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Hybrid Warfare: The Struggle of Military Forces to Adapt to Complex Opponents

Friday-Saturday, May 14-15
Mershon Center for International Security Studies
1501 Neil Ave., Columbus, OH 43201

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Overview

Hybrid warfare, a combination of conventional and irregular forces fighting against a common foe, has been an integral part of the historical landscape since the ancient world, but these conflicts have only recently been categorized as a unique type of conflict. Informed defense analysts believe that hybrid wars are the most likely conflicts in the 21st century. An historical examination of hybrid wars will help to illuminate the various aspects of these conflicts, how great powers have dealt with them, and potential prospects for the future of these types of wars.

The United States is currently engaged in extended counterinsurgency conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan and has significant military and other national assets assisting other states and regions against insurgencies. Rather than historical anomalies, Iraq and Afghanistan are harbingers of the wars to come in the next several decades. Nation state competitors are unlikely to challenge the United States in the realm of high-technology, conventional warfare. Rather, they will likely use a combination of conventional and insurgent/guerrilla forces - hybrid forces - to wear down American military capabilities in extended campaigns of exhaustion.

The United States and its allies must study and understand the strategic, operational, tactical, and doctrinal parameters of hybrid conflicts and prepare to apply lessons from them. This project, which will illuminate historical examples of hybrid warfare from Ancient Greece to the modern world, is a step along that journey of understanding.

Participants

[John Ferris](#), Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute, University of Calgary

[Marcus Jones](#), United States Naval Academy

Jim Lacey, Institute for Defense Analyses; Johns Hopkins University

Sharon Tosi Lacey, Army Materiel Command

[Wayne Lee](#), University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

Karl Lowe, Institute for Defense Analyses

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[Gen. James Mattis](#), United States Joint Forces Command

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[Richard Sinnreich](#), Independent consultant and columnist

[Dan Sutherland](#), University of Arkansas

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Noboru Yamaguchi, National Defense Academy of Japan

Schedule

Friday, May 14, 2010

8:30-9 a.m. -- Continental breakfast

9-9:15 a.m. -- Welcome and Administrative Announcements

Richard Herrmann, Director Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University

Peter R. Mansoor, General Raymond E. Mason, Jr. Chair of Military History, The Ohio State University

9:15-11:45 a.m. -- Panel 1 - Hybrid Warfare in the 20th Century

Chair: Peter R. Mansoor, Mershon Center/History The Ohio State University

"The United States in Vietnam, 1960-1973," Karl Lowe, Institute for Defense Analyses

"The Second Sino-Japanese War, 1937-1945," Lt. Gen.(Ret.) Noboru Yamaguchi

11:45-12:30 p.m. -- Lunch

12:30-1:30 p.m. -- Keynote Address

"Hybrid Warfare in the 21st Century," General James Mattis, USMC Commanding General, U.S. Joint Forces Command

1:30-1:45 p.m. -- Break

1:45-4:15 p.m. -- Panel 2 - Hybrid Warfare in the 19th Century

Chair: Williamson Murray, Institute for Defense Analyses

"Britain in the Second Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902," John Ferris, University of Calgary

"Prussia in the Franco-Prussian War, 1870-1871," Marcus Jones, United States Naval Academy

"The Union in the American Civil War, 1861-1865," Daniel Sutherland, University of Arkansas

4:15-4:30 p.m. -- Day 1 Wrap-Up

Saturday, May 15, 2010

8:30-9 a.m. -- Continental Breakfast

9-9:05 a.m. -- Welcome and Administrative Announcements

Peter R. Mansoor, General Raymond E. Mason, Jr. Chair of Military History, The Ohio State University

9:05-11:35 a.m. -- Panel 3 - The French and British Experience with Hybrid Warfare from the 16th to the 19th Centuries

Chair: John Guilmartin, The Ohio State University

"France and the Spanish Ulcer, 1808-1813," Richard Sinnreich

"Great Britain in the American Revolution," Williamson Murray,

Institute for Defense Analyses

"Great Britain in Ireland in the 16th Century," Wayne Lee, University of North Carolina

11:35-11:45 a.m. -- Break

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. -- Luncheon Address - The Future Behind Us

"Rome in Germania, 9-34 AD," Sharon Tosi Lacey, Army Materiel Command

12:45-1 p.m. -- Conference Wrap-up

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