



Estonian  
War Museum  
GENERAL LAIDONER MUSEUM



ESTONIAN NATIONAL  
DEFENCE COLLEGE



Officers and sergeants of the St. Adrian Militia Company in 1633.  
Frans Hals, Frans Hals Museum

## PROGRAMME

### THE PAST – A SOLDIER'S GUIDE FOR THE PRESENT? EXPERIENCE, HISTORY AND THEORY IN MILITARY EDUCATION

Estonian War Museum – General Laidoner Museum in cooperation with  
the Estonian National Defence College (ENDC)

31 May 2018 | Riia 12, Tartu

8:30–9:00 Registration, morning coffee

9:00–9:15 **Opening words; award ceremony: Hendrik Sepp Prize for the best Estonian publication in military history in 2017**  
**Hellar Lill** (Director of the Estonian War Museum)  
**Colonel Enno Mõts** (Commander of the ENDC)

9:15–10:45 **Military Pedagogy and Doctrines**  
**Prof. Clifford J. Rogers** (US Military Academy, West Point)  
How Ancient and Medieval military history contribute to developing modern officers  
**Cpt. Marko Pungar** (ENDC)  
The teaching of military history in military pedagogy in the past and the present  
**Dr. Łukasz Przybyło** (Independent scholar and publisher)  
Building military doctrine based on history and past experience

10:45–11:15 Coffee break

11:15–12:45 **A. Military History and the Teaching of Tactics**  
**Igor Kopõtin** (ENDC)  
The teaching of military history in the Estonian armed forces, 1920–1940  
**Cpt. Rauno Viitmann** (ENDC)  
The birth of modern artillery: From Bruchmüller to K9  
**Cpt. Lauri Teppo** (ENDC)  
Lessons of the art of war – the infantry officer perspective

11:15–12:45 **B. The Art of War and Officer Identity**  
**Dr. Alexander Statiev** (University of Waterloo, Canada)  
The limitations of empirical learning: The experience of the Russian Imperial Army in mountain warfare  
**Dr. Kārlis Dambītis** (National Defence Academy of Latvia)  
Military history experience after the First World War in Latvia  
**Kęstutis Kilinskas** (University of Vilnius)  
One country, different identities: officers of the Lithuanian army after the First World War

12:45–13:45 Lunch break for speakers and moderators in the canteen of the ENDC

13:45–14:15 **Keynote lecture: Maj. Gen. Martin Herem** (Chief of Staff of the Estonian Armed Forces)

14:15–15:45 **History, officer development, and identity in the contemporary society**  
**Prof. Dr. Jörg Echternkamp** (Center for Military History and Social Sciences of the Bundeswehr, Potsdam/Martin-Luther-University of Halle-Wittenberg)  
Which past for the soldier? Military history, historical education, and the ethics of democracy in Germany today  
**Anna Sofie Hansen Schøning** (Royal Danish Defence College/Roskilde University)  
The unique character of military history as taught in officer education – Denmark in context  
**Dr. Tamir Libel** (University College Dublin)  
Studying and teaching military history in the armed forces – lessons from the United States and the United Kingdom, 1991–2018

15:45–16:15 Coffee break

16:15–17:45 **Military History, Identity, and Politics**  
**Marta Tomczak** (University of Warsaw)  
The memory of the Napoleonic Wars as a key to understand the modern Poland and its place in Europe  
**Dr. Burcin Cakir** (Glasgow Caledonian University)  
Teaching the Battle of Gallipoli: National expressions, military interpretations and misconceptions  
**Dr. Mikkel Kirkebæk** (Royal Danish Defence College)  
Self-perception, identity, and narratives in the Danish expeditionary corps in Estonia in 1919 – with contemporary perspectives

17:45–18:30 **Concluding discussion**

