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Wednesday 8 November  
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**8.30 - Opening of the Forum.**

**9.00 - Military justice, state, and society in Modern Times.**

- **Benjamin Deruelle (Université de Québec à Montréal), Valentin Grandclaude (Université de Québec à Montréal, Université de Rennes 2),** *Reforms, tensions and the consolidation of power: around the construction of military justice in late medieval and early modern France.*
- **Quentin Verreycken (Université Catholique de Louvain),** *'Roi de justice' and 'père des armes': Military justice and royal pardon in fifteenth and sixteenth-Century France.*
- **David Gilles (Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan Military Academy, Université de Sherbrooke),** *"I am left, like a wanderer in a wilderness, to proceed at hazard" (Colonel G. Washington): from the militia justice to the regular English military justice, (1754-1759).*

Questions (10')

**10.10 - Break**

**10.30 - Military justice and World Wars in Europe**

- **Gwenaël Guyon (Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan Military Academy, Université de Paris Cité),** *Reconciling discipline and Justice after the First World War: towards the 'civilianisation' of French military justice (1918-1928).*
- **Alessandra Bassani (Università degli studi di Milano),** *The Italian fascist special court for the defense of the State (1926-1943).*
- **Raffaella Bianchi Riva (Università degli studi di Milano),** *Collaboration with the enemy during World War II in Italian transitional justice: a case study (1943-1948).*
- **Xavier Rousseaux (FNRS/Université Catholique de Louvain),** *Wartime occupation, military justice and civilians: the ambiguous legacy of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Belgian experience in European perspective.*

Questions (10')

**12.00 - Lunch**

**13.00 - History of Japanese Military Justice**

- **Tino Schöltz (Freie Universität Berlin),** *Enforcing discipline and protecting the imperial army: on the history of the Japanese military justice system (1880-1945)*
- **Kelly Maddox (Freie Universität Berlin),** *Maintaining order in occupied territories: the Japanese military justice system during the Asia-Pacific war (1937-1945).*

Questions (10')

### 13.50 - Springbok traitors and collaborators during the World War Two

- **Evert Kleynhans (Stellenbosch University)**, *An exploratory investigation into the Rein Mission and the post-war hunt for suspected South African war criminals and traitors, 1945-1948.*
- **Anna la Grange (University of Potsdam)**, *War criminals, war crime victims, and traitors: The Union of South Africa's prosecution of wartime offences committed by and against Union nationals, 1943-1948.*
- **Suné Kleynhans (North-West University)**, *"On charges of treason": The case against the Afrikaans broadcasters of Radio Zeesen after WWII.*

Questions (10')

### 15.00 - Tea break

### 15.20 - Military justice and international humanitarian law

- **Maj. Chantal Fleischmann (Defence Legal Services Division, SANDF)**, *Investigating the military prosecution of South African soldiers involved in sexual abuse and exploitation during United Nations peacekeeping operations in Africa.*
- **Jolanda Pretorius (University of Pretoria)**, *Collective responsibility of organised armed groups for systematic breaches of international humanitarian law during non-international armed conflicts.*

Questions (10')

### 16.10 - Military justice and moral legislation

- **Anri Delpont (Stellenbosch University)**, *"Criminal, gambler, deserter or war hero?" An exploration of the influence of moratory legislation on the social contract between the Union of South Africa and its First World War citizen-soldiers, (1914-1925).*
- **Lt Col (Dr) Sonja Els (Stellenbosch University)**, *The marching drums of dishonourable discharge in the military: an international comparative study.*
- **Hendrick Snyders (Stellenbosch University)**, *"Humiliation through court martial?" – Chris Bezuidenhout, the South African Defence Force, professional rugby league and enforcing military discipline during the 1960s.*

Questions (10')

### 17.20 - End of discussions

### 18.30 - Speakers Dinner

**Thursday 9 November**

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### 8.30 - Military justice and constitutionality issues

- **Lt Col (Dr) Michelle Nel (Stellenbosch University)**, *The Constitutionality of the South African Military Justice System: Quo Vadis?*
- **Col (Dr) Piet Bester and Lt Col (Dr) Sonja Els (Stellenbosch University)**, *The constitutionality of polygraph testing for security vetting in the South African Department of Defence.*
- **Lt Cdr (Dr) Bulelani Tsewu (Defence Legal Services Division, SANDF)**, *Military judiciary can never be truly independent: really?*
- **Major Gary Muller (Office of the Surgeon General, SANDF)**, *Medical autonomy and the soldier: the right to refuse medical treatment.*
- **Major Victor Simukonda (Zambian Armed Forces)**, *African indigenous knowledge and the development and evolution of military justice in Africa.*

Questions (15')

#### **10.25 - Tea break**

#### **10.45 - Military justice, AI and autonomous weapons**

- **Lt Col (Dr) Sonja Els and Col (Dr) Piet Bester (Stellenbosch University)**, *The legal and moral landscape of Artificial Intelligence and conventional military operations: The accountability gap between man and machine.*
- **Clea Strydom (Center for international law and public policy in Africa)**, *The future of military justice: accountability and weapons systems with autonomous functions.*
- **Gabriel Udoh (Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt)**, *Now that our weapons can 'think': legal and ethical considerations of autonomy in weapons' systems.*

Questions (10')

#### **12.00 - Lunch**

#### **13.30 – The reform of military justice: global perspectives**

- **Amit Upadhyay, Abhinav Mehrotra (Jindal Global University)**, *Military justice reforms: need for a renewed approach in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*
- **Brian Lee Cox (Cornell Law School)**, *Parallels and pitfalls: a comparative assessment of contemporary efforts to change military culture through civilian-directed military justice reform.*
- **Umesh Chandra Jha (retired Wing CDR, Indian Armed forces)**, *Military justice in South Asian countries: past, present, and future reforms.*
- **Magistrate-Colonel Olivia Luche-Rocchia (French Ministry of Armed Forces, Department of Legal Affairs)**, *The French military justice system since the 2011 reform.*

Questions (10')

#### **15.00 - Tea break**

#### **15.20. Roundtable. The reform of military justice in the Commonwealth**

- HHJ Alan Large, Judge Advocate General of His Majesty's Armed Forces (UK),
- Chief Judge Kevin Riordan, Judge advocate General of the Armed Forces of New Zealand,
- Lt Col (Dr) Michelle Nel, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University,
- Major Navdeep Singh, Advocate, Punjab & Haryana High Court, India, former reservist, military justice expert and author
- Francisca Pretorius, Consultant and Advisor – Commonwealth Military Justice Reform Project, the Commonwealth Secretariat.

#### **16.50 - Closing of the event**

#### **17:00 - Cocktail**

**Friday 10 November**  
**Cultural trip - Franschhoek**