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TMAF 2024

Theresan Military-Academic Forum

The Theresan Military Academic Forum 2024 (TMAF 2024) is a scientific symposium that seeks to further transfer knowledge and develop the necessary skills, responsibility, and autonomy inherent to successful basic officer education. The TMAF includes a general orientation as well as a cyber specialisation, conceived to help military leaders cope with future challenges.

For the TMAF 2024, the main theme is ***“Manoeuvre Warfare and Manoeuvrist Approach”***. We believe that scientific-based knowledge is vital to increase operational readiness. For Western thinkers, the Manoeuvrist Approach is a foundational method in this regard. Allied Joint Doctrine for Land Operations explains that the “manoeuvrist approach” is “an indirect and sophisticated” one that “focuses on applying strength against vulnerability and recognises the importance of cohesion and will.” The Manoeuvrist Approach is understood as the more intellectual one compared to other concepts such as attrition. However, the most recent War in Ukraine illustrated both the reality and necessity of attritional approaches.

Is Manoeuvre dead?

Options for participation:

A maximum of three persons per institution may participate as follows

Priority	Contribution	Administration
1	Lecture with publication	Free board & lodging
2	Lecture without publication	Free board
3	Participation	Conference fee (€ 40,-/day)
4	Publication	No charges

Submitted contributions will be subject to a double peer review. They will be published by our cooperating partner, “The Defence Horizon Journal” (online), as well as in “Armis et Litteris” (hardcopy). The TMAF focuses on the education of future generations of military officers. Therefore, we integrate officer cadets and students into the symposium. Thus, we kindly invite participants to bring an officer cadet or student from the home institution and include them in the presentation, if possible. Considering the priorities listed above, the organising team will assign the available slots on a first-come, first-served principle.

Please note that for participation with priority 1, regardless of the number of integrated speakers, accommodation and meals free of charge will be provided to only one (1) person/author. In addition to thematic discussions, numerous side events will be offered to promote, deepen, and broaden (military) cultural exchanges; the nature of these exchanges will be decided depending on the pandemic situation, the weather and the interests of the participants.

Procedures for publication

Interested participants are cordially invited to apply with an abstract according to the following guidelines:

Phase	Deadline
Call for Papers (submission of abstract with up to 250 words; endnotes not included; CV; template format)	28 th Apr 2024
Information to the author about acceptance of the article by the TMAF Scientific Committee	2 nd June 2024
Submission of the article for publication (3000-5000 words endnotes not included; template format)	18 th Aug 2024
Review phase	18 th Aug - 20 th Oct 2024
Re-submission date for required modifications (if necessary)	20 th Oct 2024
Publication availability online (TDHJ)	10 th Nov 2024
Availability of the publication "Armis et Litteris"	31 st Mar 2025

For submitting abstracts (including a CV), please use the format template "TMAF Short Essay", which you can find on our website www.milak.at/en/tmaf2024 respectively www.emilyo.eu/node/878 and send them to tmaf@bmlv.gv.at. If a contribution is accepted, we request a picture of the author and speaker for designing the programme and the publications.

Quality management of publication entries

- all publication submissions are subject to a double-blind peer review,
- in cooperation with "The Defence Horizon Journal (TDHJ)",
- under the auspices of the TMAF Scientific Committee and are published
- in TDHJ (ISSN: 2710-3722 online) respectively "Armis et Litteris"

Provisional time-schedule

Monday, 7th Oct 2024: arrival and icebreaker

Tuesday, 8th Oct 2024: TMAF (presentation, discussion, reflection)

Wednesday, 9th Oct 2024: TMAF (presentation, discussion, reflection)

Thursday, 10th Oct 2024: TMAF (presentation, discussion, reflection)

On this day, the symposium's theme will be deepened with presentations and discussions exclusively in German. Interested speakers from GER, CHE and AUT are cordially invited to apply with an abstract.

In parallel, a cultural excursion to our federal capital Vienna will be organised.

Friday, 11th Oct 2024: Departure

Location

The challenging topic and the unique atmosphere in Wiener Neustadt make the TMAF a special event for participants interested in addressing the burning issues for selecting, training, and assessing military leaders.

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Administrative Information

Application

Registration for the TMAF 2024 has to be done via our homepage www.milak.at/en/tmaf2024, by 25th August 2024. We will inform you about the possibility of later registration via the link above.

Transport

Plane:

Pick-up and transfer from/to Vienna Airport will be provided. Therefore, we kindly ask you to book flights arriving at Vienna Airport on Monday, 7th Oct 2024, between 1100 and 1500 hrs. For departure, we request the use of flights on Friday, 11th Oct 2024, from 1100 to 1500 hrs.

Arrival by train:

Pick-up and transfer from/to Wiener Neustadt central railway station to Reichenau will be provided. Therefore, we kindly ask you to book trains arriving between 1200 and 1600 hrs at Wiener Neustadt main railway station. Please use trains for the departure on Friday, 11th Oct 2024, departing from Wiener Neustadt main railway station between 1100 and 1500 hrs.

Arrival by own car:

Please arrive in Wiener Neustadt on Monday, 7 October 2024, between 1500 and 1800 hrs, so you can participate in the Ice Breaker. Parking is available at the hotels and on the campus.

Accommodation and rates

Accommodation for the speakers (option 1) will be provided at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Wiener Neustadt, which is located near the Theresan Military Academy. We kindly ask you to book personally by e-mail, stating the password "MilAk-TMAF-Speaker" for your intended participation. Please send us your booking confirmation so we can cover your stay's costs. Please note that we will only cover the costs for the room and breakfast from 7th to 11th October. Further catering will be provided at the Theresan Military Academy.

In addition to the Hilton Garden Inn, the organisation team recommends the Hotel Zentral (0.6 km) and the Hotel Le Parc (1.7 km). Both hotels are located near the Kasematten and the Theresan Military Academy and are easily and quickly accessible either by foot or with the offered shuttle service. Transfer to and from the TMAF will be provided exclusively to Hotel Le Parc. The following reduced prices can be guaranteed by booking via mail or phone using the keyword „MilAk-TMAF-participant“ only.

Participating students from our EMILYO partner institutions will be provided with free military accommodation and catering.

The cost of accommodation is:

Hotel Hilton Garden Inn (www.hiltonhotels.de/oesterreich/hilton-garden-inn-wiener-neustadt):

€ 115,- for a single - or € 125,- for a double occupancy per night (breakfast: € 25,- per person)

Hotel Le Parc (www.leparc.at/das-hotel): € 80,- for a single - or € 100,- for a double occupancy per night (breakfast: € 18,- per person)

Hotel Zentral (www.hotelzentral.at) : € 65,- for a single - or € 80,- for a double occupancy per night (breakfast: € 14,- per person)

Transport – exclusively – from/to the above-mentioned hotels to the venue will be provided.

Meals

The daily rate is € 40,00 for all participants and includes lunch, dinner, drinks, and snacks during the forum.

During the in-processing on the first day, the respective amount of money for all participating days will be requested in cash (paying via credit card is not possible!).