

CALL FOR PAPERS

CONFERENCE: 'Alliances in the history of armed conflict, 1642-present'

24-25 March 2023

National Army Museum (London)

Proposals are sought for papers and lightning presentations on the theme of alliances in the history of armed conflict, 1642-present, to feature in the first of our annual conferences. We welcome papers that explore the history of alliances, coalitions, and partnerships in the broadest sense, from any disciplinary perspective, in connection or comparison to Britain's armies, including the Indian Army and other land forces serving under the Crown. We are particularly interested in papers that take a transnational or global perspective, focus on regiments raised abroad, or consider the interaction between civilian and military groups. Papers from graduate students and early career researchers are especially encouraged.

Possible themes for papers may include:

- Formal and informal alliances, diplomacy, international relations
- Peacebuilding and humanitarian involvement
- Intelligence-sharing, training allied troops, the supply of weapons
- Scientific or medical co-operation
- Invasions and interventions, expeditionary warfare, participation in civil wars
- Overseas military bases, occupation, colonial institutions
- Political-military relations, connections to merchants, businesses or industry, and popular support
- Personal friendships, intimate relationships, family and kinship ties
- Religious or monarchical alliances
- Shared feelings of commonality, based on language, culture, heritage etc.
- Perceptions and depictions of alliances from an international to an individual level: propaganda, official communications, art and film, literature, music, social media
- Uneasy and uneven alliances, forced cooperation, and power dynamics
- Violence and the appropriation, exclusion, or oppression of marginalised groups
- Broken alliances

Submissions:

Speakers have the choice to present in one of two different formats:

1. Paper (15-20 minutes)
2. Lightning presentation (5 minutes), focusing on a specific object in NAM's galleries or collections that relates to the theme. (Our online catalogue can be found at <https://collection.nam.ac.uk>.)

Proposals for panels of three papers with a chair will also be considered.

Please send an abstract of max. 300 words for papers and 150 words for lightning presentations, along with a 100-word personal bio, to research@nam.ac.uk by **15 January 2023**.

Decisions will be sent out in late January.

Accessibility and travel support:

The conference will take place on a hybrid basis, so it will be possible to present and attend either in person or remotely if you prefer. For those attending in person, small travel bursaries are available for speakers who are not supported by their institution.

We are also offering travel bursaries to graduate students who are not presenting papers but would still like to attend.

Please include a note with your proposal if you would like to apply for one of these.

Questions and enquiries:

If you have any questions about the conference or would like to talk through an idea for a paper, please contact one of NAM's Historians, who would be happy to help.

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