Conference

Culture and Combat Motivation
~ workshop 2 ~

Saltmarsh Rooms, King’s College, Cambridge
Saturday 5 February – Sunday 6 February 2005

Schedule

Friday 4 February
19.00 Reception; 19.30 Dinner
Beves Rooms, King’s College

Saturday 5 February

8.30-9.15 Light breakfast in the Saltmarsh for participants from outside Cambridge

9.15 Welcome
Catherine Merridale, Queen Mary College
William O’Reilly, Centre for History and Economics

9.30-11.15 Session I: Ideology and Religion
Chair: Melissa Lane

Catherine Merridale: ‘Combat Motivation in the Red Army’

Josie McLellan: “I wanted to be a little Lenin”: ideology and the German International Brigade volunteers

11.15-11.45 Coffee

11.45 - 12.45 Session II: Military Police and Peacekeepers
Chair: William O’Reilly

Tony Robben: ‘Combat motivation, fear, and terror in twentieth century Argentinian warfare’

12.45-14.00 Lunch
**14.00-16.00  Session III: Psychology – Primary Groups**  
*Chair: Catherine Merridale*

Tarak Barkawi: ‘Politics and Loyalty in the Indian Army in the Second World War’

Hew Strachan: ‘Training, Morale and Modern War’

**16.00-16.30**  
Tea

**16.30-17.30  Session IV: Informal Armies**  
*Chair: Jocelyn Alexander*

Koen Vlassenroot: ‘Violence with a purpose: exploring the functions and meaning of violence in the DR Congo’

**19.30**  
Dinner – India House, Newnham Road

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**Sunday 6 February**

**8.30-9.30**  
Light breakfast in the Saltmarsh for participants from outside Cambridge

**9.30-12.00  Session V: Motivation and Trauma**  
*(why do men fight and why do they stop fighting)*  
*Chair: Tarak Barkawi*

Alexander Watson: ‘Self-deception and survival: mental coping strategies on the Western Front, 1914-18’

*Chair: Ian Palmer*

Edgar Jones: ‘Soldiers and killing in the First World War: a further reinterpretation’

Alan Fitzgerald: ‘With the French Foreign Legion: from Somalia to Bosnia’

**12.00**  
Coffee

**12.00-13.00  Session VI: Discussion and Conclusion**  
*Chair: Catherine Merridale and Emma Rothschild*

End of meeting