | Q&A

DEALING WITH TERRORISTS (I)

Chair: Prof.Dr. Jean-François Caron (Kazachstan)

- Dr. Arseniy Kumankov (Russia): Why should we negotiate with terrorists? • **Dr. Yvonne Chiu** (USA): Contemporary terrorism and the ethic of cooperation in warfare
- #8 PANEL DISCUSSION | Q&A

DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN URBAN WARFARE AND RURAL WARFARE

Chair: Dr. Mohammed Metwally (Egypt)

- Col. Dr. James Cook (USA): The ethics of rural-urban warfare
- **Prof. Dr. Patricia Glazebrook** (USA): The fate of the Banyamulenge in a world of failed humanitarian diplomacy • 1st Lt. (ret) Prof. Dr. Brien Hallett (USA): Urban warfare: Then – Tét 1968 – and now

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#9 PANEL DISCUSSION | Q&A

OPERATIONAL ISSUES, ETHICS AND IHL Chair: Capt. (ret) Dr. Tom Clonan (Rep. of Ireland)

- Dr. Charles Knight & Dr. Seamus Miller (Australia): The ethics of eviction agents versus bombardment in urban warfare: context for the drone debate • Col. Oleg Gushchyn (Ukraine): Armed conflict and crisis in Ukraine: Impact, challenges and response
- Maj. Hunter Cantrell (USA): Autonomous Weapons Systems and the Claim-rights of Innocents

OPERATIONAL ISSUES BELOW THE THRESHOLD OF THE

#10 PANEL DISCUSSION | Q&A

APPLICABILITY OF IHL Chair: Dr. Dragan Stanar, EuroISME BoD (Serbia)

15:10-16:10

• **Prof. Dr. Ibanga Ikpe** (Botswana): *Ethics of urban warfare and the dynamics of a military surrender* • Dr. Andrea Ellner (UK): Gendered ethics, urban warfare and occupation. Lessons for today from the Allied approach to

- *Germany 1945-1955* • Dr. Magdalena M. Baran (Poland): Reconciliation as a tool of ius post bellum

(IM)MORAL BEHAVIOUR

#11 PANEL DISCUSSION | Q&A

Chair: Dr. Asta Maskaliūnaitė (Estonia)

#12 PANEL DISCUSSION | Q&A

• Dr. Eva van Baarle & Marjon Blom-Terhell (The Netherlands): [The roof, the roof is on fire.] Moral standards and moral disengagement in military organisations

- Grigorii Chasovskikh (Russia): The dynamics of changes in moral behaviour in urban military conflicts • Prof. Dr. Shannon French (USA): Should data decide who lives, who dies? The ethical deployment of AI/ML for discrimination in urban combat

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Chair: Dr. Marina Miron (Spain) • Dr. Adam Henschke (Australia): Military ethics and smart cities: New issues for fighting wars well in urban environments

• Col. Dr. David Barnes (USA): Operationalizing the AI stack: Working to formalize Army AI responsible design

THE USE OF ROBOTICS AND AI IN AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT (II)

17:30-18:20

16:20-17:20

Chair: Lt. Col. Evaggelia Kiosi (Greece) • Prof. Dr. Audrone Petrauskaite (Lithuania): Nonviolent Civil Resistance against Military Force: The Experience of Lithuania in 1991

#13 PANEL DISCUSSION | Q&A

• **Prof. Dr. Michael Gross** (Israel): Non-violent resistance as a type of urban warfare • Capt. Nick Melgaard (UK): Non-lethal weapons in urban warfare

NON-VIOLENCE AND NON-LETHAL STRUGGLE IN URBAN CONFLICT

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ETHICAL CHALLENGES IN URBAN OPERATIONS

Speech by **Major Jayson Geroux**, Urban Operations Instructor, Tactics School, Canadian Armed Forces (Canada)

KEYNOTE | Q&A

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Chair: Dr. Ted van Baarda, EuroISME Executive Director (Netherlands)

#14 PANEL DISCUSSION | O&A **DEALING WITH TERRORISTS (II)**

property; implications for prisoner of war internment

Chair: Prof. Dr. Ibanga Ikpe (Botswana) • Ian Fishback (USA): Urban counter-insurgency and interrogational torture • Dr. Stephen Hare (Canada): Ethics and means: innocents, terrorists and ethical torture

#15 ROUNDTABLE

• David William Mac Gillavry, Ph.D. & Lt. Col. Zdeněk Mikulka, Ph.D. (Czech Republic): (De-) Radicalisation as an emergent

19:15-20:15

INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF MILITARY ETHICS AND IHL EDUCATORS: RESULTS FOR DISCUSSION AND FUTURE COLLABORATIONS

Chair: Dr. Deanna Messervey (Canada) Commentator: Ruben Stewart, Military And Armed Group Advisor, ICRC (Switzerland) • Dr. George Wilkes (UK)

• Dr. Magnus Lindén (Sweden)

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KEYNOTE | Q&A

THE KOSOVO CONFLICT AS A MILESTONE IN INTERNATIONAL

INTERVENTION PRACTICE 20:20-21:00 Chair: LtCol (Res.) Dr. Daniel Beaudoin, EuroISME Executive Director (Israel)

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Speech by Lt. Col. Dr. Hans-Peter Kriemann, Federal Armed Forces Center for Military History and Social Sciences, & Asst. Prof. at the Universities of Munich and Potsdam (Potsdam/Germany)



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#16 PANEL DISCUSSION | Q&A

14:15-15:15

ETHICS AND THE LAWS OF WAR (I)

Chair: Maj. Dr. Daniella Schmitz Wortmeyer (Brasil)

- **Prof. Dr. Uwe Steinhoff** (Hong Kong/Germany): War, law and reciprocity: Devising the moral rules of war
- Daria Chaganova (Russia): Urban warfare and anti-human warfare: The consequences of the non-intervention doctrine
- **Francisco Lobo** (UK): *Training and war games*

#17 PANEL DISCUSSION | Q&A

THE JUSTIFICATION AND COST OF WAR

Chair: Rev. Capt. Ken Matende (Canada)

- Dr. Veronika Bock (Germany): The current debate on nuclear deterrence: Between Catholic peace ethics and security policy
- Dr. Mihaly Boda (Hungary): The Hungarian just war theory based on the idea of the Holy Crown
- **Dr. Ned Dobos** (Australia): The moral cost of the military

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#18 PANEL DISCUSSION | Q&A

ETHICS AND THE LAWS OF WAR (II)

Chair: Dr. Arseniy Kumankov (Russia)

- Dr. Emmanuel Goffi (France): The moral contest in urban warfare
- Yulia Koreshkova (Russia): R2P: The ethical doctrine of the unethical military intervention
- **Dr. Florian Demont** (Switzerland): Virtues of the smallest gang: A contribution to the military ethics of urban warfare

15:30-16:30



#19 WORKSHOP

MILITARY MEDICAL ETHICS - PEDAGOGICAL TOOL

Chair: Dr. Daniel Messelken (Switzerland)

- **Prof. Dr. David Whetham,** EuroISME BoD (UK)
- Prof. Dr. Martin Bricknell (UK)
- Dr. Marina Miron (Spain/UK)



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CLOSING PLENARY

ETHICS OF URBAN WARFARE: THE WAY FORWARD

Chair: Dr. Lonneke Peperkamp, EuroISME BoD (Netherlands)

- Col. Sven Lange, Federal Ministry of Defence (Germany)
- Sophie Desoulieres, Doctors without Borders | Humanitarian perspective (Netherlands)
- Maj. Gen. Dr. (ret) Juan Moliner Gonzalez, Spanish Air Force (Spain)

Closing comments and announcement of the next conference venue

By Air Cdre. John Thomas, President of EuroISME (UK)



COFFEE ROOM | Final Opportunity for Networking & Goodbyes

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NON-SCHEDULED SESSIONS

These sessions are PRE-RECORDED and can be viewed at ANY TIME during the 3 days of the conference

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EuroISME Thesis Prize 2021

EuroISME awards a prize for the best European student's thesis (Masters of Arts) on military ethics. PRE-RECORDED SESSION

Dialogue between Lt. Col. Ilse Verdiesen and Dr. Emmanuel Goffi

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• Lt. Col. Ilse Verdiesen, Royal Netherlands Army, Cyber Command and Dr. Emmanuel Goffi, Director of Creéia - Centre de recherche et expertise en éthique et intelligence artificielle, discuss the topic of the "Moral agency, autonomous weapons and artificial intelligence" on the occasion of the book launch of Ilse's winning thesis (Avec des sous-titres en français)

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"Realities of War" – A Dialogue with Charles Knight

A presentation and a discussion on the occasion of the launch of his latest publication with Dr. Li Ji that concerns the relationship between de media and the military.

The publication "The Realities of War: Recognising and planning for the decisive role of the media on the urban battlefield" will be later available on the EuroISME's website.



