**Armageddon:**

**The Second World War in Comparative Perspective**

**Second World War Research Group Annual Conference, 13-14 June 2019**

**City Campus, University of Wolverhampton.**

**Day 1: Thursday 13 June**

**0900-1000 - Registration** *Outside MC001 Lecture Theatre, Millennium City Building*

**1000-1015 - Opening Comments**

Gary Sheffield

Fiona Dye

Jonathan Fennell

**1015-1145 - Panel Session**

Panel A: **Propaganda, Politics & Media in Wartime Britain**

*Millennium City Building, MC001 Lecture Theatre*

Chair: Gary Sheffield (University of Wolverhampton)

Stephen Badsey ‘British War Propaganda in Theory and Practice

(University of Wolverhampton) 1899-1945

Grace Stephenson (University of

Durham) ‘War Reportage and the Civilian Experience of War: A Case Study of the British Newsreels of The Second World War’

Kit Kowol (King’s College London) ‘Britain in 1940: Comparing Left & Right’

Panel B: **Humanitarian Assistance**

*Millennium City Building, MC406*

Chair: Jadwiga Biskupska (Sam Houston State University)

Johannes-Dieter Steinert (University of ‘British humanitarian assistance, the military and

Wolverhampton) voluntary organisations’

Evelyn Price (University of Wolverhampton) ‘The Friends Ambulance Unit: A Record of Goodwill’

Lisa Payne Ossian, (Des Moines Area

Community College) ‘The Children of the Children’: Herbert Hoover’s Humanitarian Aid after both World Wars, 1919 & 1946’

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Panel C: **Alliances**

*Millennium City Building, MC408*

Chair: John Greenacre (University of Suffolk)

Zhaodong Wang (University of Edinburgh) ‘Troubled Alliance 1941-1945: Sino-British Conflicts over Tibet during the Pacific War’

Daniel Lear (King’s College London) ‘“A Minor Trans-Tasman Crisis”: New Zealand-Australian Relations 1938-39’

Andrew Stewart (King’s College London) ‘Wartime Alliances - Britain’s “Special Relationships”’

**1145-1205 - Refreshments** *Outside MC001 Lecture Theatre, Millennium City Building*

**1205-1335 - Panel Session 2**

Panel A: **Resistance, the Holocaust and Forced Labour**

*Millennium City Building, MC001 Lecture Theatre*

Chair: Johannes-Dieter Steinert (University of Wolverhampton)

Jadwiga Biskupska (Sam Houston

State University ) ‘Pawiak Prison: Nazi Persecution and the Formation of Polish Resistance’

Gilad Bezalel Jaffe (independent scholar) ‘Between a Rock and a Hard Place: The Jews and the British in Palestine, September 1939-November 1942’

Thomas Irmer (independent scholar) ‘The German Electrical Industry and Forced Labor in World War I and II – The Example of AEG in Berlin’

Alina Nowobilska (independent

scholar) ‘The First Mass Transport into Auschwitz and their Survival’

Panel B: **Empires, Nations and Race**

*Millennium City Building, MC406*

Chair: Alex Wilson (King’s College London)

Guy Bud (Cegesoma, Brussels) ‘Rebuilding Europe’s ‘Severed Empires’: Belgium, Colonial Governance in Exile and the Agency of Comparison’

Michelle Moffat (University of Otago) ‘Second World War Scotland’

Francisco Cesar Alve Ferraz,

(State University of Londrina) ‘The nuisance mirror: race relations in the Brazilian and American Armies during World War II’

Panel C: **Roundtable: The Northwest Europe campaign, 1944-45, in comparative perspective**

*Millennium City Building, MC408*

***This roundtable is generously sponsored by the Mercers’ Company***

Chair & Commentator: Gary Sheffield (University of Wolverhampton)

Jonathan Fennell (King’s College London)

John Buckley (University of Wolverhampton)

Geoffrey Hayes (University of Waterloo) – paper read by Gary Sheffield (University of Wolverhampton)

**1335-1430 – Lunch**  *Millennium City Building, MC228*

**1430-1600 - Panel Session 3**

Panel A: **Motivations of Individuals and Groups**

*Millennium City Building, MC001 Lecture Theatre*

Chair: Carol Henderson (University of Wolverhampton)

Maximilian Heumann (Ludwig-

Maximilians University Munich) ‘Social norms and individual forms of “outbreak”: The emotions of Wehrmacht soldiers in their war letters from Norway (1940-1945) and Italy (1943-1945)’

Bastiaan Willems

(independent scholar) ‘The Summary Executions of 1945: Considering the fluidity between German Historicism and National Socialism’

Joseph Quinn (University College Dublin) 'The "hereditary soldier": family military tradition and neutral Ireland's volunteers in the British forces, 1939-1945’

Panel B: **India and Burma**

*Millennium City Building, MC406*

Chair: Alan Jeffreys (Imperial War Museum)

Kevin Noles (University of Oxford) ‘“Trusted Men”: Post-war memory of a Japanese intelligence failure in India during World War Two’

Alan Malpass (Sheffield Hallam

University) ‘Internment in India: enemy aliens and prisoners of war in the British Raj, 1939’

Aditya Kiran Kataki (Graduate

Institute of International and

Development Studies, Geneva) ‘Spectacles in the sky: weaponized technologies, global war and governance in the Indo-Burma (Myanmar) frontiers’

Panel C: **Smaller Powers at War**

*Millennium City Building, MC408*

Chair: Evelyn Price (University of Wolverhampton)

Pedro Ponte e Sousa (New

University of Lisbon) ‘War as evidence of foreign policy change? The case of Portugal in the Spanish Civil War’

Mercedes Penalba-Sotorrio

(Manchester Metropolitan University) ‘Spain at the crux of the two world wars: a history of continuities through German propaganda’

Jurica Barić (independent scholar) ‘One Army, Six Revolutions: Comparing the Early Revolutionary Events of the Yugoslav Partisan Movement’

**1600-1620 – Refreshments** *Outside MC001 Lecture Theatre, Millennium City Building*

**1620-1720 Keynote Address 1:** *Millennium City Building, MC001 Lecture Theatre*

Chair: Richard Hammond (Brunel University)

Jeremy Black (University of Exeter) ‘Contrasting the Two World Wars’

***This lecture is generously sponsored by the National Army Museum***

**1900 onwards – Conference Dinner and Drinks**

**Day 2: Friday 14 June - Refreshments from 0900-1000**

**1000-1100 - Keynote Address 2:** *Millennium City Building, MC001 Lecture Theatre*

Chair: Gary Sheffield (University of Wolverhampton)

Jenny Macleod (University of Hull)  ‘Looking Forward to the Centenary of the Second World War: Lessons from 2014-2018’

***This lecture is generously sponsored by the Western Front Association***

**1100-1300 - Panel Session 4**

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Panel A: The British Armed Forces *Millennium City Building, MC001 Lecture Theatre*

Chair: John Buckley (University of Wolverhampton)

John Greenacre (University of Suffolk) ‘The Use of Britain’s Fishing Fleet to Fill Capability Gaps during the Second World War’

Linda Parker (independent scholar) ‘In This Sign Conquer - Change and continuity in the role of British army chaplains over a century, with particular reference to the Second World War’

William Franklin (University of

Wolverhampton) ‘Archibald Wavell in two world wars’

Panel B: Staff Rides *Millennium City Building, MC414*

**Chair: Christina Goulter (King’s College London)**

Jon Robb-Webb (King’s College London)

‘Staff Rides from a Maritime perspective’

Spencer Jones (University of Wolverhampton ) 'Problems of Scale: Royal Artillery Staff Rides in the

Inter-War Period'  
  
David Jordan ( King’s College London) 'Staff Rides from an Air Perspective'.

Panel C: Motivation and combat effectiveness *Millennium City Building, MC415*

Chair: Jonathan Fennell (King’s College London)

Dermot Rooney (King’s College London) ‘Tactical Psychology: low-level actions that cause enemy troops to run, hide and surrender’

Robert Watt (University of Birmingham) ‘Combat Effectiveness of the Chihenne Apaches and “Buffalo Soldiers” 1879-1881’

Hélène Solot (EHESS, France) ‘Social Scientists to Manage American Soldiers: Rethinking a WWII Innovation in the Early Cold War’

**1300-1345 – Lunch** *Millennium City Building, MC331*

**1345-1545 Panel Session 5** *Millennium City Building***,** *MC001 Lecture Theatre*

Panel A: Roundtable: The Second World War in Comparative Perspective

*Millennium City Building, MC001 Lecture Theatre*

Chair: Jenny Macleod (University of Hull)

Stephen Badsey (University of Wolverhampton)

Gary Sheffield (University of Wolverhampton)

Christina Goulter (King’s College London

Jonathan Fennell (King’s College London)

**1545 Closing Remarks –***Millennium City Building***,** *MC001 Lecture Theatre*