

Programme

Soldier-Scholar Conference 2025

Research School for War and Defence



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Programme

Thursday 25 September	
12.00-13.00	Registration and Coffee
13.00-13.45	Introductory Remarks and Keynote Speaker
13.45-15.00	Panel I: Innovation, Restraint and the Use of Force
15.00-15.30	Coffee
15.30-17.00	Panel II: Command and Control and Military Decision Making
17.00-19.00	Reception
19.00-	Conference Dinner
Friday 26 September	
08.30-09.00	Coffee
09.00-10.00	Roundtable: The Practice and Education of Soldier-Scholars
10.00-10.30	Publishing Opportunities for Soldier-Scholars
10.45-12.00	Annual meeting of the Research School for War and Defence (members only)

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Detailed Programme

Thursday 25 September	
12.00-13.00	Registration and Coffee in the main entrance and outside Leijonsköldska
13.00-13.10	Introductory Remarks Malena Britz Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of Research, Swedish Defence University, and Chair Steering Group, Research School for War and Defence <i>Room:</i> Leijonsköldska
13.10-13.45	Keynote Speaker The Nature of Strategic Competition Antulio Echevarria Tibell Visiting Professor, Swedish Defence University, Director of the Research School for War and Defence and Editor-in-Chief, USAWC Press, Strategic Studies Institute, US Army War College <i>Room:</i> Leijonsköldska
13.45-15.00	Panel I: Innovation, Restraint and the Use of Force <i>Chair and Discussant:</i> Rory McGovern (Department of History and War Studies, United States Military Academy at West Point, and US Army) <i>Room:</i> Leijonsköldska How does different systems for military officers' education affect innovativeness Johan Granberg (School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg, and Swedish Armed Forces) Innovation at the edge: Concept campaigning with pathfinder cells and command-post crucibles Peter Bovet Emanuel (Department of War Studies, Swedish Defence University, and Swedish Armed Forces) Jan Lundberg (Department of Computer and System Sciences, Stockholm University, and Swedish Armed Forces) Jens Lundström Unearthing restraint: What explains variations in landmine use by non-state armed groups? Henrique Garbino (Department of War Studies, Swedish Defence University, and Brazilian Army (ret.))
15.00-15.30	Coffee outside Leijonsköldska

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15.30-17.00	<p>Panel II: Command and Control and Military Decision Making</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Henrik Börjesson (Department of Sociology and Work Science, University of Gothenburg, and Swedish Armed Forces)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Kent Andersson (Department of Systems Science for Defence and Security, Swedish Defence University, and Swedish Armed Forces)</p> <p><i>Room:</i> Leijonsköldska</p> <p>Command and control in Multi Domain Operations Søren Sjøgren (Institute for Military Operations and Military Studies, Royal Danish Defence College and Chief Editor, Scandinavian Journal of Military Studies)</p> <p>Generating forces: Understanding army officers' beliefs in how to lead Fredric Westerdahl (Department of War Studies, Swedish Defence University, and Swedish Armed Forces)</p> <p>Next generation Joint Fire Support Roy Severeide Bendiksen (Norwegian Military Academy, and Department of Leadership and Command and Control, Swedish Defence University)</p> <p>Augmenting operational planning through AI: Exploring decision advantages in the Comprehensive Shield 2025 experiment Peter Bovet Emanuel (Department of War Studies, Swedish Defence University, and Swedish Armed Forces)</p>
17.00-19.00	Reception in Mässen
19.00-	Dinner in the Propellern

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Friday 26 September	
08.30-09.00	Coffee outside Leijonsköldska
09.00-10.00	Roundtable: The Practice and Education of Soldier-Scholars <i>Chair: Antulio Echevarria</i> (Swedish Defence University and US Army War College) <i>Room: Leijonsköldska</i> <i>Tria Juncta in Uno: An Auto-Ethnographical Reflection on Developing the Social Self as a Military Officer, Public Servant and Academic</i> Aaron P. Jackson (Department of War Studies, Swedish Defence University, and Australian Army) Soldier-Scholar: Leveraging Complementary Perspectives and Skills Rory McGovern (Department of History and War Studies, United States Military Academy at West Point, and US Army) How can we promote critical thinking in Professional Military Education? Stefan Lundqvist (Department of War Studies, Swedish Defence University, and Swedish Armed Forces)
10.00-10.30	Publishing Opportunities for Soldier-Scholars Scandinavian Journal of Military Studies Søren Sjøgren, Chief Editor Parameters: The US Army War College Quarterly Antulio Echevarria, Editor in Chief <i>Room: Leijonsköldska</i>
10.45-12.00	Annual Meeting of the Research School for War and Defence <i>Room: Leijonsköldska</i> Note, members only.

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