#### KING'S College LONDON

# Reassessing the Franco-Prussian War 150 years on 6-7 May 2021

This two-day conference, organised under the auspices of King's College London's Sir Michael Howard Centre for the History of War, in conjunction with the Embassy of France in the UK, seeks to interrogate the significance and legacies of some the key political, social, cultural, and military transformations brought about by this crucial turning point in both European and world history.



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#### Thursday 6 May 2021

9.00 Opening remarks - Dr Michael Rowe, Reader in European History, King's College London

#### 9.30 Panel 1: Politics/Geopolitics of the Franco-Prussian War

Chair: Dr Michael Rowe, Reader in European History, King's College London

- 1.1 Geopolitics of the Franco-Prussian War Dr Olivier Zajec, Directeur de l'Institut d'Études de Stratégie et de Défense (IESD), Université Jean Moulin Lyon III
- 1.2 The Franco-Prussian War as the 'Third War of German Unification' Professor Geoffrey Wawro, Professor of Military History at the University of North Texas, and Director of the UNT Military History Center
- 1.3 Bismarck, 1870, and the problem of civil-military relations in Germany Dr Christoph Nübel, Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter, Zentrum für Militärgeschichte und Sozialwissenschaften der Bundeswehr, Potsdam
- 1.4 European Neutrality and the Isolation of the French Republic, September 1870 to March 1871 Dr Karine Varley, Lecturer in French, University of Strathclyde Glasgow

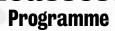
#### 11.00 Morning Coffee Break

#### 11.30 Panel 2: The Franco-Prussian War and the forging of modern France

<u>Chair</u>: Professor Joe Maiolo, Professor of International History and Director of the Sir Michael Howard Centre for the History of War

- 2.1 The Franco-Prussian War and the forging of the French Third Republic Professor Robert Tombs (Professor of Modern European History, University of Cambridge
- 2.2 Paris Commune Dr Quentin Deluermoz, Maitre de conférence, Université Paris 13
- 2.3 The Paris Commune and Franco-Prussian War in French Revolutionary Thought Dr Julia Nicholls, Lecturer in French & European Studies, King's College London

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13.00	Lunch Break
14.00	Panel 3: Fighting the Franco-Prussian War Chair: Colonel Armel Dirou, Army Attaché, French Embassy to the United Kingdom 3.1 Cultures of Violence in the Franco-Prussian War - Professor Mark Hewitson, Professor of German History and Politics, University College London 3.2 The Franco-Prussian War and the Forging of the "People in arms" - Professor Dr Gerd Krumeich, Düsseldorf University 3.3 Intelligence in the Franco-Prussian War - Professor Olivier Forcade, Faculté des Lettres de Sorbonne Université
15.30	Afternoon Coffee Break
16.00	Panel 4: The impact of the Franco-Prussian War on military thought  Chair: Professor David Ellery, Professor in Practice in the School of Government and International Affairs, Durham  4.1 Foch and the intellectual legacy of the Franco-Prussian war - Dr Guillaume Lasconjarias, Senior Strategic Analyst, French MoD  4.2 The Franco-Prussian War and the development of German military thought - Dr Robert Foley, Reader in Defence Studies Defence Studies Department  4.3 The Franco-Prussian War and British military thinking - Dr Robert Johnson, Senior Research Fellow, Pembroke College Oxford
18.00	<u>Keynote Lecture:</u> Sir Michael Howard and the Franco-Prussian War Professor Brian Holden-Reid, Professor of American History and Military Institutions

#### 20:00 <u>Virtual Drinks</u>

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#### Friday 7 May 2020

9:00 Panel 5: Fighting the Franco-Prussian War II

Chair: Dr. Jaspar Heinzen, Lecturer in Modern History, University of York

5.1 The impact of the Franco-Prussian War and the history of surrender - Professor Hew Strachan, Professor of International Relations at the University of St Andrews

5.2 Imagining future wars after 1870 - Dr Arndt Weinrich (Freie Universität Berlin)

11.00 Morning Coffee Break

11:30 Roundtable: The Continuing significance of the Franco-Prussian War in the History of War