

2007 International Biennial Conference of the
Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society
The Palmer House Hilton
Chicago, Illinois
26 – 28 October 2007

A CALL FOR PAPERS

DEADLINE: 1 February 2007

PLEASE NOTE that, once again, the 2007 Conference **PANELS WILL BEGIN FRIDAY AFTERNOON**, followed by the usual Welcome Reception and Dinner Friday evening. The usual Saturday and Sunday schedules will still be in place.

The next International Biennial Conference of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society will be held in downtown Chicago, IL at the Palmer House Hilton on 26 – 28 October 2007. The Program Committee is currently soliciting proposals for individual papers and panel sessions. The IUS strongly encourages comparative and cross-national research. While prospective participants may submit proposals on any topic that falls within the broad intellectual scope of the IUS, the following list is offered for consideration:

Terrorism and Counter-terrorism:

- International cooperation in counter-terrorism
- Conceptualizing “terrorists” and “freedom fighters”
- The changing nature of warfare and counter-terrorism
- The home front in warfare and counter-terrorism
- The military, as well as terrorism and counter-terrorism, as reflected by journalism and entertainment media
- New missions and roles of military forces: The blurring of military and police roles
- Military and counter-terrorism legal issues
- The evolution of Civil-Military relations after the September 11 attacks and subsequent events
- Pre-emptive Strikes and their potential repercussions
- The role of the UN in fighting terror
- Debating the links between US/UK foreign policy and terrorism

Area Studies and Cross-National Analyses of Military Institutions

- The growing economic and military impact of the Pacific Rim
- Changing civil-military relations in the context of EU and NATO expansion
- The Post-Modern Military Reconsidered
- China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) and its Impact on Society

Post-Cold War Military Operations:

- Peacekeeping and Peacemaking operations
- War in close quarters: The impact of urban warfare after Mogadishu
- The role of the UN and NATO

Global Coalitions and Cross-National Alliances:

- Cooperation and conflict between NATO and non-NATO militaries
- Interface of East and West with developing nations
- New economic and military alliances
- The military's role in democratization and nation building

Civil-Military Relations:

- Impact of military operations on recruiting, retention, patriotism, anti-war/pro-war coalitions, etc.
- The culture and structure of armed forces
- Conscription

The US military, the American nation and Iraq

Social and Personnel Issues:

- Social, medical, and institutional aftermath of military conflicts
- Social issues (families, quality of life, women, minorities, gays in the military, etc.)
- Force restructuring (active-reserve mix, conscript v. professional, etc.)
- Impact of different cultures on military operations (ex: the abaya issue)
- The enlisted force: The quest for respect

The Panels

Most of the Conference will be devoted to concurrent panels – five during each of the eight sessions. Panels will be scheduled for 90 minutes each. Typically, panels have three to five panelists, a chair, and a presenter *or* discussant. **Panel proposals with more than five (5) papers will be rejected** by the Program Committee.

Presenter or Discussant

The Committee strongly urges those proposing panels to use the "presenter" format. Presenters provide a summary and analysis of panelists' papers, including their own critique. The authors of the individual papers are then called upon to make brief comments after the presenter's overview. This maximizes time available for discussion and provides a thematic overview of the papers. This differs from the discussant model used at most academic conferences, where paper authors speak at more length first, and then the discussant provides his/her own comments and critique of the papers.

Proposals for entire panels (5 papers maximum allowed) must indicate if a presenter or discussant is being requested. Individuals submitting single papers not part of a proposed panel will be grouped by relevant subject matter into panels by the Committee. Panels will be limited to no more than five (5) papers. Presenters and discussants must be provided copies of the panel's papers at least four (4) weeks in advance of the Conference.

Proposal Dates and Deadlines

The Program Committee must receive e-mailed proposals no later than February 1, 2007. The IUS Secretariat will acknowledge receipt of each proposal via email.

Both paper and panel proposals – *no longer than one page* – must include the following information:

- Title(s)
- Author(s) with address, phone, fax, and e-mail
- Brief abstract (200 WORDS MAXIMUM)

A panel proposal should also include:

- Name of Chair
- Name of Presenter
- Names and addresses of all authors. (5 MAXIMUM)*

Authors may submit one or more separate and distinct papers, provided they understand that IUS Conference participation is limited to one (1) sole-authored paper and no more than two (2) appearances on the final program. The Program Committee will make decisions accordingly.

Please email all proposals to: iuschicago@yahoo.com

Final decisions regarding the program will be made in late April 2007. A Preliminary Program with Conference and hotel details will be e-mailed in May. Unless otherwise requested, all communications on paper acceptance or decline, the program, hotel information, etc. will be sent electronically via email.

For proposals that have been accepted, the Committee must have final titles of papers, the composition of panels, and names of chairs, discussants, and presenters no later than 15 July 2007 to insure inclusion in the Conference Program.

Conference Registration

By resolution of the IUS Council, all participants must register for the Conference and pay the appropriate fee. Panelists in any capacity must do this to be included on the program. This is true without regard to the length of time a participant expects to be at the Conference, or whether he or she is an IUS Fellow. Students are encouraged to actively participate in the Conference with discounted registration fees. Registration information will be available at www.iusafs.org on or about 1 Jan. 2007.

IUS Fellowship Information

For information on how to become an IUS Fellow, please visit our website at <http://www.iusafs.org>.

Availability of Conference Papers

Conference papers will be made available on CD. There will be no Paper Room.

Audio-Visual

Due to costs, the IUS and its Conference Hotel will be unable to provide for authors' or presenters' audio-visual needs. Participants may not bring their own audio-visual equipment to facilitate presentations. The Committee recommends that anything, which might have been projected for the purposes of presentation, be either included in the paper itself, or that duplicates be distributed by the authors directly to his/her audience. Authors are responsible for duplicating and distributing their own materials.