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THE  
**EXPERIENCE  
OF WAR**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2023**

**09:30 - 16:30**

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*Tea & coffee on arrival*

## **09:30 INTRODUCTION**

*Antonio De Lauri (Chr. Michelsen Institute)*

## **SESSION 1**

*Moderated by Antonio De Lauri*

09:50

*Your Insurgency Is My Adventure: On the Quest for Experiences and Pleasures of War among Danish Combat Troops in Afghanistan and Iraq*

**Thomas Randrup Pedersen (Royal Danish Defence College)**

10:10

*The Pleasures of War*

**Jackie Dent (University of Sydney)**

10:30

*The Tensions of War: Frustration and Pleasure in the Green Zones of Baghdad and Mogadishu*

**Helle Malmvig and Jethro Norman (Danish Institute for International Studies)**

10:50

**Q&A and discussion**

**11:10 COFFEE BREAK**



## SESSION 2

*Moderated by Heidi Mogstad*

11:20

*Soldier Humour and Agency*

**Eva Johais (Chr. Michelsen Institute)**

11:40

*Boko Haram's "Playground": Fun, Love, and Positive Feelings Among Children Associated with Armed Groups in Nigeria*

**Luigi Achilli (European University Institute/Chr. Michelsen Institute)**

12:00

*Have I Killed Someone? Meaning Making by German Soldiers after Combat in Afghanistan*

**Maren Tomforde (German Armed Forces Staff College)**

12:20

*Neretva and Sutjeska in Horror and Magic of Individual Remembrances*

**Iva Jelusic (Chr. Michelsen Institute)**

12:40

**Q&A and discussion**

## 13:00 LUNCH BREAK

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## SESSION 3

*Moderated by Eva Johais*

14:00

*Gods, Guns and Sex Toys: Pleasure and Militancy in the Everyday Lives of Shia Militants in the Middle East*

**Younes Saramifar (Vrije Universiteit)**

14:20

*Sex in War Trenches: Humane, Mutuality and Reciprocity in the Democratic Republic of Congo War*

**Godfrey Maringira (Sol Plaatje University)**

14:40

*Better than sex? Norwegian Soldiers' Experiences of Thrill and Pleasure in Afghanistan*

**Heidi Mogstad (Chr. Michelsen Institute)**

15:00

**Q&A and discussion**

**15:20 COFFEE BREAK**

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## **SESSION 4 - REMOTE PRESENTATION**

*Moderated by Iva Jelusic*

15:30

*Understanding the Pleasures of War Media*

**Catherine Lutz (Brown University)**

16:00

**Q&A and conclusion**

**16:30 REFRESHMENTS**

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