

Preliminary Programme

Soldier-Scholar Conference 2026

Research School for War and Defence

17-18 September 2026

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Preliminary Programme

Thursday 17 September	
09.00-12.00	Pre-Conference Workshop on Research in Classified Environments (invitation only)
12.00-13.00	Registration and Coffee
13.00-13.45	Introductory Remarks and Keynote Speaker
13.45-15.00	Panel I: Strategy and Warfighting
15.00-15.30	Coffee
15.30-17.00	Panel II: Norms, Identity and Perceptions
17.00-19.00	Poster Session and Reception
19.00-	Conference Dinner
Friday 18 September	
08.30-09.00	Coffee
09.00-10.30	Panel III: Learning in Military Organisations
10.30-12.00	Roundtable: Doctoral Education for Military Officers
12.00-13.30	Annual meeting of the Research School for War and Defence (members only)

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09.00-12.00	Pre-Conference Workshop on Research in Classified Environments Note, invitation only <i>Room:</i> Leijonsköldska
12.00-13.00	Registration and Coffee at the main entrance and outside Leijonsköldska
13.00-13.10	Introductory Remarks Antulio Echevarria, Director of the Research School for War and Defence, Tibell Visiting Professor, Swedish Defence University and Professor of Strategic Competition, Strategic Studies Institute, US Army War College <i>Room:</i> Leijonsköldska
13.10-13.45	Keynote Speaker The Generalship of Chuck Horner John Andreas Olsen Professor of War Studies, Swedish Defence University and Colonel, Norwegian Armed Forces <i>Room:</i> Leijonsköldska
13.45-15.00	Panel I: Strategy and Warfighting <i>Chair and Discussant:</i> Søren Sjøgren (Institute for Military Operations and Military Studies, Royal Danish Defence College and Chief Editor, Scandinavian Journal of Military Studies) <i>Room:</i> Leijonsköldska A Theory of Success: Nordic Perspectives Steinar Skaar (Norwegian Air Force Academy, Norwegian Defence University College and Norwegian Armed Forces, Ret.) Fighting Through Orbit: Space Chokepoints and Coercive Diplomacy in the May 2025 South Asian Crisis M Waqas Haider (Lancaster University, UK and Pakistan Air Force, Ret.) NATO's Internal Dynamics, Deterrence and Defence under Political Divergence Hans Brantås (Department of War Studies, Swedish Defence University and Swedish Armed Forces)
15.00-15.30	Coffee outside Leijonsköldska

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15.30-17.00	Panel II: Norms, Identity and Perceptions <i>Chair and Discussant:</i> Kyrre Tromm Lindvig (Norwegian Defence Command and Staff College, Norwegian Defence University and Norwegian Armed Forces) <i>Room:</i> Leijonsköldska The Leader We Imagine and the Leader We Follow: Negotiating Gendered Ideals of Military Leadership Frida Linehagen (Department of Leadership and Command & Control, Swedish Defence University and Swedish Armed Forces) Theis Oxholm (Royal Danish Defence College and Copenhagen Business School) Negotiating Professional identity through Feedback in Military Leader Education Ingvild Tegnander (Norwegian Defence University College and OsloMet) From Technological Determinism to Behavioural Uncertainty: Young Military Professionals Imagining Security Threats in 2100 Kalle Täht (Estonian Military Academy and School for Economics and Business Administration, University of Tartu) What's in a (Civil-Military) Name? Making Sense of Conflicting Civil-Military Concepts in Strategic Competition Henrique Garbino (Department of War Studies, Swedish Defence University and Brazilian Army, Ret.) Jonathan Robinson (US Naval War College)
17.00-19.00	Poster Session and Reception The Influence of High-Level Leadership on Swedish Company Commanders' Propensity to Exercise Tactical Initiative Thomas Vrenngård (Department of Leadership and Command & Control, Swedish Defence University and Swedish Armed Forces) Understanding Digital Transformation in the Norwegian Armed Forces: An Organizational-Theoretical Perspective Bjørn Mobeck-Hanssen (Norwegian Defence University College and University of Oslo) Compensatory Translation Work in Military Hypergrowth Henrik Börjesson (Department of Leadership and Command & Control, Swedish Defence University, University of Gothenburg and Swedish Armed Forces)
19.00-	Dinner

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Friday 18 September	
08.30-09.00	Coffee outside Leijonsköldska
09.00-10.30	Learning in Military Organisations <i>Chair and Discussant:</i> <i>Room:</i> Leijonsköldska Learning Streams in Operational Logistics within the NORDEFCON Framework Alexander Fredriksen (Norwegian Defence Command and Staff College, Norwegian Defence University College and Norwegian Armed Forces) When Safety Learning Stays Local: Military Culture and Organisational Learning in Parachute Training Yoseph Purba (Griffith University, Australia and Indonesian Air Force) Compliance or Complicity? Identifying Hidden Resistance toward Gender Initiatives in Military DEI Work Theis Oxholm (Royal Danish Defence College and Copenhagen Business School) Experimentation in (Over?)Professionalised Bureaucracies Johan Granberg (School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg and Swedish Armed Forces)
10.30-12.00	Roundtable: Doctoral Education for Military Officers <i>Chair:</i> Aaron P. Jackson (Department of War Studies, Swedish Defence University and Australian Army) <i>Room:</i> Leijonsköldska
12.00-13.30	Annual Meeting of the Research School for War and Defence <i>Room:</i> Leijonsköldska Note, members only.

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