

REGISTRATION

Participant Personal Information

Surname:

First name:

Rank:

Nationality:

Position:

Company:

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City / Zip Code:

Country:

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Workshops you would like to participate in

1. Choice:

2. Choice:

3. Choice:

Position:

INFORMATION

Chairman of the experts-meeting is LTC Michael Brendel, Director of the Central Coordination Office on Cross-Cultural Competence

The **registration** can be submitted by e-mail or by mail until September 30th, 2019 to:

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Venue:
German Command and Staff College
Manteuffelstrasse 20
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The conference fee will be 90€ pP.
Attendance is free of charge for invited participants.
The fee is payable **cash** on site!



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COPING WITH CULTURE

Nov 11th-14th 2019

Command and Staff College, Hamburg



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THE CONFERENCE

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For the ninth time Coping with Culture takes place and enlarges the international networking between the participants.

Cross-cultural competence

Within politics and academia, the current crisis of the liberal order is much debated and found at two levels: Pressure is coming from inside liberal democracies, where populist politicians are pushing back against open borders and open societies. But it is also coming from the outside. Due to illiberal presidents, (re-)armament efforts and military manoeuvres, international security relationships are under pressure. As a result, in European countries, national and collective defense rhetoric are on the rise again while the era of substantial military engagement in peace operations appears to have come to an end. It seems that armed forces are no longer upheld for, but rather against something. The aim of the conference is to discuss the relevance of culture in relation to this paradigmatic change and the possible consequences when culture will no longer be seen as a 'key competence' for the military.

This year, the conference will offer six topics which focus on these issues.

WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP 1 - CULTURAL EDUCATION IN MILITARY ACADEMIES.

This workshop will address questions and discuss the challenges related to cultural education at military academies. Questions raised may include the following: What are the best practices when it comes to teaching culture in military academies? How does a general cultural competence prepare for mission-specific factors? How can civilian cultural expertise and traditional academic disciplines find resonance in practices of military profession?

WORKSHOP 2 - CIVIL-MILITARY COOPERATION

The comprehensive approach states that development agencies and the military should work closer together in the field mission in order to be more effective. However the relationship between military and civil society is still overshadowed by skepticism and stereotypes. In the workshop we will take a closer look at the predominant stereotypes in order to develop mechanisms how these stereotypes can be countered through Engagement Global's education work with military and civil personnel.

WORKSHOP 3 - THE PROACTIVE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

Delegates attending this workshop will work in small syndicates, each of which will be presented with a threat scenario and the assigned task to plan to safeguard the nominated cultural heritage sites in Hamburg. Rather than focussing on a specific location, the exercise will consider the World Heritage Site in central Hamburg as an example of a 'centre containing monuments'.

WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP 4 - DIVERSITY AND GENDER IN MILITARY OPERATIONS

Often gender is a kind of a black box and its understanding and realization suffers from a lack of knowledge and more often from a different understanding and perspectives.

The introduction of the latest scientific research results will show the different perspectives. We will discuss perspectives and the implications they might have in the development of future military gender training.

WORKSHOP 5 - CULTURAL IDENTITY IN TIMES OF SOCIAL TRANSITION

In this workshop, we will discuss aspects of cultural relativism and social constructivism in regard to the construction of cultural identities.

Ultimately, we will seek to understand if cultural identities within the realms of the military community are being affected by the same transitions as within the surrounding societies or if we need a different set of approaches to understand this specific domain.

WORKSHOP 6: COPING WITH CULTURE IN MISSIONS ABROAD: WEST AFRICA

International interventions do have a political impact. Especially missions mandated with reforming the Security and Justice Sector or to disarm and re-integrate ex-combatants are targeting social change. Yet often Western blue print solutions are imposed on countries experiencing or emerging from conflict while one-size-fits-all-prescriptions are cultural-insensitive and often biased. This workshop looks closer at challenges, lessons identified and perspectives of international missions regarding cultural sensitivity with a regional focus on West Africa.