



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
BUCKINGHAM

LONDON PROGRAMMES

# MASTER'S IN MODERN WAR STUDIES

September 2012 - August 2013



Seminars at the  
Cavalry and Guards  
Club, London

# MA in Modern War Studies

Course Director: Professor Lloyd Clark,  
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and Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst

## The Course

With Britain having recently been more heavily involved in overseas wars than at any point in the last half century, the University of Buckingham has launched a Master's degree in Modern War Studies based at the Cavalry and Guards Club in London. The course commences in late September 2012 with three 'research skills seminars' and after a year of supervised independent research, culminates with the student's submission of a dissertation. During the first six months, candidates attend a series of guest seminars and dinners (set out in detail below) at which some of the most eminent names in the field present papers. This series of talks examines why and how modern wars are fought, and the principal influences that will affect the conduct of war – and Britain's role – in the future.

For Master's degree candidates the core of the programme is the writing, under supervision, of a dissertation. The dissertation may address any aspect of warfare since 1945, with the precise topic formulated in a process of discussion with the Programme Director and/or the student's supervisor. The length of the dissertation is not more than 40,000 words and usually not less than 20,000.

## Associate Students

For those who wish to attend the seminars and dinners, but do not have time to complete the coursework involved in the MA programme, it is possible to register for the course as an Associate Student. This status enables Associate Students to attend the seminars and to dine with the guest lecturers, but not to proceed to the MA degree.

## Where

This is a London-based course. The seminars will be held at the Cavalry and Guards Club in Central London (127 Piccadilly). The nearest London Underground Stations are Hyde Park (Piccadilly Line) or Green Park (Victoria, Jubilee and Piccadilly Lines).

## Seminar Dinners

Seminars begin at 19:00 and are followed by a formal post-seminar dinner at which students can engage in a general discussion with the speaker.

## Seminars Programme for 2012-13

There will be a programme of three research skills seminars followed by ten guest seminars. These sessions will take over the period September 2012 - March 2013. The seminar speakers are:

**Lord Ashdown** (Politician and diplomat) - "Grand Strategy in the 21st Century"

**General the Lord Dannatt** (Former Chief of the General Staff) - "Security, Stability and Change: An analysis of today's threats and our responses"

**Sir Max Hastings** (Military Historian and Author) - "The Falklands War 30 Years On"

**Professor Hew Strachan** (All Souls' College, Oxford)- "The Changing Nature of War"

**General Sir John Kiszely** (Former Director of the Defence Academy) - "Coalition Warfare in the 21st Century"

**Major General Mungo Melvin** (Author of Manstein – Hitler's Greatest General) - "Counter-Stroke Operations from Manstein to Schwarzkopf"

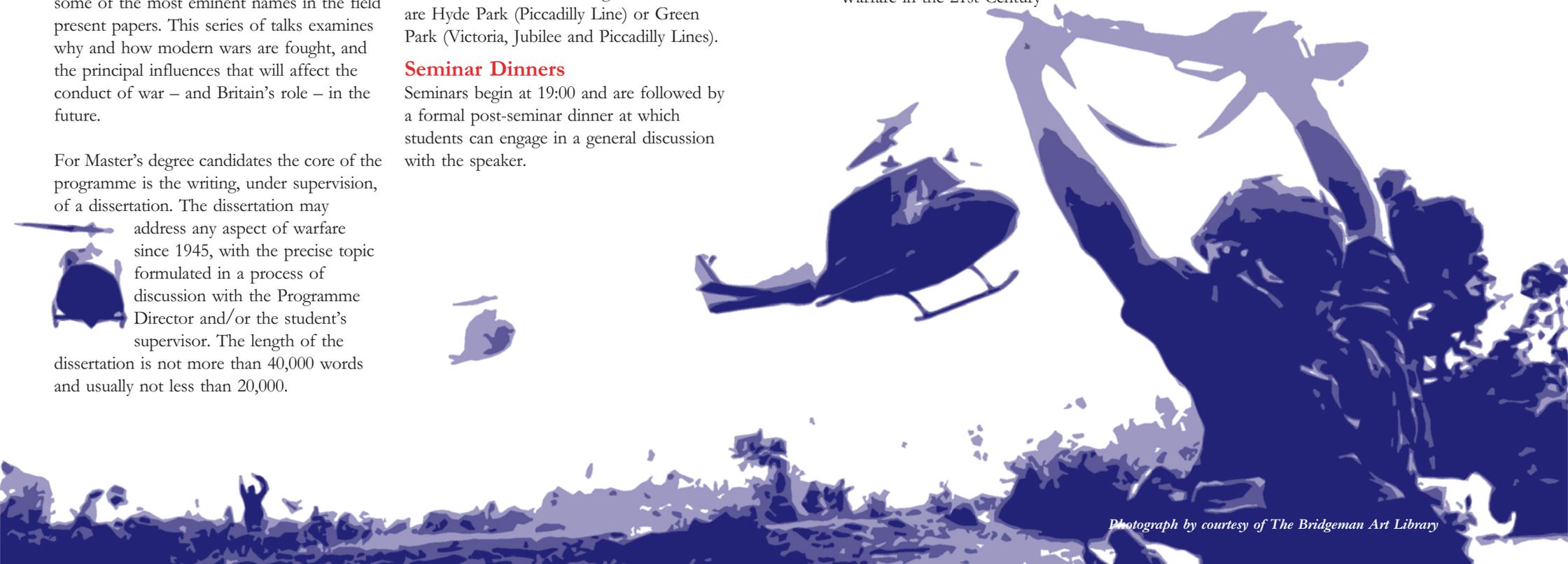
**Jack Fairweather** (Journalist and Author) – "Britain and Iraq 2003-9"

**Professor Gwyn Prins** (London School of Economics) - "The British Way of Strategy Making – Vital Lessons for Our Times"

**Major Laurence Bedford** (Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment) - "Company Command in War – Personal Reflections"

**Dr Matthias Strohn** (Royal Military Academy Sandhurst) - "Counter-Insurgency During the Cold War"

Dates and an updated list of topics will be post on the course website:  
[www.buckingham.ac.uk/humanities/ma/warstudies](http://www.buckingham.ac.uk/humanities/ma/warstudies)



## Assessment

Examination is by a research dissertation on an approved topic of not less than 20,000 words and not more than 40,000 words due for submission by 30 September 2013.

## Entry Requirements

Students will normally be required to have: a first or second class honours degree (or equivalent) or substantial relevant work experience. Students shall also have satisfied the Programme Director that they have sufficient background knowledge to undertake the degree. It is likely that they will already have a background of study in history or a cognate discipline and that they have identified a research topic which they wish to study and which they are qualified to pursue. The emphasis of the Buckingham MA in War Studies is on independent research.

## Fees

Fees for the MA Programme: UK and EU citizens are £6,820; for International students (non-EU), £11,440. Further details of tuition fees and methods of payment discounts for advance payment and serving officers in the armed forces, can be found at:

[www.buckingham.ac.uk/admissions/fees/postgraduate](http://www.buckingham.ac.uk/admissions/fees/postgraduate). Fees for an Associate

Studentship: UK and EU citizens are £2,255; for international students (non-EU), £4,400. There is a small additional cost for the dinners.

## Financial Support for Serving and Former Officers of the Armed Forces

Fees for the Buckingham MA in Modern War Studies qualify for financial assistance to members of the UK Armed Forces from the Ministry of Defence under its Enhanced Learning Credits Scheme (ELCAS). In addition, the University offers a substantial discount to current and former officers of HM Armed Forces wishing to undertake the scheme. Further details can be obtained on the University's Fees website, or by contacting the Course Director.

## Programme Director and Admissions Tutor

### Professor Lloyd Clark

One of the most distinguished military scholars of his generation, Lloyd Clark is a Professorial Research Fellow in Modern War Studies at the Humanities Research Institute, University of Buckingham, and a senior academic at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. One of the country's leading authorities on the Second World War, his research and teaching expertise also encompasses contemporary military doctrine, command and leadership, Counter-Insurgency and military lesson learning. He is a regular commentator on military matters for radio and television.

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