The Russo-Ukrainian War

Wednesday 28 September – Thursday 29 September 2022 **Hybrid conference**

Convenor:

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Day 1: Wednesday 28 September 2022

10:00 – 10:15 Introduction: Professor Sir Hew Strachan FBA

10:15 – 12:15 **Session 1: Origins**

Chair: Kasia Madera (BBC)

Dr Olesya Khromeychuk (Ukrainian Institute London) Continuities and discontinuities in Ukrainian history.

Dr Jenny Mathers (Aberystwyth University) **Russia and the preparation for war.**

Dr Andrew Monaghan (Royal United Services Institute & Wilson Center's Kennan Institute)

Long war or short war? The war 2014-22.

Professor Robert Service FBA (University of Oxford) **NATO expansion and Russian responses.**

Dr Joanna Szostek (University of Glasgow)

Ukraine and its readiness for war.

12:15 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 15:00 **Session 2: The conduct of the land war**

Chair: Katie Stallard (New Statesman)

General Sir Richard Barrons (former Head of the Joint Forces Command) **NATO's 'proxy war'**.

Brigadier Ben Barry (International Institute for Strategic Studies) Who is winning the war? Command, control, operations and logistics.

Mykola Bielieskov (National Institute for Strategic Studies, Kyiv) (V) Deterrence, escalation, resilience and escalation dominance.

Professor Eliot A. Cohen (School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University) (V)

The war in Ukraine and American foreign policy, present and future.

Professor Andrzej Szeptycki (University of Warsaw)

Poland's security policy: Russian revisionism and NATO scepticism.

15:00 – 15:30 Break

15:30 – 17:30 **Session 3: Intelligence and the information war**

Chair: Katie Stallard (New Statesman)

Dr Vasabjit Banerjee (Mississippi State University) **Public narratives and global opinion.**

Professor Philip Davies (Brunel Centre for Intelligence and Security Studies) **Intelligence and information: secrecy meets publicity.**

Dr Taras Fedirko (British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, St Andrews) **Liberalism and censorship.**

Professor Samuel Greene (King's College London) (V) Public opinion in Russia.

Professor Phillips O'Brien (University of St Andrews) **Western judgements of Russian military power.**

Day 2: Thursday 29 September 2022

09:00 – 11:00 Session 4: Economic and naval dimensions of the war

Chair: TBA

Dr Richard Connolly (University of Birmingham) (V) **Sanctions.**

Dr Marc DeVore (University of St Andrews)

The naval balance and the conduct of the war in the Black Sea.

Arda Mevlütoğlu (Siyah Gri Beyaz) (V)

Co-operation, competition and containment: Turkey's relations with Putin's Russia.

Dr Alexander Rodnyansky (University of Cambridge) (V) **The economic consequences of the war for Ukraine**.

Dr Constanze Stelzenmüller (Brookings Institution)

Putin's economic war: Europe's energy needs and the political effects.

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 13:30 **Session 5: The rules-based order**

Chair: Dr Kseniya Oksamytna (City University of London & King's College London)

Dr Volodymyr Artiukh (University of Oxford)

Refugees, migration and internal displacement.

Professor Volodymyr Dubovyk (Odesa Mechnikov National University) (V) **Ukraine's place in the international order**.

Dr Tom Grant (Wolfson College, Cambridge)

The United Nations, its Charter and a war of aggression.

Dr Pierre Haroche (Institut de Recherche Stratègique de l'Ecole Militaire, Paris) (V)

Architecture and alliances: emerging patterns of EU, NATO and multilateral security cooperation.

Professor Louise Mallinder (Queen's University Belfast) **The role of transitional justice in Ukraine.**

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:30 **Session 6: How does this end?**

Chair: Professor Sir Hew Strachan FBA

Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman FBA (King's College London) Who wants what? The war aims of Russia, Ukraine and NATO.

Professor Mark Galeotti (UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies)

What ways forward for Russia?

Dr Olga Onuch (University of Manchester) **Zelensky and the forging of a new nationhood.**

Professor Neville Wylie (University of Stirling) (V) Ideas of neutrality and belligerence: when does one become the other?