

The Peoples' War?

The Second World War in Socio-Political Perspective

Second World War Research Group Annual Conference, 14-15 June 2018.
Strand Campus, King's College London.

Day 1: Thursday 14 June

0900-0945	Registration	The Anatomy Museum, King's College London Strand Campus
0945-1000	Opening Comments	The Anatomy Lecture Theatre
1000-1130	Panel Session 1	The Anatomy Lecture Theatre, The Pyramid Room (K4U.04), Room K6.07
1130-1150	Refreshments	The Anatomy Museum
1150-1250	Keynote Address 1	The Anatomy Lecture Theatre
1250-1330	Lunch	The Anatomy Museum
1330-1500	Panel Session 2	The Anatomy Lecture Theatre, The Pyramid Room (K4U.04), Room K6.07
1500-1530	Refreshments	The Anatomy Museum
1530-1730	Panel Session 3	The Anatomy Lecture Theatre, The Pyramid Room (K4U.04), Room K6.07
1900 onwards	Conference Dinner	Venue tbc

Day 2: Friday 15 June

0900-1000	Morning Refreshments	The Anatomy Museum
1000-1100	Keynote Address 2	The Anatomy Lecture Theatre
1100-1300	Panel Session 4	The Anatomy Lecture Theatre, The Pyramid Room (K4U.04), Room K6.07
1300-1330	Lunch	The Anatomy Museum
1330-1500	Panel Session 5	The Anatomy Lecture Theatre, The Pyramid Room (K4U.04), Room K6.07

Thursday 14 June – Registration and Opening Comments – 0900-1000

Panel Session 1 – 1000-1130

Panel A: Mobilising Ideas and Propaganda

Chair: Ben Shepherd (Glasgow Caledonian University)	The Anatomy Lecture Theatre
Regina Kazyulina (Northeastern University)	Gendered Expectations and Female Resistance Through the Lens of Soviet Leaflets
Kate Papari (University of Crete)	Socio-political conflict and intellectuals' propaganda during WWII; the paradigm of the Spiritual Recruitment in Greece
Nicolò Da Lio (Università degli Studi di Padova)	Fascist Warfare on the Home Front: The Italian War Mobilisation as a Stratification of Boundaries, 1935-43

Panel B: Mobilising Militaries

Chair: Juliette Pattinson (University of Kent) Ed Gitre (Virginia Tech)	The Pyramid Room (K4U.04)
	The Organizational Warrior: Adjusting Civilians to Military Service in the Second World War.
Geoffrey Hayes (University of Waterloo)	A People's Officer Corps?: Class and Gendered Tensions in the Making of the Canadian Army Officer, 1939-1945
Dennis Showalter (Colorado College)	Marginalized Communities and Combat in World War II

Panel C: American Society at War

Chair: Alexander Wilson (King's College London)	Room K6.07
Kathryn Barbier (Mississippi State University)	Capra, Steinbeck, Hitchcock and propaganda films
Sean Dettman (University College Jersey)	Edward Murrow and the 'little people' of the Blitz: A Study in American Idealism
Tracy Campbell (University of Kentucky)	Rumours of War: The Reality of the American Home Front, 1942

1130-1150 – Refreshments

1150-1250 - Keynote Address 1: Nicholas Stargardt (University of Oxford) introduced by Andrew Stewart (King's College London)

1250-1330 – Lunch

Panel Session 2 – 1330-1500

Panel A: The Holocaust

Chair: David Edgerton
(King's College London)
Jadwiga Biskupska (Sam Houston State University)
Geoffrey Megargee (Centre for Advanced Holocaust Studies, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum)
Anna Veronica Pobbe (University of Trento)

The Anatomy Lecture Theatre

The Warsaw Intelligentsia and the Illusion of the Grand Alliance

A World Behind Wire: the Nazi Camp System

The role of the Jewish Commissions during the trials against Nazi criminals in post-war Poland (1944-48)

Panel B: Propaganda and Perceptions

Chair: Kathryn Barbier (Mississippi State University)
Katherine Howells (King's College London)
Jacopo Pili (University of Leeds)
Trent Duan (University of Melbourne)

The Pyramid Room (K4U.04)

Framing myths of the Second World War through Ministry of Information propaganda posters

Great Britain as depicted by Italian Fascist War Propaganda

A "Quarrel" With the German People?: Australian Perceptions of Germany and Wartime Enmity on the Home Front, 1939-41

Panel C: Occupation and Resistance

Chair: Halik Kochanski
Jurica Baric (University of Zagreb)
Pawel Markiewicz (Jagiellonian University)
R. J. Guille (University of Kent)

Room K6.07

Youth and Resistance in Occupied Europe: Wartime Zagreb and the case of Skoj, 1941-45

The Germans and their Ukrainians in the GG: An Examination into the Relationship between Occupier and Occupied

Living with the Enemy: Relationships Between German Soldiers and Civilians in Sark during the German occupation of the Channel Islands, 1940-45

1500-1530 – Refreshments

Panel Session 3 – 1530-1730

Panel A: Harnessing Societies

Chair: Gary Sheffield (University of Wolverhampton)	The Anatomy Lecture Theatre
Mikhail Bjorge (Queen's University)	The Workers' War: The Character of Class Struggle in Canada during World War II
Rosemary Rich (King's College London)	The Memory and Representation of Second World War Conscientious Objection in Britain
David Saunders (Queen Mary University of London)	Voluntary Bodies: Pacifism, Medical Research, and 'Experimental Citizenship' in Wartime Sheffield, 1940-1946

Panel B: Colonial Personnel and their Personal Destinies

Chair: Andrew Stewart (King's College London)	The Pyramid Room (K4U.04)
Oliver Coates (University of Cambridge)	The King's College Strike: Lagos, 1944
Kevin Noles (The University of Oxford)	Divided loyalties: Indian Prisoners of War in Singapore, February 1942 to May 1943
Naina Manjrekar (SOAS, University of London)	Maritime Radicalism in the age of Decolonisation: The Royal Indian Navy Mutiny, 1946

Panel C: Incarceration and Prisoners of War

Chair: tbc	Room K6.07
Alan Malpass (Sheffield Hallam University)	'One of the most accurate barometers of civilisation'. Public opinion towards German prisoners of war and their treatment in Britain
Raffael Scheck (Colby College)	Community and Gender During War: The Amorous Relationships of Western POWs and German Women
Emily Sharp (University of Leeds)	Remembering Changi: The History of the Different Modern Day Perspectives within Britain, Australia and Singapore

1900 onwards – Conference Dinner and Drinks

Friday 15 June - Refreshments from 0900-1000

1000-1100 - Keynote Address 2: Daniel Todman (Queen Mary's University London) introduced by Jonathan Fennell (King's College London)

Panel Session 4 – 1100-1300

Panel A: Military and Civilian Masculinities

Chair: Niall Barr (King's College London)	The Anatomy Lecture Theatre
Frances Houghton (University of Manchester)	Masculinity and maturity in pilot-veterans' memories of the Battle of Britain
Juliette Pattinson (University of Kent)	Fantasies of the 'soldier hero': volunteering for special duties
Corinna Peniston-Bird (University of Lancaster)	Fuzzy gender boundaries and the commemoration of Reserved Occupations
Chris Smith (Coventry University)	'Bright Chaps for hush-hush jobs': masculinity, class and civilians in uniform at Bletchley Park

Panel B: Comparative cases of Counterinsurgency

Chair: Christina Goulter (King's College London)	The Pyramid Room (K4U.04)
Emanuele Sica (Royal Military College of Canada)	Two Sides of the 'Place in the Sun': Italian occupation policies in the Balkans and in France
Amadeo Osti Guerazzi (Fondazione Museo della Shoah)	Italian counterinsurgency operations during the Italian Civil War (1943-1945)
Ben Shepherd (Glasgow Caledonian University)	German anti-partisan warfare: the spectrum of ruthlessness to restraint

Panel C: Youth and Education in Wartime China

Chair: Lily Chang (University College London)	Room K6.07
Mark Baker (University of Oxford)	Co-option, Mobilisation and Militarization: Growing up in Japanese Occupied Kaifeng, 1938-1945
Jennifer Bond (SOAS University of London)	'At the centre of a Tornado': Missionary School girls' experiences of the Second World War in Shanghai, 1937-1945
Helena F. S. Lopes (University of Oxford)	Student-refugees in Macau and the Second World War in South China

1300-1330 - Lunch

Panel Session 5 – 1330-1530

Panel A: Tensions of Conflict

Chair: Richard Hammond
(King's College London)

Lisa Payne Ossian (Des
Moines Area Community
College)

Fabio De Ninno (University
of Siena)

Jim Wald (Hampshire College)

The Anatomy Lecture Theatre

The Grimmiest Spectre?: The Gender Policies for Displaced Persons during The World's Emergency Famine of 1946

Not just bombings and fighting: Famine and disease in the Italian war experience

“Unhappy men’ ‘freed only under the pressure of public opinion’: Antisemitism in the Polish Forces

Panel B: Legacies of Conflict

Chair: Jonathan Fennell
(King's College London)

Richard V. Damms
(Mississippi State University)

Olivier Burtin (Princeton
University)

Richard Duckett (Reading
College)

The Pyramid Room (K4U.04)

“World War II and the New Deal for American Science”

“The Two-War Experiment”: How World War II Reshaped Veterans’ Politics in the United States

“The Roots of ‘textbook ethnic cleansing’? The Special Operations Executive in Burma 1941-45

Panel C: Memories of Conflict

Chair: Corinna Peniston-Bird
(University of Lancaster)

David Edgerton (King's
College London)

Grant Harward (Texas A&M
University)

Deividas Slekyas (Lithuanian
Military Academy and Vilnius
University)

Philip Deans (Newcastle
University)

Room K6.07

Becoming a Nation: Nationalism, ‘Alone’, and ‘People’s War’ in British history and historiography since 1940

Romania's Holy War: Celebrated, Repressed, Rehabilitated

The Second World War as uncharted waters of Lithuanian history

The Inter-Allied War Museum Project, 1943-1945: An Attempt to Create ‘A Visible Symbol of the Period’

Closing Address – The Anatomy Lecture Theatre