

Defense and its realms

April, 14-15th 2011

Conference

ENSTA-Bretagne, France

Hosted by: ENSTA-Bretagne (ENSIETA) and the University of Western Brittany (UBO)

Venue: ENSIETA Campus, Brest, France

Call for papers



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The purpose of this conference is to identify the consequences of on-going transformations on the “realms of defense”, which are both its local footprints and the transformations of defense as a social construct.

Indeed, since the 1990s, relations between the players in the world of defense have been changing because of geo-strategic transformations, spatial reorganization, budgetary trends as well as evolutions within the production of defense per se, which have disrupted its economic and social fabric. These evolutions widen the scope of industrial activities and modify the organization of relations between armed forces, firms and local economies as well as the society.

As a result, it is necessary to evaluate and reassess defense and its missions through a thorough approach. The nature of armed forces’ missions tends to evolve, resulting in a double movement of “spatial unbundling” and globalization of their missions. There are also evolutions in the public/private boundaries as a consequence of policy choices, administrative reforms and the search for greater organizational efficiency (resulting from technological change, increasing role of Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO), rise of dual services...). These mutations deeply affect the footprints of defense in several dimensions and it is therefore useful to analyze such changes and their impacts on local communities, the public/private boundaries and evolving requirements of armed forces.

This conference aims at reconsidering the interactions between defense and its stakeholders. It represents an opportunity for economists, political scientists and other researchers in social sciences from around the world to share ideas and discuss the future developments in different fields of research, notably:

- Economic and social impacts of defense activities on local economies
- Procurement policies and public finance
- Public-private partnerships and the emergence of services-based solutions
- Evolution of the public/private, defense/security boundaries
- Economic and social impacts of military transformation and innovation
- Military recruitment and military bases
- Spatial structuring of defense needs
- Geographic patterns of defense needs
- Geopolitical issues on defense

Offers of papers on related topics are very welcome. The conference will be composed of plenary sessions only.

In order to propose a paper, please send a title and an abstract in English of up to 300 words as soon as possible and before February, 1st 2011 to:
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Organization

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1st February 2011 - Deadline for receipt of abstracts

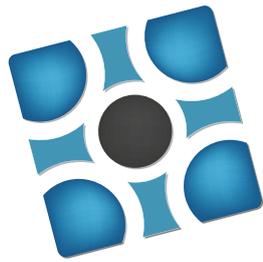
15th March 2011 - Decisions on acceptance/rejection of abstracts by Conveners

10th April 2011 - Final date for submission of full papers

14/15th April 2011 - Conference “Defense and Its Realms” in Brest

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