

Cornwallis XIX: Analysis of Commercial and Market Force Roles in Conflict Management and Mitigation

Royal Holloway, University of London Egham, Surrey, United Kingdom

In partnership with
The 31st International Symposium on Military Operational Research
29th July to 1st August 2014

Call for Papers and Participation

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Cornwallis Group on *Analysis of Commercial and Market Force Roles in Conflict Management and Mitigation* will be held at the Royal Holloway in Egham, Surrey, United Kingdom, as a stream within the 31st International Symposium on Military Operational Research.

Private companies and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) are increasingly considered a partner in the prevention, settlement and transformation of violent conflicts. CSOs include Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), trade unions, faith-based organizations, indigenous peoples' movements, foundations and many others. They tackle challenges in vulnerable regions and areas of conflict, such as combating corruption, social injustice, human security, health, employment and training, environmental issues, poverty reduction, and policy decisions.

The role of private security companies (PSCs) has fuelled the debate on the future shape of the battlefield. They offer the type of services that would have previously been provided by states. Security services include guarding installations such as embassies and airports; acting as bodyguards to government officials such as Paul Bremer, who was head of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) in Iraq; and protecting convoys in war zones. Private security also undertakes services in such areas as logistical support, military and security training, intelligence support, and the provision of humanitarian assistance. Moreover, as long as Western governments continue to reduce their force protection, leaving them with a capability gap, PSCs will try to fill that gap.

Cornwallis XIX offers a bridge between national military agencies, other governmental departments, international CSOs and NGOs that often work together on the ground, but seldom meet in a reflective environment to discuss issues of common concern. The workshop intends to reach out to those organizations and analysts, which do not usually participate in military conferences.

Papers on data collection and analysis for conflict management and mitigation are appropriate for this workshop. Of most interest are papers that:

- ❖ Describe how analysis has been used to produce a 'Blended Solution' plan of action to improve the effectiveness of the response (CSO, Civil Servant, Contractor, non-Regular Military & Regular Military).
- Describe the impact of an evaluation on a subsequent decision.
- ❖ Describe the lessons learned from past evaluations.
- Propose new methodologies.
- ❖ 'Work in progress' where innovative ideas or tools are currently being explored.

It is the Committee's belief that if Iraq and Afghanistan are examples of what tomorrow's operational theatre is likely to resemble, then the future for private security is assured for the immediate and medium term. Therefore papers that disagree with these assertions are also highly appropriate. In addition, while the established theme for the work shop is 'Analysis of Commercial and Market Force Roles in Conflict Management and Mitigation', the Group will accept presentations that cover issues outside the themes. This principle will contribute to the richness of discussions.

Cornwallis XIX will continue to allow for the full hour per presentation that is the hallmark of the Cornwallis Group workshops. This year, papers and presentations should be releasable to be published on *TheCornwallisGroup.org* and *ismor.com* websites directly. We are no longer publishing printed proceedings but are making the proceedings directly available to those who might find them of use (http://www.thecornwallisgroup.org/workshops.php)

Requests for participation and abstracts of papers for the theme of Cornwallis XIX should be sent NO LATER THAN 29 April 2014 by e-mail to: Tony Hopkin (ajhopkin@dstl.gov.uk), Dave Davis (ddavis@gmu.edu); or to other members of the Program Committee: Larry Wentz (lwentz@verizon.net), Gene Visco (eugene.visco@lmco.com) and Karl Bertche (karl.a.bertsche@t-online.de).

This year the Cornwallis Group's Annual Meeting will be run as a one-day workshop within the 31st International Symposium on Military Operational Research (31ISMOR). As such delegates will be able to participate in the Cornwallis XIX workshop on the 30th July, or the entire ISMOR event from the 29th July to 1st August. Costs for participation are provided in the table below. The full costs are shown on the 31ISMOR Booking Form (See **ANNEX A**).

Options	Cost £ (GBP) (includes VAT at 20%)
Cornwallis Workshop only includes tea, coffee and lunch only	£360
Cornwallis Workshop Plus one night's accommodation (Tue or Wed) includes dinner, bed and breakfast	£450
Cornwallis Workshop Plus two night's accommodation (Tue and Wed) includes dinner, bed and breakfast	£540
Full 31ISMOR Symposium including the Cornwallis Workshop includes accommodation and meals (Tues – Fri)	£1,194 £1,074 if booked before 31 Mar 14
Further options A variety of other options are possible	see the 31ISMOR Booking Form (ANNEX A)

ANNEX A 31ST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MILITARY OPERATIONAL RESEARCH

BOOKING FORM

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