

FALKLANDS 40 CONFERENCE
Online Global Event
King's College London, May 3rd 2022

Call for Papers

2022 marks forty years since the 1982 Falklands War between the United Kingdom and Argentina. The War continues to be a source of research and study across a broad and varied spectrum, from military, political, and diplomatic lines of historical inquiry to its enduring contemporary relevance. The 40th anniversary provides the ideal opportunity to convene a forum for scholars and researchers to hear and discuss the latest research related to the war and events of 1982 including its legacy, impact and influence into the 21st Century.

The Laughton Unit for Naval History and Maritime Strategic Research and the Department of War Studies invites proposals for papers to be presented at the 2022 Falklands War Conference on any topics related to the war, historical or contemporary. We welcome original contributions from those researching and working in any field of study from anywhere in the world especially those pursuing new research or perspectives on or related to the Falklands War. Proposals from current PhD candidates, early-career scholars and students in military education are encouraged.

Proposals should include a one-page vita and an abstract of no more than 500 words which summarises the research and contribution to historical knowledge or in contemporary terms, *collated in a single Microsoft Word file or single PDF*. King's College London anticipates the conference will be presented in an all-virtual format to enhance global accessibility for presenters and attendees but also for COVID-19 mitigation. Panel proposals (made up of three presenters, a chair, and a commenter) will be considered, and should include all relevant material on the presenters, as well as a one-page vita for the chair and commenter.

An illustrative and by no means exhaustive list of potential paper topics includes:

- War Studies and Defence Studies themes such as strategic studies, military and political history, science and technology.
- Issues of foreign policy, defence policy, intelligence, strategy, grand strategy, 'way of warfare', civil-military relations and defence organisation.
- History of the State, diplomacy and international relations.
- Perspectives on the war beyond Britain and Argentina.
- Naval and amphibious operations, maritime logistics, oceans, military doctrine, and defence strategy.
- The role and influence of navies and sea power after 1982 including the future of navies and military forces.
- Political, military leadership and veteran experiences and testimony, perspectives on 'lessons-learned', historical methodology and 'official histories'.

The event is sponsored by the Corbett 100 project. The project is a collaborative effort between King's College London, U.S. Naval War College and Australian Naval Institute, in conjunction with partners and contributors around the world such as Japan and Germany to mark the centenary of the death of strategist and naval historian Sir Julian Corbett (1854-1922) in 2022.

Online registration for the conference and further information will be made available on the King's College London website early in 2022. King's intends to record papers and make them publicly available via King's online feeds, unless the conference committee receives a request from the presenter. It is anticipated a special conference proceedings publication will be issued in the future.

Submission instructions: Interested applicants should email their paper proposal no later than *28 January 2022* to laughtonunit@kcl.ac.uk, and include "Falklands 40 Conference" in the email subject line. Selected participants will be notified including being sent further instructions March 2022.

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