

Non-violent uses of arms

Histories and dynamics of peace and conflict

Thursday, November 19, 2026

12:30 am – 1:30 pm

Welcome

Fabian Klose (CHL, Universität zu Köln)

Introduction

Daniel Stahl (Universität zu Köln)

Non-violent uses of arms. Approaches and questions

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Panel 1: Imperial Expansion

Chair: Anke Fischer-Kattner (Universität der Bundeswehr München)

Leon Biela (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg)

Weimar's Peaceful Weapons: Warships as Instruments of Public Diplomacy in the German Navy's Foreign Port Visits

Kerrin Langer (Technische Universität Dortmund)

Measuring, Comparing, Deterring - Battleships, Practices of Naval Force Comparisons, and the First Cold War, 1889-1914

Felix Brahm (Universität Münster)

Symbols of Power. Guns and anti-colonial Resistance in East-Africa

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Coffee Break

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Panel 2: Foreign Rule

Chair: Susanne Schregel (Universität zu Köln)

Mathias Foit (University of Padua)

Schützenfeste and Jahrtausendfeiern. The Symbolic Meaning of Shooting in the Occupied Rhineland

Cosmin-Stefan Dogaru (University of Bucharest)

Displays of Authority Without Direct Combat: Armed Patrols and Checkpoints in Occupied Bucharest during the First World War

Ana Catarina Pinho (Nova University of Lisbon)

Instrumental Images. Visualizing Armament and Censorship under the Portuguese Colonial War

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner Buffet

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Keynote

Joseph A. Maiolo (King's College London)

Arms races in the 20th Century and their implications for peace

Chair: Arvid Schors (CHL, Universität zu Köln)

8:30 pm Reception

Friday, November 20, 2026

9:30 am – 12:00 am

Panel 3: International Conflicts

Chair: Fabian Klose (CHL, Universität zu Köln)

Emre Eldem and Duygu Yayla Eldem (Galatasaray University)

Fighting Without Fire: Turkish-Greek Aegean Dogfights as Non-Violent Uses of Arms

Christoph Laucht (Swansea University)

Peace Through War Games? NATO Command Post Exercises as a Communication Tool in the Late Cold War

Constantin M. März (Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut Essen)

Non-use as a nuclear doctrine? "Mutual assured destruction" and its myth as the specter of conservative counter-armament at the end of détente

Daria Vilkova (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)

From Peace Dividend to Strategic Vulnerability: Ukraine's Denuclearization and the Changing Symbolism of Arms

12:00 am – 1:30 pm Lunch Buffet

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Panel 4: Social Conflicts

Chair: Till Kössler (Universität zu Köln)

Dagmar Ellerbrock (Technische Universität Dresden)

Fun, Honor, Disparagement: The Volatile Emotional Economy of Non-Violent Arms Use in Doing Masculinity, 1830–1914

Róbert Károly Szabó (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)

Mock Battles and Wooden Rifles: The Non-violent Uses of Arms in Hungarian Secondary School Paramilitary Training

Roxane Bonnardel Mira (University of Padua)

Peaceful war souvenirs? Shifting attitudes towards guns collected from the front in France between 1918 and the 1930s

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Final Discussion

Chair: Arvid Schors (CHL, Universität zu Köln)