



CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS



New Dimensions and Generational Leap in Warfare

**Organizers: Hungarian Defence Forces Scientific Research Center and
Hungarian Atlantic Council**

Date: 5-6 November 2019

Location: Stefánia Palace – HDF Cultural Center
(34-36 Stefánia Street, Budapest 1143)

After the collapse of the bipolar security system and a subsequent brief US hegemony, the early twenty-first century is witnessing a gradual shift in the international system to multipolarity. Recent economic developments, as well as the course and outcome of recent armed conflicts have induced changes in the relationship between states and the concept of security that point towards the emergence of a new international security system. At the same time, the adoption of information technologies and artificial intelligence by the armed forces has created a multi-domain operational environment, and rendered the usual military methods and practices obsolete. The sum of these developments is a potential new generational shift in warfare – the emergence of a new paradigm. In order to remain relevant in the international arena, the nation state must adapt its military instrument of power through a wholesale transformation of military capabilities and organizational structure, and agile mentality policy makers, officers, other ranks.

The Hungarian Defense Staff has recognized the importance of the subject for the defence sector, as well as for the Hungarian Defence Forces, and sponsors a conference to examine the causes of these changes, as well as their effects on warfare in general, and on national security in particular. The conference will be organized by the Defense Staff's Scientific Research Center, with the support of the Hungarian Atlantic Council.

Although the conference is sponsored by the Hungarian Defence Forces, it is emphatically not restricted to the military sphere. On the contrary, scholars of various social science disciplines, the shapers and executors of public administration and policy, as well as opinion shapers are invited to participate. The organizers also hope to attract university students, young scholars and early career researchers both as speakers and audience, partly in order to introduce fresh ideas and stimulate debate, and partly to inform their thinking on 21st century security challenges. Outside-the-box thinking is especially welcome.

The conference shall address the following main themes:

- **The current directions of the evolution of the international security system:**
 - The nature of conflict between nation states and other actors
 - Hybrid warfare as the new generational paradigm of warfare
 - Concepts of postmodern geopolitics

- **The effects of technological development on warfare**
 - How can armed forces keep in step with the changes in the multi-domain operational environment?
 - What technological inventions can lead to a new generational leap in warfare?
 - What organizational and management changes can occur as a result of technological developments?
 - Perspectives of the digitalization of service branches
- **The next generation of soldiers**
 - How does the next generation's relationship to security and national defence evolve?
 - How should the defence sector prepare for the foreseeable demographic changes and challenges of the future?

These themes are only to serve as a guideline and are not intended to be restrictive. Different topic recommendations will be considered at the organizing committee's discretion.

Scholars and practitioners whose area of interest or specialty touches upon any aspect of the conference theme are invited to share the results of their research, experience, or specialized knowledge. Those interested in presenting a paper should submit an English-language abstract of 300-500 words, with a short biography of the author, and the filled in registration form, no later than 1 September 2019. Abstracts should be sent to hvk.tkh@hm.gov.hu.

There is no participation fee, but registration is required.

The official languages of the conference are Hungarian and English. Simultaneous interpretation shall be provided.

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