

ANNOUNCEMENT -

15TH ERGOMAS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 2019

The European Research Group on Military and Society (ERGOMAS) is an interdisciplinary, international scientific association devoted to collaborative research on military and society. It is a public, non-profit, and politically and ideologically independent professional organization of scientists. Its purposes are pursued through the activities of its Working Groups (WGs) and a biennial conference.

ERGOMAS Working Groups include: Morale, Cohesion and Leadership, Public Opinion, Mass Media and the Military, Gender and the Military, Military Profession, Civilian Control of the Military, Warriors in Peacekeeping, Military Families, Recruitment and Retention, Military and Police Relations, Violence and the Military, Veterans & Society, Military Conflict Management and Peace Economics, Critical Military Studies.

We are pleased to announce the 15th biennial ERGOMAS conference!

The conference will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, 17-22 June 2019.

The theme for this conference will be **Military Studies in a Post-Truth Society: Challenges and Perspectives**.

The Oxford English dictionary declared 'post-truth' the word of the year in 2016, defining it as "relating or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief." While there are many good reasons for social scientists to have a critical view of such generalizing concepts, the idea of post-truth captures important challenges to the way knowledge is built in contemporary societies and invites a reflection on scientific processes and research practices. Where does the study of the military stand in relation to such challenges? To what extent have military researchers been addressing the theoretical, methodological, and ethical dimensions of research in a 'post-truth' society? How can the existing knowledge, methods and techniques be used to examine the ever changing relationship between the military and society? These are some of the questions to be addressed in the next ERGOMAS Conference, as well as research across the broader domains covered by the ERGOMAS Working Groups.

The conference will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, at ISCTE-University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL). ISCTE-IUL is one of the three public universities in Lisbon, focused on Social Sciences, Management and Technologies. It is located in the northern part of the city, close to the city center, between the metro stations 'Entrecampos' and 'Cidade Universitária' (address: Av. das Forças Armadas, 1649-026 Lisboa). The venue is within easy reach of many hotels and is served by a good network of public transportation (www.iscte-iul.pt).

ISCTE.- University Institute of Lisbon



Since the Conference will also be a privileged occasion to involve the local academic community and promote military studies in Portugal, a Local Organizing Committee has been formed including colleagues from various universities, military academies and the MOD. Here is a picture taken during our first meeting😊

ERGOMAS 2019 Local Organizing Committee



From left to right: Maria José Antunes (ICS-University of Lisbon), Ana Tinoco (MoD), Ana Isabel Xavier (ISCTE-IUL); Helena Carreiras (ISCTE-IUL), Paulo Granjo (ICS-University of Lisbon), Cristina Rodrigues (CIES-IUL), Ana Romão (Military Academy). Missing from the photo: Bruno Cardoso Reis (ISCTE-IUL), Nuno Parreira da Silva (IUM – Military University Institute), Luis Malheiro (IUM – Military University Institute) and Daniela Santos (CIES-IUL).

If you want to start organizing your trip, check the Lisbon tourist office website: <https://www.visitlisboa.com>. Additional information, including travel and accommodation will also be circulated in due time.

We are looking forward to receiving you in Lisbon.

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