

# Post-Modern Military Thinking

The Centre for Research on Conflict (CRC) of Saint Paul University would like to convey the public to a round-table including some of the most renowned military designers.

Why and how reflexivity, critical thinking and post-modern insights are being increasingly integrated by military commanders and military institutions?

A transnational movement of military thinkers is currently challenging military habits. Our participants are recognised leaders in their respective countries and around the globe.

Chair: Philippe Dufort, Professor at the School of Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University

Host: Jean-François Rioux, Director of the Centre for Research on Conflict (CRC), Saint Paul University

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# The Emergence of a Transnational Paradigm



**Brigadier-General Imre Porkoláb, NATO**

Imre Porkoláb is currently serving as NATO Supreme Allied Commander Transformation's representative to the Pentagon, liaising with the US DoD, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, and think tanks in Washington DC.



**Dr. Ofra Graicer, Israel Defence Force**

Ofra Graicer is an expert in systemic operational design (SOD), working for the past two decades with Militaries and Defense establishments around the globe, towards transforming them into self-disruptive systems. Ofra co-instructs the Israeli Defense Forces Generals' Course alongside BG (Ret') Dr. Shimon Naveh.



**Ben Zweibelson, JSOU SOCOM**

Ben Zweibelson is the Program Director for Special Operations Forces (SOF) Design Education at the Joint Special Operations University (JSOU) in the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) located in Tampa, Florida. Ben is a retired U.S. Army Infantry Officer with over 22 years combined service and multiple combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.



**Prof. Chris Papparone, National Defense University**

Chris Papparone researches critical military epistemology. He is Professor of Strategic Leadership at the Eisenhower School of National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Washington, DC. He is a retired Army colonel with 28 years of active service.



**Brigadier-General Kevin Whale, Royal Canadian Air Force**

Kevin Whale is currently serving as the Director General & Component Commander – Space at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa. He has served in a number of leadership roles including Squadron Commanding Officer of 427 Special Operations Aviation Squadron and Wing Commander (1 Wing HQ, Kingston), as well as Chief of Current Operations on OP MOBILE (Libya).

