

Globalisation has rendered armed conflicts ever more complex, with the involvement of different cultures, urban warfare, new technologies, the information age... However, conflict resolution continues to be an eminently human activity.



Control of the future battlefield demands the development of human potential as a key resource. The Army must train leaders capable of working in any situation and of arriving at ethical solutions with a high degree of empathy in complex environments.

During conflict, the most vulnerable civilians are women, children and the elderly. The inclusion of a gender perspective is a significant asset when it comes to assisting that segment of the population.



LOCATION
ESCUELA DE GUERRA DEL EJÉRCITO
C/ Santa Cruz de Marcenado, 25

GETTING THERE

Underground:
L2 San Bernardo
L3 Argüelles
L3 Ventura Rodríguez

Buses:
L1, L2, L21, L44

THE SPANISH ARMY & FUTURE CHALLENGES



THE HUMAN DIMENSION OF CONFLICT: URBAN WARFARE



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SPANISH ARMY

[7 MARCH / 18:00-20:15]

Opening address Army General Jaime Domínguez Buj
Chief of the Army Staff.

Opening conference Army General José Antonio García González
Former Chief of the Army Staff (2004-2006).
Actors in a conflict.

[FIRST PANEL]

Moderator Lieutenant-General Alfonso de la Rosa Morena
Director of the Centre for National Defence Studies.

Speakers Carlos Echeverría Jesús
Professor of International Relations at the National University of Distance Education:
Conflict and people: Urban warfare in the modus operandi of different radical Islamist groups.

- Islamist activism and urban warfare: From conventional attacks to a sustained military effort.
- Urban populations as hostages of the radicals: From the Gaza Strip to the occupation of cities (Syria and Libya).
- The emergence of 'urban jihad': Origin in Mumbai (2008) and gradual consolidation.

Lieutenant-Colonel Jesús Gil Ruiz
Former Chief of the IMS Office of the Gender Advisor, NATO:
Implementation of a gender perspective within NATO. Political, strategic and operational levels.

- Political level: Basic documents for implementation. The Task Force and the Committee on Gender Perspectives. The High Representative.
- Gender Advisor at NATO IMS. Responsibilities and accomplishments.
- Strategic and operational level: The Gender Advisor during operations. The Resolute Support Mission.

José Antonio Guardiola Sanz
Director of the TVE Programme "En Portada".
The media and conflict resolution.

- Journalism and urban conflicts.
- Live broadcasting and their consequences.
- Journalists as targets.

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[SECOND PANEL]

Moderator Brigadier General Miguel Ángel Ballesteros Martín
Director of the Spanish Institute for Strategic Studies.

Speakers Brigadier General Fernando García González-Valerio
Chief of the Army Staff Operations Division:
The quest for intellectual, physical and technological superiority. Army training and military preparedness.

- Third Offset Strategy and urban warfare.
- Combatant-civilian relations.
- Technology at the reach of all actors.
- Spanish Army preparedness in the face of future conflicts.

Juan Díez Nicolás
Research Professor in Social Sciences & Security at the European University of Madrid:
The civilian population in urban warfare.

- Using civilians to exert international pressure. Social support or rejection.
- Conflict exposure: Post-traumatic disorders and impacts on families.
- The role of the Armed Forces in preventing and fighting urban terrorism.

Lieutenant-General Javier Varela Salas
Land Force Commander:
Analysis and impact of urban warfare on the operational milieu.

- The city as an ecosystem.
- Joint aspects of urban operations.
- The comprehensive approach and the balance of power theory.

Concluding remarks Lieutenant-General Juan Campíns Miralles
Deputy Chief of the Army Staff.

Closing Army General Jaime Domínguez Buj
Chief of the Army Staff.

Aperitif: Spanish wine Escuela de Guerra del Ejército. Main dining room.