

Call for Papers:

Annual Baltic Military History Conference 2018 1918-2018 Hundred years of armed forces development 13th-14th of September 2018

2018 marks the centenary for a number of states in Eastern Europe and Caucasus. Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, also Armenia, Azerbaijan, Czech Republic, Georgia and Hungary are celebrating their hundredth anniversary. For these countries, emerging from the ruins of Russian and Austro-Hungarian empires and the turbulent experiences of WWI, gaining and sustaining independence was closely linked with the development of their own armed forces.

The 9th Annual Baltic Defence College Military History Conference will address the development of these armed forces and their different fates in the following 100 years, trying to grasp the lessons learned through reflection on the processes within and related to armed forces. Special attention will be given to the role of military education in the developmental process of the armed forces. The latter topic will serve as a conduit for the 2019 conference that will look back on our own 20th anniversary.

We are glad to announce that the **call for papers** for the Conference is now open. We are looking for submissions on the following subjects:

- What can we learn from history: Development and reflection of armed forces and defence planning in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia 1918-1940
- What has changed in the last 100 years? What are the predictions for the future?
- Development from Cold War: Swedish and Finnish armed forces. NATO in Northern-Europe (Norway and Denmark) and other nations.

Paper proposals can be submitted by 30 June 2018 via e-mail to Art Johanson at milhist@baltdefcol.org. Please provide a short CV, a paper title, and an abstract of 500 words. The length of presentations is 15 - 20 minutes. The working language of the conference is English. Participants and presenters are expected to cover their own travel costs and housing during the conference.

For further information and registration forms for participants, please visit <http://www.baltdefcol.org/conferences/militaryhistory/>

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