



What makes European military ethics distinctive?

13th annual conference, at the Hotel Nordic Forum, Tallinn, Estonia, 22-24 May 2024

5 May 2024

Programme of the conference

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Session</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| Tuesday, 21 May | | |
| 18:00-19:30 hrs | Meet & greet | Hotel Nordic Forum |
| Wednesday, 22 May | | |
| 08:30-09:00 hrs | Registration | Hotel Nordic Forum |
| 09:00-09:15 hrs | Opening by Air Cdre. John Thomas, President of EuroISME | Hall 'Arcturus' |
| 09:15-09:35 hrs | Welcoming speech on behalf of the Estonian Defence Forces by Maj.Gen. Ilmar Tamm | Hall 'Arcturus' |
| 09:35-10:15 hrs | Inaugural address by: Prof.dr. Cheney Ryan (UK), "Beyond Military Ethics" | Hall 'Arcturus' |
| 10:15-10:35 hrs | Coffee break with book stand by our publisher Martinus Nijhoff | foyer |
| 10:35-11:00 hrs | Key note address with Q&A by Honourable Maj.Gen.(ret) Awni al Adwan (Jordan), "Is universality in jeopardy? – a perspective from the Middle East" | Hall 'Arcturus' |

11:05-12:35 hrs

Session 1 with the parallel panels No. 1 to 3

Panel No. 1: What makes European military ethics distinctive?

Hall 'Arcturus'

chair: Dr. Daniel Messelken (EuroISME BoD; Switzerland)

- Dr. Andrea Ellner (UK; "EuroISME BoD), "In search of *European* military ethics"
- Prof. dr. Dragan Stanar (Serbia; EuroISME BoD), "European Military Ethics: The people and its military"
- Dr. Ashley Roden-Bow (Portugal), "*Hávamál* as a grounding for military ethics: on the possibility of deriving modern military virtues from old Norse philosophy"

Panel No. 2: Culture and military ethics

Hall 'Altair'

chair: Gérard de Boisboissel (France)

- LTC Patrick Hofstetter PhD (Switzerland), "Warriors in Western armed forces: indispensable, intolerable or both? The influence of soldierly identities on their ethical attitudes and values"
- Lt.Col. Dr. Daniela Schmitz-Wortmeyer (Brasil), "A cultural-systemic approach to military ethics: shifting the focus to strategic leadership"

Panel No. 3: Practitioner's approaches to military ethics

Hall 'Vega'

chair: Dr. Ioanna Lekea (Greece)

- Dr. Florian Demont-Biaggi (Switzerland), "On doing military ethics"
- David MacGillavry, PhD (Czech Rep.), "When darkness swallows you whole: on the need for moral resilience training in the military"
- Dr. Asta Maskaliūnaitė (Estonia), "Preparing resistance to a counterintelligence state or should ROC be abandoned on ethical grounds?"

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| 12:45-13:45 hrs | Lunch-buffet with book stand by our publisher Martinus Nijhoff | foyer |
| 13:45-15:15 hrs | Session 2 Special panel on the crisis in Gaza <i>chair: Air Cdre (ret) John Thomas (UK, EuroISME BoD)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Maj.Gen.(ret) Awni al Adwan (Jordan) Rev. Col. (ret) Prof.dr. Philip McCormack OBE (UK) Prof.dr. Michael Gross (Israel) | Hall ‘Arcturus’ |
| 15:15-15:40 hrs | Tea break with book stand by our publisher Martinus Nijhoff | foyer |
| 15:55-18:00 hrs | AGM (members only!) | Hall ‘Arcturus’ |

NO PROGRAMME FOR THE EVENING!

Thursday, 23 May

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| 09:00-10:30 hrs | Session 3 with the parallel panels No. 6 to 8 Panel No. 4: European issues of military ethics <i>chair: Prof.dr. Jovan Babić (Serbia; EuroISME BoD)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. dr. Kjersti Fjørtoft & Norunn Kosberg (Norway), “An Ethical Council for the Defense Sector – The case of Norway” Dr. Paul Silas Peterson (Germany), “‘Citizens in uniform’ (<i>Staatsbürger in Uniform</i>) in today’s Bundeswehr: Contemporary military ethics and the principles of leadership culture (<i>Innere Führung</i>) in light of the ‘turning point’ (<i>Zeitenwende</i>) and the call for ‘warfighting capability’ (<i>Kriegstüchtigkeit</i>) in Germany” | Hall ‘Arcturus’ |
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- Senior Chaplain Stefan Gugerel (Austria), “Juridification and supra-nationality as European inclinations towards military ethics”

Panel No. 5: Teaching and Learning in Military Ethics and Leadership (full panel proposal)....

Hall ‘Altair’

chair: Dr. Stephanie K. Erwin (USA)

- Dr. Eva Van Baarle and Charlotte Kröger (Netherlands), “Dialogue and co-creation: designing reflective teaching material to address hazing in the Armed Forces.”
- Dr. Emilie Cleret (France), “Interoperability and transformative learning – two supporting pillars of ethics professional military education: an example from the *École de Guerre*.”

Panel No. 6: Historical and environmental perspectives

Hall ‘Vega’

chair: Col (ret.) Jean-Marc Vesco (France)

- Kristiana Tonn & Julia Böcker (Germany), “Memorials as places of ethical, historical, and political education for soldiers – An experienced-based approach”
- Laura Puumala PhD (Finland), “The Nature of Environmental Warfare”

10:30-10:45 hrs

Coffee break with book stand by our publisher Martinus Nijhoff

foyer

10:45-12:15 hrs

Session 3 with the parallel panels No. 9 to 11

Panel No. 7: Emerging military technologies

Hall ‘Arcturus’.

Chair: Maj.Gen. (ret.) Juan Moliner Gonzalez (Spain)

- Prof. dr. Nicholas Evans & Madalyn Kehne (USA), “A comparative analysis of French and US norms on military human enhancement”
- Gérard de Boisboissel (France), “A reply to Evans & Kehne”
- Prof. dr. David Whetham (UK) & Dr. Marina Mirón (Spain), “Integrating human augmentation in the

defence sphere: an exploratory mixed-methods study on ethical principles”

- Prof. dr. Ed Barrett (USA), “Human dignity and ‘killer robots’: morally permissible?”

Panel No 8: Comparative Analysis of Military Ethics in relation to Influence Operations (full panel proposal)

Hall ‘Altair’

chair: Dr. Miriam de Graaff. (The Netherlands)

- Dr. Adam Henschke (The Netherlands) and Dr Pythagoras Petratos, “Ethical issues with responses to disinformation: lessons from the UK. Comparative analysis of military ethics in relation to influence operations”
- Prof.dr. Michael B. Skerker (US), “Ethical framework for influence operations”
- Monique Tempelman, MA: (The Netherlands), “Ethical challenges in Dutch influence operations: the case of distributing fear instilling content”

Panel No. 9: Developing moral competence

Hall ‘Vega’

chair: Lt.Col. Dr. Daniella Schmitz-Wortmeyer (Brasil)

- Chaplain-General Hans de Ceuster and Sébastien Chonavey (Belgium), “Redefining battlefields: The crucial role of moral competence in preserving warfighter’s humanity”
- Major Jeanette de Weert MA (The Netherlands), “Military ethics education: Strengthening moral competence”
- Dr. Daniel Messelken (EuroISME BoD), (Switzerland), “‘Challenging perspectives’ – game-based training in military medical ethics”

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Lunch with book stand by our publisher Martinus Nijhoff

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13:10-14:40 hrs

Session 4 with the parallel panels No. 11 to 13

Panel No. 10: Theological perspectives on war, peace and military ethics

Hall 'Arcturus'

chair: senior chaplain Lt.Col. dr. Janne Aalto (Finland)

- Nick G. Melgaard (UK), "Blessed are the Peacemakers: faith, love, and peace in Augustine's just war theory"
- Chaplain (ret.) Thijs Oosterhuis (The Netherlands), "The contribution of chaplaincy classes to the moral formation of future military leaders: an ethnographic study in the military chaplaincy"
- Prof.dr. Angelika Dörfler-Dierken (Germany), "Military chaplaincy in Europe. comparative perspectives"
- Dr. phil. *lic.* theol. Markus Thureau (Germany), "From just war to just peace: The struggle for peace during the cold war and its aftermath"

Panel No. 11: Perspectives of legal and moral philosophy

Hall 'Altair'

chair: Prof.dr.(em) George Lucas (USA; North American ISME BoD)

- Gita Leitlande (Latvia), "Philosophy of Stoicism: The treasure of European heritage for military ethics"
- Renetta Bos LL.M MA MA, (The Netherlands), "Decent military official?"
- Prof.dr. Lina VIDAUSKYTĖ (Lithuania), "Imperfection, erroneous consciousness, and military ethics"
- Prof.dr. Michael Skerker (USA), "Would revisionist just war theory make the world a safer place?"

Panel No. 12: The citizens in the context of defence

Hall 'Vega'

chair: Emmanuel Jacob (Belgium; EUROMIL)

- Col (ret.) Jean-Marc Vesco (France), "The European defence industry's response to workforce

challenges and generational values”

- Norunn Kosberg and Prof.dr. Kjersti Fjørtoft (Norway), “The Norwegian model for the total defense - What can legitimately be demanded of a citizen?”
- Axel Augé PhD (France), “Defence spirit in high-intensity warfare. The ethical dilemma of divergent values among young people in France”

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| 14:40-15:00 hrs | Tea break, with book stand by our publisher Martinus Nijhoff | foyer |
| 15:00-15:45 hrs | Key note address plus Q&A by Prof.dr. Michael Gross (Israel), “European military ethics and the humanitarian Impulse” | Hall ‘Arcturus’ |
| 15:50-16:25 hrs | Presentations by the winning students of the Inamori Centre’s International Thesis Prize | Hall ‘Arcturus’ |
| pause | | |
| 18:30-22:00 hrs | Reception, formal dinner & EuroISME’s prize ceremony | Hotel Nordic Forum |

Friday, 24 May

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| 09:00-10:30 hrs | Session 5 of parallel panels No. 14 to 16 | |
| | Panel No. 13: War crimes, pedagogy and ethics | Hall ‘Arcturus’ |
| | <i>chair: Prof.dr. Dragan Stanar (EuroISME BoD; Serbia))</i> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Gavin Mount (Australia), Prof. dr. David Whetham (UK), Dr. Andrew Bell (ICRC), Dr. Deane Peter Baker (Australia), Dr. Lauren Gould (US), Duncan Blake (Australia), “The pedagogy of war | |

crimes: exploring the European view”

- Ioanna Lekea PhD & Pavlos Topalnakos PhD (Greece), “Accountability on trial. Exploring military ethics, battlefield forensics, and legal admissibility: the European perspective”
- Maciek Zajac PhD (Poland), “Humane & enforceable POW parole system as a solution to problems old and new”

Panel No. 14: Considering a “European” View of Military Ethics and the Conduct of Future Military Operations: SOF Perspectives...(full panel proposal) CANCELLED

Hall ‘Altair’

chair: Rev. Dr. J.E. Caterson (U.S.)

- Dr. Kari Thyne (US), “Unlocking the power of common values: an exploration inspired by Saint Thomas Aquinas”
- Robert West (US), “Leading within a multinational special operations component: the relevant population and the shifting ethical dynamics of warfare”
- Command Sergeant Major Dennis M. Kitchin (US), “Forging the future: a U.S. special operations perspective on ethical leadership and common values”
- Sergeant Major Gediminas Indrasius (Lithuania), “Forging the future: a partner special operations perspective on ethical leadership and common values”

Panel No. 15: Information operations and military ethics

Hall ‘Vega’

chair: Dr. phil Florian Demont (Switzerland)

- Dr. Adam Henschke (The Netherlands), “This fundamentally repugnant philosophy: Just intelligence institutions beyond just war”
- Gabrielle Joni Verreault (Canada), “Crossing borders, connecting ethics: policy insights from civilian mobilization in Ukraine’s digital warfare landscape”

- Cees Koopman, (The Netherlands), “To inform and influence, military social media ethics”

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| 10:30-10:50 hrs | Coffee | foyer |
| 10:50-12:40 hrs | <p>Farewell panel</p> <p><i>chair: Dr. Asta Makaliūnaitė (Baltic Defence College, Estonia)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. phil. <i>lic.</i> theol. Markus Thureau (Germany) • Dr. Andrea Ellner (UK) • Senior Chaplain Stefan Gugerel (Austria) | Hall ‘Arcturus’ |
| 12:40-13:00 hrs | <p>Closing comments and announcement of the 2025 conference venue & dates</p> <p>by the President of EuroISME, Air Cdre.(ret) John Thomas</p> | Hall ‘Arcturus’ |