

Irregular Warfare over the Centuries – Theory, Practice and Responses

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Military History Institute Prague, Atrium of the Army Museum Žižkov, U Památníku 2, 130 05, Praha 3

DAY 1

8:30–17:30

8:30 Registration

9:00–9:15 Introduction

9:15–10:30 SESSION I

Legal perspective: where is the line between irregular warfare and terror, who is a combatant

Moderator: Mgr. Michal Cáp

Mgr. Vojtěch Šimák (VHÚ Praha): **From street brawls to political assassinations – the success of Italian fascist terrorism**

PhDr. Prokop Tomek, Ph.D. (VHÚ Praha): **Agents "walkers" as cold war fighters: an attempt at classification**

Mgr. Ondřej Crhák (Národní muzeum): **Foreign policy of the partisans: the Viet Cong as an international actor**

10:30–10:45 Break

10:45–11:35 SESSION II

Military thought: theoretical approach to the topic, international context and comparisons

Moderator: Mgr. Jan Vajskebr

pplk. JUDr. PhDr. Stanislav Polnar, Ph.D. et Ph.D. (Univerzita obrany): **Theories of war and guerrilla warfare in the context of Carl Schmitt's political philosophy**

PhDr. Vlasta Kordová (Filozofická fakulta Univerzity Jana Evangelisty Purkyně v Ústí nad Labem): **Theoretical definition of the term partisan in the context of World War II**

11:35–11:50 Break

11:50–13:00 SESSION III

Transformations: irregular warfare from the earliest times to the Cold War, in different places and contexts – earlier histories

Moderator: Dr. Ilya Berkovich, Ph.D.

PhDr. Oto Mestek (Ústav světových dějin Filozofická fakulta Univerzita Karlova): **Bagaudae as a force of popular resistance at the turn of antiquity and the Middle Ages**

Mgr. David Radek, Ph.D. (Slezská univerzita v Opavě): **Irregular Warfare in the Middle Ages. On the example of the forgotten war for Siewierz**

Štefan Szalma, Ph.D. (Historický ústav Slovenská akadémia vied): **"For Your Highness knows that a soldier cannot be an angel..." Reasons and consequences of the armed actions of Ottoman and Hungarian soldiers in 1642–1664**

13:00–13:45 Lunch break

13:45–15:25 SESSION IV

Transformations: irregular warfare from the earliest times to the Cold War, in different places and contexts: 18th and 19th centuries

Moderator: Mgr. Michal Cáp

Dr. Ilya Berkovich Ph.D. (Institute of Habsburg and Balkan Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences): Freikorps Grün Loudon and its Jewish Soldiers (1790–1798)

Dr. Jacek Jędrysiak, Ph.D. (Instytut Historyczny Uniwersytetu Wrocławskiego): “Small Wars” and Irregular Warfare as Elements of the Prussian Defence System in the East 1815–1848

Prof. Lothar Höbelt: “Austria amnestied.” The Strange Victory of the Boka Kotorska Irregulars in 1869/70

Mgr. Zdeněk Munzar, BBus(Hons), DiS. (Vojenský historický ústav Praha): Irregular Warfare and Volunteer Units in the Bohemian lands during the Coalition Wars against France

15:25–15:40 Break

15:40–17:30 SESSION V

Transformations: irregular warfare from the earliest times to the Cold War, in different places and contexts: the 20th century

Moderator: Mgr. Petr Matějček

Mgr. Nikol Moravcová (Valašské muzeum v přírodě): “A hungry fighter doesn’t last long.” Supplying the troops of the 1st Czechoslovak Partisan Brigade of Jan Žižka through the lens of the history of everyday life

Mgr. Bc. Tomáš Řepa, Ph.D. (Univerzita obrany): Magura 5 August 1947 – analysis and consequences of the clash in the irregular war

Mgr. Tomáš Jakl (Vojenský historický ústav Praha): Red Finns against Red Russians

Michal Plavec (Národní technické muzeum): The Slutsk Uprising. The struggle of the Belarusian People’s Republic against the Bolshevik occupation (October–December 1920)

DAY 2

9:00–16:30

09:00–10:15 SESSION VI

Structures and methods: life underground, civilian involvement, specifics of weapons and equipment, material conditions, support and supply from home and abroad, victories and defeats

Moderator: PhDr. Prokop Tomek, Ph.D.

Mgr. Martin Posch, Ph.D. (Historický ústav Slovenská akadémia vied): Cooperation between SOE and the Second Department of the Ministry of National Defence in London

PhDr. Karel Straka, Ph.D. (Vojenský historický ústav Praha): Sabotage and Terrorism as a Specific Part of the German Plan for the Invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1938

Dr. Miloslav Púčik, CSc. (Vojenský historický ústav Bratislava): Preparation of Czechoslovak Military Intelligence for Hybrid Operations in the Main Areas of Interest (1960–1989)

10:15–10:30 Break

10:30–12:10 SESSION VII

Reactions of the state apparatus: structures of the security apparatus, repression, consequences for the civilian population, perceptions of societies

Moderator: PhDr. Karel Straka, Ph.D.

Mgr. David Hubený, Ph.D. (Národní archiv): Banditry as an instrument of irregular warfare? The fight against bandits in Subcarpathian Rus in the first half of the 1920s

Mgr. Petr Kaňák, Ph.D. (Ministerstvo vnitra ČR): Nazi preparations for waging anti-Partisan war in the rear of the Eastern Front

Mgr. Eliška Poloprudská (Filozofická fakulta Univerzita Jana Evangelisty Purkyně v Ústí nad Labem): The influence of SA members on the consolidation of NSDAP power and their repressive activities against the civilian population in the Sudetenland

Mgr. Jan Šach (Vojenský historický ústav Praha): Elements of irregular warfare in its early period and the defence of territory. Czechoslovakia, 1950s–1960s

12:10–13:00 Lunch break

13:00–15:05 SESSION VIII

After the fight: political and social ambitions, former combatants in the service of the state, the army and the security apparatus, veterans' organizations and their celebrations

Moderator: PhDr. Daniel Povolný, Ph.D.

PaedDr. Jindřich Marek (Vojenský historický ústav Praha): The Partisan Movement in the Czech Lands after World War II in the Context of Law 34/46 Coll.

PhDr. Michal Schvarc, Ph.D. (Historický ústav Slovenská akadémia vied): Members of the Waffen-SS from Slovakia and their prosecution after 1945

Mgr. Pavel Mücke Ph.D. (Ústav pro soudobé dějiny Akademie věd ČR): The hidden lives of Major Čáry or historical explorations between the lines of the memoirs of Karel Hora, veteran of (i)regular wars

Mgr. Michal Cáp (Vojenský historický ústav Praha): The relation between the concepts of the military preparedness and irregular warfare in Czechoslovakia after 1945

Daniel Gargulák (Valašský odbojový spolek): Memorial in Prlov through time

15:05–15:20 Break

15:20–16:10 SESSION IX

The present and future of irregular warfare

Moderator: Mgr. David Pazdera

Mgr. David Jirásek (Fakulta sociálních studií Masarykovy univerzity): Hybrid forms of warfare in the Russian-Ukrainian war

PhDr. Petr Janoušek, Ph.D. (Vojenský historický ústav Praha): From the Gulf to Afghanistan. Notes on the transformation of the operational environment of the CSA/ACR between 1990 and 2020

16:10 Concluding remarks



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