

News story: Defence Academy conference focuses on deterrence and assurance

The Defence Academy of the United Kingdom, in association with the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) Deterrence and Assurance Academic Alliance (DAAA) and King's College London, will be hosting its annual conference on 22-23 May 2019. The theme of the conference is Putting Modern Deterrence into Practice.

The question the conference seeks to examine is: 'What are the challenges of putting deterrence into practice in an increasingly complex and interconnected world?'. Delegates will explore the concept and practice of deterrence in the 21st century, including: The challenges of deterrence across multiple domains, involving multiple actors, both state and non-state; the challenges of communication in a networked world; deterrence and alliance cohesion; and the perils of escalation.

Deterrence has, in recent times, risen up policymakers' agendas around the globe. The event will bring together theorists and practitioners through scenario-based interactive sessions to encourage maximum interaction between delegates.

The conference is being convened by the Defence Academy's Centre for Defence Educational Research and Analysis (CDERA). The conference will start at 0900hrs on Wednesday 22 May and will finish during the afternoon of Thursday 23 May. Further details will be available on request or registration.

Nicholas Taylor, from Dstl, said:

I very much hope many people will be able to join us for what will be an engaging and interactive conference, bringing together those at the cutting-edge of deterrence theory and practice.

[Details and registration](#) or email john.hughes@da.mod.uk