



University of London

When East Meets West: The Second World War in Global Perspective

Second World War Research Group Annual Conference, 22-23 June 2017.
Waterloo Campus, King's College, London.

Day 1: Thursday 22 June

0900-0945	Registration	KCL Waterloo Campus – Franklin Wilkins Building
0945-1000	Opening Comments	Franklin Wilkins, Room 1.11
1000-1130	Panel Session 1	Franklin Wilkins, Room, 1.62, 1.67, 1.70
1130-1150	Refreshments	
1150-1250	Keynote Address 1	Franklin Wilkins, Room 1.11
1250-1330	Lunch	
1330-1500	Panel Session 2	Franklin Wilkins, Room, 1.62, 1.67, 1.70
1500-1530	Refreshments	
1530-1730	Panel Session 3	Franklin Wilkins, Room, 1.62, 1.67, 1.70
1815 onwards	Drinks/Conference Dinner	KCL Strand Campus, Great Hall

Day 2: Friday 23 June

0900-1000	Morning Refreshments	
1000-1100	Keynote Address 2	Franklin Wilkins, Room 1.11
1100-1300	Panel Session 4	Franklin Wilkins, Room, 1.62, 1.67, 1.70
1300-1330	Lunch	
1330-1500	Panel Session 5	Franklin Wilkins, Room, 1.62, 1.67, 1.70

Thursday 22 June – Registration and Opening Comments – 0900-1000

Panel Session 1 – 1000-1130

Panel A: Between the ‘Twenty Years’ Crisis’ and the ‘Long Peace’: The Second World War in Globalist and Internationalist Perspective

Chair: Joe Maiolo (KCL)

Andrew Buchanan

(University of Vermont)

Thomas Bottelier (KCL)

Andrew Ehrhardt (KCL)

What would a global history of WW2 look like?

‘The United Resistance of All Civilized Nations’: The Liberal Response to the World Crisis, 1937-39

Gladwyn Jebb, Charles Webster and the Role of British Internationalism in the Creation of the United Nations

Panel B: Mobilisation

Chair: Jonathan Fennell (KCL)

Aashique Ahmed Iqbal

(University of Oxford)

Oliver Werner (Leibniz University)

David Brydan (Birkbeck)

Growing Pains: The Expansion of the Royal Indian Air Force in World War II 1942-46

America, Russia, Britain and Germany - War Mobilisation in Global Perspective

International Nationalists, Fascist Cosmopolitans: The Blue Division, the ‘New Europe’ and the Eastern Front

Panel C: Identity and Co-operation

Chair: Jeremy Crang

(University of Edinburgh)

Jean Smith (KCL)

Regina Kazyulina

(Northeastern University)

Guy Bud (University of Oxford)

‘Girls who marry strangers from other lands do so at their own risk’: Wartime marriage and fears of bigamy and desertion in the British Empire-Commonwealth

Caught Between: The Hunt for Women Spies within the Soviet Partisan Movement

‘No Longer Émigrés’? Political Mobilisation and Identity among the European Population of the Belgian Congo during the Second World War

1130-1150 - Refreshments

1150-1250 - Keynote Address 1: Professor Rana Mitter (University of Oxford): ‘A forgotten ally? Why China's role matters for understanding the political and social history of global World War II’

1250-1330 - Lunch

Panel Session 2 – 1330-1500

Panel A: “Addressing the Other”: Propaganda, Recruitment, and Crossing Borders during Wartime

Chair: David Hall (KCL)

Kathleen Broome Williams (Holy Names University) How a Scotsman in Cairo tailored propaganda images to support the Allied war effort

Mary Kathryn Barbier (Mississippi State) Freya Stark and British Wartime Propaganda Activities in the Middle East

Dennis Showalter

(Colorado College) Colonialist Propaganda and Imperial Recruitment in World War II

Panel B: Inter-Theatre Transfers of Violence: A Comparison of Axis Armies in Europe, Africa, and Asia

Chair: Nicholas Stargardt
(University of Oxford)

Bastian Matteo Scianna (University of Potsdam) From Africa to Europe? The Italian Army and Anti-Partisan Operations in Russia, 1941-1943

Takuma Melber (Heidelberg University) Asia's 'Eastern Front'? The War in China and Transfers of Violence in the Japanese Army

Bastiaan Willems

(University of Edinburgh) Wehrmacht and Society in Festung Königsberg, 1945

Panel C: A View from Below

Chair: Gary Sheffield
(University of
Wolverhampton)

Nicolò Da Lio (Piemonte
Orientale)

Diya Gupta (KCL)

The Italian Soldier's Journey in the Soviet Union

Encountering Europe: how image and text recover Indian soldiers' experiences in the Second World War

Otman Bychou (Sultan
Moulay Slimane
University)

“Morocco during the Second World War: From the German Occupation of Paris to the Anglo-American Landing at Casablanca”

1500-1530 - Refreshments

Panel Session 3 – 1530-1730

Panel A: Forging the Postwar World #1

Chair: Niall Barr (KCL)

Sinkwan Cheng (University College London) The Clash of Cultures and Ideologies in Chinese and Western Apprehension of World War II: Historical Reflections East and West, and China's Understanding of the Cause of Genocide

Stephen Wertheim (Birkbeck)

The Anglophone Moment in U.S. Postwar Planning, 1941

Chris Mann (RMA Sandhurst)

'Everyone one is busy with more important operations at the moment': Norway, Britain and the Liberation of Finnmark, 1943-45

Angel Alcalde (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität)

Veterans from the World? A global perspective on war veterans' movements and organisations after 1945

Panel B: Media

Chair: Stephen Badsey (University of Wolverhampton)

Peter Roy Harmsen (University of Copenhagen)

News from afar: Reporting on the war in the Asia-Pacific in the German controlled danish press, 1940-45

Marcos Centeno (SOAS, University of London)

From Allies to Enemies: The Pacific War seen through the Eyes of Francoist Spain

Marc Wiggam (SAS, University of London)

The British Ministry of Information in the East – A Transnational or Imperial Publisher?

Panel C: The Neutrals

Chair: Bryce Evans (Liverpool Hope University)

Florentino Rodao (Universidad Complutense, Madrid)

Portuguese Neutrality - with a focus in the Pacific War

Helena F. S. Lopes (University of Oxford)

Predicaments of neutrality in an 'East Asian Casablanca': Macau during the Second World War

Pascal Lottaz (Nat Grad Inst for Policy Studies, Tokyo)

The Neutrals in Wartime Japan

Christian Rossé (University of Neuchatel)

The International Intelligence Community in Switzerland during WW2

1900 onwards – Conference Dinner, Great Hall, KCL Strand Campus

Friday 23 June - Refreshments from 0900-1000

1000-1100 - Keynote Address 2: Professor Richard Overy (University of Exeter): 'The Struggle for the Heartland: Germany, Japan and the Conquest of Eurasia'

Panel Session 4 – 1100-1300

Panel A: Forging the Postwar World #2

Chair: Andrew Stewart (KCL)

Leigh Gardner (LSE)

Lend-Lease in Liberia: American strategic interests and economic development in West Africa during World War II

Lisa Payne Ossian (Des Moines Community College)

“‘The Grimpest Spectre’: The World’s Emergency Famine, Herbert Hoover’s Mission, and ‘the Invisible Year’ of 1946”

Dan Tamir (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)

From Coast to Coast and Around the Globe: The Second World War, Oil and the Fixing of the 20th Century

Panel B: Alliance Warfare

Chair: John Buckley (University of Wolverhampton)

Paolo Fonzi (University of Humboldt)

The Italian and German occupation of Greece during WWII

Kevin Ruane (Canterbury Christ Church University)

Winston Churchill and the Atomic Bombing of Japan

Alan Allport (Syracuse University)

Companions in Misfortune: The Anglo-French Alliance and its Demise from a French Perspective

Julie Valade (Université de Nantes)

When Britain meets Free France: Coalition Warfare in French Equatorial Africa

Panel C: Repatriations

Chair: Alan Jeffreys (IWM)

Sarah Gavison (University of Colorado Boulder)

What should we do with the Jews? The US, the USSR and Jewish refugees in postwar Europe

Annalisa Urbano (Universität Bayreuth)

The liberation campaign and the repatriation of Italian colonial settlers from East Africa

Vandana Joshi (University of Delhi)

Between Erasure and Remembrance: Shreds from the Kriegsalldag of South Asians in German captivity during WWII

1300-1330 - Lunch

Panel Session 5 – 1330-1500

Panel A: The British Empire in Global Perspective

Chair: Iain Johnston-White
(Aberystwyth)

Martin Francis (University of
Sussex)

Britain and the Desert War, 1940-1943: An Imperial History

Stuart Hadaway (Air
Historical Branch)

Britain, French Indo-China, and the web of global commitments

Kevin Noles (University of
Oxford)

Renegades in Malaya: Indian volunteers of the Japanese F. Kikan

Panel B: Strategy

Chair: Richard Hammond
(KCL)

Fabio de Ninno (University of
Siena)

The Italian navy and Japan: strategy and hopes, 1937-1942

Marco Maria Aterrano
(University of Naples,
Frederico II)

The Empire in the Mediterranean. The British Strategic Planning
for Italy, 1939-41

Greg Kennedy (KCL)

Anglo-American deterrence of Japan and Economic Warfare,
1940-42

Panel C: Inter-Theatre Knowledge Transfer

Chair: Christina Goulter (KCL)

Carles Brasó Broggi
(Universitat Oberta de
Catalunya)

The “Spanish” doctors in China: Medical international volunteers in
the war against Japanese occupation, 1938-45

John B. Thompson (Columbia
University)

Air Defence and the Bombing of China in Transnational Context,
1934-1939

Ross Mahoney (Royal Air
Force Museum)

‘[n]o attempt should be made to fit officers for higher command’:
The Challenge of Training Staff Officers in the Royal Air Force
during the Second World War