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Invitation:

1918 — Pathways to the Future

International Conference 7-8 November 2018

The Swedish Defence University (SEDU) cordially invites you to a two-day conference in November 2018 in Stockholm. A century ago, the First World War ended. When the guns fell silent in November, a new era dawned upon Europe and the world. The consequences of the war, the conditions of its termination and a new set of projects for utopian orders born in 1918 arguably shaped the modern world.

The conference explores and analyses the consequences of 1918 seen with the benefit of a century's hindsight. The conference revolves around four themes: Warfare, ethnicity/nationalism, the political use of violence, and the shape of states and societies.

Confirmed Speakers:

Professor Hew Strachan, University of St Andrews.
Professor Emeritus Kristian Gerner, Lund University.
Professor Richard Ned Lebow, Kings College, London.
Professor Sinisa Malesevic, University College Dublin.
Dr Lina Sturfelt, Lund University.
Oscar Jonsson, Swedish Defence University.
Dr Susanna Rabow Edling, Uppsala University.
Dr Peter Haldén, Swedish Defence University.

The conference is organized within the framework of the Graduate Colloquium of the Swedish Defence University. It thereby seeks to link not only the past and the present in terms of its themes, but also by bringing together established scholars with doctoral students.

Place:

Sverigesalen
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Stockholm

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(registration is not required)

Conference Programme

7 November

- 09.30–09.45 Kjell Engelbrekt: Welcome
09.45–10.30 Hew Strachan: Changes in the Craft of War
10.30–11.00 Coffee
11.00–11.45 Richard Ned Lebow: A World Without World War One
11.45–12.30 Sinisa Malesevic: Total War as a Norm
- 12.30–13.30 Lunch
- 13.30–14.15 Oscar Jonsson: The Consequences of the First World War for Soviet Military Thought
14.15–15.00 Susanna Rabow-Edling: The First World War and Russian Imperial Thought
15.00–15.30 Coffee
15.30–16.15 Gunnar Åselius: Sweden and Northern Europe in 1918
16.15–16.30 Peter Haldén: Summarizing day 1

Dinner by Invitation

8 November

- 09.30–10.15 Kristian Gerner: The Legacy of the Paris Peace Conference in 1919-1920:
Nationalism and Ethnicity in Europe in the Long 20th Century
10.15–11.00 Lina Sturfelt: Sweden and the End of War – 1918 from a Neutral's Perspective
11.00–11.20 Coffee
11.20–11.45 Peter Haldén: Summarizing the conference day 2: Lessons of World War One
- 11:45–13:00 Lunch

PhD Candidate Section

- 13.00–13.45 Eric Bergelin: Gustav Ljunggren and Swedish Defence Research 1926–1956
Social networks, Chemical Warfare and the Swedish Defence Research Establishment.
13.45–14.30 Lisa Justesen: Outer Space –In a World of Parallel Orders
14:30–14.45 Kjell Engelbrekt: Concluding remarks