



## Annual Baltic Military History Conference 2024

**“Professional Military Education in the Baltic Region, 1919–2024”**

**31 October–1 November 2024, Tartu**

**Venue: Conference Centre of University of Tartu Library, Wilhelm Struve St 1, 5009**

## Conference Programme

### October 31

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**9:30-9:45**

#### **Opening of the Conference**

**BG Alvydas Šiuparis** (Baltic Defence College)

**Mr Hellar Lill** (Estonian War Museum)

*Welcoming remarks by the Commandant of the Baltic Defence College (BALTDEFCOL) and the Director of the Estonian War Museum*

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**9:45-10:15**

#### **Keynote Speech**

Keynote speaker **MG Andis Dilāns**

*Professional Military Education in the Baltic Region, 1919–2024*

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**10:15-11:15**

#### **Panel 1: Keynote Panel**

**MG Andis Dilāns**

**MG Ilmar Tamm**

*25 Years of the Baltic Defence College and Its Place in PME*

**Moderator: COL (ret) Dr (hab) Zdzisław Śliwa**

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**11:15–11:30**

Coffee Break

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**11:30-13:00**

**Panel 2: Developments in the Contemporary PME in the Baltics**

**Dr Laima Bucevičiūtė** (Vytautas the Great War Museum)

*Changes in the Education of the Lithuanian Army During the Period of Accession to NATO*

**Ms Nele Rand, MA** (Estonian Military Academy)

*Military Education System for a Small-State Army – Estonian Case*

**Dr Martin Nassua** (German Institute for Defence and Strategic Studies (GIDS), Helmut Schmidt University / University of the Bundeswehr Hamburg, Command and Staff College of The Bundeswehr)

*Professional Military Education in Germany, 1919–2024*

**Moderator: Mr Hellar Lill**

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**13:00-14:00**

Lunch

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**14:00-15:30**

**Panel 3: Military Education in the Baltics During the Interwar Period**

**Dr Igor Kopõtin**

*Russian Influences on the Estonian Military Education in the Early 1920s*

**LTC Rauno Viitmann, MA**

*The Influence of the French École Supérieure de Guerre on Estonian Military Education and Doctrine During the Period 1920-1940*

**Dr Kārlis Dambītis** (National Defence Academy of Latvia / Museum of the Occupation of Latvia)

*Military Education in Latvia 1919–1940: Transforming With the New Era*

**MAJ (ret) Dr Gintautas Jakštys** (General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania)

*Training a New Type of Officer at the Lithuanian Military School 1919–1940*

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**15:50-17:20**

#### **Panel 4: Experiences of Professional Military Education**

**Mr Valdis Kuzmins, MA** (National Defence Academy of Latvia)

*Creating “Mobile Corps”: the Latvian Army’s Attempt to Train Elite Units*

**Dr Eric Sibul**

*The Estonian Armed Forces and Battlefield Staff Rides*

**Dr Juris Ciganovs** (Latvian War Museum)

*Training of Latvian Army Officers-Specialists at the University of Latvia (1922-1940): Military Polytechnic Courses*

**Moderator: Tae Hoon Kim (Swedish Defence University)**

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## **November 1**

### **Roundtable Discussions**

On the second day of the conference, there will be round table discussions for invited guests and speakers. Further cooperation and possible joint projects will be discussed there. With more partners, developing international cooperation and coordinating activities is necessary for future projects.