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FROM THE PERSONAL TO THE GLOBAL: LIVED EXPERIENCES OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR



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JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR NETWORK (SCOTLAND)
& THE SECOND WORLD WAR RESEARCH GROUP
UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, 9-10 JUNE 2023

DAY 1: Friday 9th June 2023

9.00 - 9.45	Registration	McMillan Room
9.45 - 10.00	Opening Comments: Wendy Ugolini & Jonathan Fennell	Meadows Lecture Theatre
10.00 - 11.30	Panel Session 1	Meadows Lecture Theatre, CMB Seminar Room 1, CMB Seminar Room 2
11.30 - 11.45	Refreshments	McMillan Room
11.45 - 13.15	Panel Session 2	Meadows Lecture Theatre, CMB Seminar Room 1, CMB Seminar Room 2
13.15 - 14.00	Lunch	McMillan Room
14.00 - 15.30	Keynote address & plenary discussion: Andrew Buchanan & Ruth Lawlor	Meadows Lecture Theatre // Zoom
15.30 - 15.45	Refreshments	McMillan Room
15.45 - 17.45	Panel Session 3	Meadows Lecture Theatre, CMB Seminar Room 1, CMB Seminar Room 2
19.30	Conference dinner	Venue TBC

DAY 2: Saturday 10th June 2023

8.30 - 9.00	Registration & Refreshments	McMillan Room
9.00 - 11.00	Panel Session 4	Meadows Lecture Theatre, CMB Seminar Room 1, CMB Seminar Room 2
11.00 - 12.00	Keynote address: Susan R. Grayzel	Meadows Lecture Theatre
12.00 - 13.30	Lunch	McMillan Room
12.45 - 13.30	UG Panel	Venue TBC
13.30 - 15.00	Panel Session 5	Meadows Lecture Theatre, CMB Seminar Room 1, CMB Seminar Room 2
15.00 - 15.15	Refreshments	McMillan Room
15.15 - 16.45	Panel Session 6	Meadows Lecture Theatre, CMB Seminar Room 1, CMB Seminar Room 2



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Panel A - Armies in Exile

Guy Bud (CEGESOMA / Independent Scholar)

"The Blessing of Liberation from their Brothers beyond the Seas"? Emigrants and Expatriates in the Armies-in-Exile in the United Kingdom, 1940-1942

Nick Clifton (Kingston University London)

"I saw General De Gaulle on the High Street!" The Free French Forces and the People of Surrey Heath During the Second World War

Jenny Grant (Queen Mary, University of London)

Death in Exile: The Exiled Allies and the Imperial War Graves Commission, 1940-1954

Panel B - The Implications of Race

Anotida Chikumbu (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

The forgotten men: African and coloured veterans of the Second World War and the decolonization of Southern Rhodesia, Colonial Zimbabwe, c. 1945-1980

Alexandre Fortes (Universidade Federal Rural do Rio de Janeiro)

The Second World War and the emergence of the concept of Racial Democracy in Brazil

Ed Gitre (Virginia Tech)

Breaking Rank: How the World War II Resistance of White US Soldiers to Racial Equity Fueled the Civil Rights Movement

Panel C - Prisoners of War

Mark Newman (University of Edinburgh)

The British POW Experience in Hong Kong and Oeyama, Japan: The Memoirs of Frank Evans and Joseph Henry Newman



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Michał Palacz (Oxford Brooks University)

Post-mortal experiences of the Second World War? Neuropathological research on Allied POWs in Nazi Germany

Wendy Webster (University of Huddersfield)

Writing and captivity in Southeast Asia

11.30 - 11.45 - Refreshments

11.45 - 13.15 - Panel Session 2

Panel D - Conscientious Objectors

Rosemary Rich (University of Brighton)

'Where does pacifism fit into this kind of thing?': Doubt and discomposure in the testimony of Second World War conscientious objectors

Linsey Robb (Northumbria University)

'I'll fight it by trying to mend the damage': conscientious objectors and medical service during the Second World War

Claudia Treacher (University of Brighton)

'To hell with tribunals': conscientious objection and queerness during the Second World War in Britain

Panel E - Colonial Dynamics

Ewan Lawry (Aberystwyth University)

An 'obligation which we are not entitled to get rid of': British imperialist responses to Colonial Appeasement in the 1930s

Nina Wardleworth (University of Leeds)

Resistance fighters from the French Empire in Metropolitan France: the case study of the Mont-Valérien eleven

Rishika Yadav (LSE)

The Cape Lorries: South Africa's Coloured, Indian and Malay Soldiers in the East African Campaign, 1940-42



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Panel F - Institutional Representations

Kate Clements (Imperial War Museum)

Lived experiences from a total war: stories of women in IWM's Second World War Galleries

Matthew Kidd (University of Oxford)

Their Finest Hour and the construction of community-centred narrative spaces

Andrew Whitmarsh (The D-Day Story, Portsmouth)

Overlooked contributions to D-Day and the Liberation of France

13.15 - 14.00 - Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 - Keynote speakers & plenary discussion (also available via live-stream on Zoom)

Andrew Buchanan (The University of Vermont) & Ruth Lawlor (Cornell University)

Time to Murder and Create: Writing Histories of a Greater Second World War

15.30 - 15.45 - Refreshments

15.45 - 17.45 - Panel Session 3

Panel G - Emotions and the British Home Front

Clare Church (Aberystwyth University)

'Lean back, forget your problems, then listen to your favourite music': Examining the emotional responses to music in Second World War listening audiences

Julie Gottlieb (University of Sheffield)

The 'Crisis Suicides' during Britain's War of Nerves, 1938-40

Alex Hill (University College London)

Hoping Against Hope': The Politics of Hope and Despair on the British Home Front

Joshua Madrid (University College London)

Changing Communities: Roman Catholic Cooperation with Social Change in England, 1942-1944

Panel H - Perspectives on Asia

Azrin Afrin (University of Edinburgh)

Tale of Arakan Road: Faded history of Chittagonian Migrant



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Hanzhi Dai (University of Edinburgh)

Yan Xishan, Propaganda and Surviving in Shanxi's War of Resistance 1940-1944

Zuzubee Huidrom (Independent Scholar)

Local experiences of the Global War: Narratives from Manipur during the Second World War

Kevin Noles (Independent Scholar)

Loyalty betrayed?: Indian prisoner-of-war victims of the Kuala Belait massacre in Borneo

Panel I - Morale and Armed Forces

Matthew Barrett (Wilfrid Laurier University)

Documenting Canadian Service members and the Court Martial Record

Geoff Hayes (University of Waterloo)

The Challenges of Identity and Narrative in First Canadian Army

Gary Sheffield (King's College London)

The Experience of Amphibious Warfare: British and Canadian Soldiers at Dieppe and D-Day

Hélène Solot (University of Paris Nanterre)

"On the Fly-Paper End of this Long War": American Soldiers in Alaska

19.30 - Conference dinner



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9.00 - 11.00 - Panel Session 4

Panel J - Medical Care

Roderick Bailey (University of Oxford)

'Save the dying and strengthen the weak': Blood transfusions in Japanese POW camps, 1943-45

Frances Houghton (Open University)

"Neither Rascals nor Cowards": Psychological Casualty Care in the Royal Naval Medical Service, 1939-1945

Laure Humbert (University of Manchester)

Aiding the French Resistance: Medical Care and the Free French, 1940-1945

Ljubica Spaskovska (University of Exeter)

From the Battlefields of Spain to the Balkans: The Yugoslav Partisan Medical Service and its Legacies

Panel K - Home Fronts

Jadwiga Biskupska (Sam Houston State University)

Polish, German, and Ukrainian Roulette: National Identification and Insurgency in Wartime Poland

Kateryna Budz (University of Edinburgh)

Lived Experience of Triple Occupation: The Ukrainian Greek Catholics in Eastern Galicia (1939-1945)

Thomas Bottelier (Sciences Po Paris)

From the liberal peace to capitalist warfare: A genealogy of the 'arsenal of democracy'

Wendy Z. Goldman (Carnegie Mellon University)

The Soviet Labor System: Mass Mobilization and Movement

Panel L - Combat Effectiveness

Megan Hamilton (King's College London & Imperial War Museums)

From Nairobi to Nanaimo: The Lived Experiences of Army Training Across the British Empire, 1939-45



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Richard Hammond (Brunel University, London)

Italo-German co-operation and rivalry in the Mediterranean

Karine Varley (University of Strathclyde)

Bombing Friends and Fellow Citizens: Lived Experience in the Aerial Bombing of Occupied France

Bastiaan Willems (Lancaster University)

At the Abyss: Motivations and Experiences during the 1945 Siege of Königsberg

11.00 - 12.00 - Keynote address

Susan R. Grayzel (Utah State University)

"G stands for Gas Mask": How Objects Can Illuminate Lived Experiences of the Second World War

12.00 - 13.30 - Lunch

12.45 - 13.30 - UG Panel

Farradeh Martin (University of Kent)

"What can I try on this one?": Nurses' Suppression of Childhood Agency in a Nazi-Austrian Children's Hospital, 1940-1945

Darcey Johnston (Queen's University, Belfast)

'My number is 174517': Language, the individual voice, and the Holocaust

13.30 - 15.00 - Panel Session 5

Panel M - Agency

Ling-chieh Chen (SOAS)

Postal Communication and Everyday Life in China during the Second World War

Jonathan Fennell (King's College London)

Returning the People to the Heart of People's War: Mass Mobilisation and Popular Agency in the Second World War

Alex Wilson (King's College London)

From Farms and Factories to the Front Line: Exogenous Explanations for Indian military performance in North Africa, November 1941 to February 1942



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Panel N - Moving Through Space

Oliver Carter-Wakefield (IHR / Imperial War Museum)

'Soldiers armed with camera' or 'civilians attached'? The Wartime Experience of Members of the British Army's Film and Photographic Unit

Liz Gardner (King's College London)

Popski's Private Army: A Case Study of Personal Memoirs and the Construction of Special Forces History during the Second World War

Lavinia Munteanu (Technical University of Graz, Austria)

Destruction through Space: Mapping Displacement in the Ukraine during World War II

Panel O - Holocaust Perspectives

Paul Bartrop (Florida Gulf Coast University)

Civilians as Soldiers: Revisiting Jewish Armed Resistance during the Holocaust

Alina Nowobilaska (The Pilecki Institute)

The First Nine Transports into Auschwitz

Karen Porter (Sheffield Hallam University)

'I cannot write anymore because tears are welling up in my eyes': Emotions in Daily Life in the Warsaw and Lodz Ghettos

15.00 - 15.15 - Refreshments

15.15 - 16.45 - Panel Session 6

Panel P - Gendering War

Kiera Fitzgerald (University of Roehampton / The National Archives)

'She would best be employed as a subordinate': A Case Study of Pearl Cornioley and The Diverse Women of Special Operations Executive, F Section

Michelle Moffat (University of Otago)

'We still have some kind of nationality': Scottish Experiences of the Second World War

Joseph Quinn (University of Oxford)

"Even if Eire is staying neutral, I am not": the experiences and perspectives of Irish women in the British forces during the Second World War



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Panel Q - Indigenous Forces

Liam Kane (Deakin University)

Fighting for Australian Imperialism? Papuan and New Guinean Infantry Battalions at War

Ed Pinfield (King's College London)

Islanders of Destiny: The Intrinsic Importance of Pacific Islanders to the Secret War on Bougainville, 1941-2

Jacob Stoil (US Army School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS))

Personalizing the Global and Globalizing the Personal: A Comparison of The Motivations of Indigenous Forces in Palestine Mandate and the Horn of Africa

Panel R - Remembering the War Dead

Lisa Cooper (Deakin University)

Caring for the dead of Australia's war against Japan

Caitlin G. DeAngelis (Independent Scholar)

The Imperial War Graves Community in Occupied France: Nationalité, Commémoration, Résistance

Wendy Ugolini (University of Edinburgh)

"I never got over David's death". Robert Graves, Affinity Welshness and the Royal Welch Fusiliers

16.45 - Conference end