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Call for Papers

WarTech Nexus: Industrializing the Future of Autonomous Warfare

The Theresan Military Academy of the Austrian Armed Forces and The Defence Horizon Journal seek submissions for the Theresan Military Academic Forum (TMAF) 2025. The theme of TMAF 2025 is "WarTech Nexus: Industrializing the Future of Autonomous Warfare". We believe that scientific-based knowledge is vital to increase operational readiness. Digitalization, automatization, and autonomisation have had a profound impact on modern warfare. The use of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning are just two examples of developments that are influencing the characteristics of warfare today while challenging—among others—military planners, Western values, and the international legal framework. Recent developments show that not all powers share these concerns; consequently, we must ask: **Is the Global West losing its warfighting edge?**

This call for papers invites you to submit papers on topics related to the strategic, operational and tactical application of emerging and disruptive technologies in the military and related fields. Its purpose is to analyse potential prospects, limitations, threats, opportunities and risks.

Authors could ask themselves the following questions:

- How do emerging and disruptive technologies influence war, warfare, and military science?
- How do recent technological developments challenge traditional military thinking?
- How do emerging and disruptive technologies influence or even shape geopolitics, geoeconomics and the global balance of power?
- What does that mean for Western education and training?

Whilst the questions above serve as food for thought, authors are encouraged and welcome to offer original ideas and perspectives and to engage with subject-related questions they find interesting or topical.

As busy policy professionals read The Defence Horizon Journal, all submissions should follow our guidelines for submission (<https://tdhj.org/submissions/>; template for a long essay).

All submissions should contain endnotes following the Chicago Manual of Style. All submissions will be peer-

reviewed before publication to ensure the quality of content.

All presenters will be promoted on social media during the event, so please include in your submission the social media handles for you and your institution (particularly for X and LinkedIn).

To submit a paper, please forward your completed manuscript to submissions@tdhj.org and tmaf@bmlv.gv.at
The closing date for submissions is 07.03.2025.

Submissions:

A Email your abstract of up to 250 words to tmaf@bmlv.gv.at by 23:59 (CET) 06.01.2025.

B Accepted contributions, which are included in the programme, will be announced latest by 23:59 (CET) 19.01.2025.

C The final draft of the manuscript must be submitted to tmaf@bmlv.gv.at by 23:59 (CET) 07.03.2025.

D Completed manuscript must be submitted to tmaf@bmlv.gv.at by 23:59 (CET) 09.05.2025.

The Theresan Military Academy and The Defence Horizon Journal thank you for your interest in our forum/ journal and wish you well in your submission.