



Theresan Military Academic Forum 2025

The Theresan Military Academic Forum 2025 (TMAF 2025) is a scientific symposium that seeks to further transfer knowledge and develop the necessary skills, responsibility, and autonomy inherent to successful basic officer education. The TMAF includes a general orientation as well as a cyber specialisation, conceived to help military leaders cope with future challenges.

The theme of TMAF 2025 is **"WarTech Nexus: Industrialising the Future of Autonomous Warfare"**. We believe that scientific-based knowledge is vital to increase operational readiness. Digitalisation, automatisisation, 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?"**

Options for participation a maximum of three persons per institution may participate as follows:

Priority	Contribution	Administration
1	Lecture with publication	Free board & lodging
2	Lecture without publication	Free board
3	Participation	Conference fee (€ 45,-/day)
4	Publication	No charges

Submitted contributions will be subject to a double peer review. They will be published by our cooperating partner, **"The Defence Horizon Journal"** (online), as well as in **"Armis et Litteris"** (hardcopy). The TMAF focuses on the education of future generations of military officers. Therefore, we integrate officer cadets and students into the symposium. Thus, we kindly invite participants to bring an officer cadet or student from the home institution and include them in the presentation, if possible. Considering the priorities listed above, the organising team will assign the available slots on a first-come, first-served principle. For the programme design and the necessary preparations, we require your binding commitment to participate. Therefore, we ask you to verify your ability to participate through your national (military) diplomatic chain of command before accepting the invitation.

Please note that for participation with priority 1, regardless of the number of integrated speakers, accommodation and meals free of charge will be provided to only one (1) person/author. In addition to thematic discussions, numerous side events will be offered to promote, deepen, and broaden (military) cultural exchanges; the nature of these exchanges will be decided depending on the pandemic situation, the weather and the interests of the participants.

Procedures for publication

Interested participants are cordially invited to apply with an abstract according to the following guidelines:

Phase	Deadline
Call for Papers (submission of abstract with up to 250 words; endnotes not included; CV; template format)	06 th January 2025
Information to the author about acceptance of the article by the TMAF Scientific Committee	19 th January 2025
Submission of the article for publication (3000-5000 words endnotes not included; template format)	7 th March 2025
Review phase	7 th March - 9 th May 2025
Re-submission date for required modifications (if necessary)	30 th May 2025
Publication availability online (TDHJ)	30 th May 2025
Availability of the publication "Armis et Litteris"	30 th September 2025

For submitting abstracts (including a CV), please use the format template "TMAF Short Essay", which you can find on our website www.milak.at/en/tmaf2025 respectively www.emilyo.eu/node/878 and send them to tmaf@bmlv.gv.at. If a contribution is accepted, we request a picture of the author and speaker for designing the programme and the publications.

Quality management of publication entries

- all publication submissions are subject to a double-blind peer review,
- in cooperation with "The Defence Horizon Journal (TDHJ)",
- under the auspices of the TMAF Scientific Committee and are published
- in TDHJ (ISSN: 2710-3722 online) respectively "Armis et Litteris"

Provisional time-schedule

Monday, 5th May 2025: arrival and icebreaker

Tuesday, 6th May 2025: TMAF (presentation, discussion, reflection)

Wednesday, 7th May 2025: TMAF (presentation, discussion, reflection)

Thursday, 8th May 2025: A cultural excursion to our federal capital, Vienna, will be organised.

Friday, 9th May 2025: Departure

Location

The challenging topic and the unique atmosphere in Wiener Neustadt make the TMAF a special event for participants interested in addressing the burning issues for selecting, training, and assessing military leaders.

Theresan Military Academy
Burgplatz 1
2700 Wiener Neustadt

Administrative information

Application

Registration for the TMAF 2024 has to be done via our homepage www.milak.at/en/tmaf2025, by 23rd March 2025. We will inform you about the possibility of later registration via the link above.

Transport

Plane:

Pick-up and transfer from/to Vienna Airport will be provided. Therefore, we kindly ask you to book flights arriving at Vienna Airport on Monday, 5th May 2025, between 1100 and 1500 hrs. For departure, we request the use of flights on Friday, 9th May 2025, from 1100 to 1500 hrs.

Arrival by train:

Pick-up and transfer from/to Wiener Neustadt central railway station to Reichenau will be provided.

Therefore, we kindly ask you to book trains arriving between 1200 and 1600 hrs at Wiener Neustadt

main railway station. Please use trains for the departure on Friday, 9th May 2025, departing from Wiener Neustadt main railway station between 1100 and 1500 hrs.

Arrival by own car:

Please arrive in Wiener Neustadt on Monday, 5th May 2025, between 1500 and 1800 hrs, so you can participate in the Ice Breaker. Parking is available at the hotels and on the campus.

Accommodation and rates

Accommodation for the speakers (option 1) will be provided at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Wiener Neustadt, which is located near the Theresan Military Academy. We kindly ask you to book personally by e-mail, stating the password "MilAk-TMAF-Speaker" for your intended participation. Please send us your booking confirmation so we can cover your stay's costs. Please note that we will only cover the costs for the room and breakfast from 5th to 9th May. Further catering will be provided at the Theresan Military Academy.

In addition to the Hilton Garden Inn, the organisation team recommends the Hotel Zentral (0.6 km) and the Hotel Le Parc (1.7 km). Both hotels are located near the event location and the Theresan Military Academy and are easily and quickly accessible either by foot or with the offered shuttle service. Transfer to and from the TMAF will be provided exclusively to Hotel Le Parc. The following reduced prices can be guaranteed by booking via mail or phone using the keyword „MilAk-TMAF-participant“ only.

Participating students from our EMILYO partner institutions will be provided with free military accommodation and catering.

The cost of accommodation is:

Hotel Hilton Garden Inn (www.hiltonhotels.de/oesterreich/hilton-garden-inn-wiener-neustadt): € 115,- for a single - or € 125,- for a double occupancy per night (breakfast: € 25,- per person)

Hotel Le Parc (www.leparc.at/das-hotel): € 90,5 for a single - or € 118,- for a double occupancy per night (breakfast: € 18,- per person)

Hotel Zentral (www.hotelzentral.at) : € 83,- for a single - or € 98,- for a double occupancy per night (breakfast: € 16,- per person)

Transport – exclusively – from/to the above-mentioned hotels to the venue will be provided.

Meals

The daily rate is € 45,00 for all participants and includes lunch, dinner, drinks, and snacks during the forum.

During the in-processing on the first day, the respective amount of money for all participating days will be requested in cash (**paying via credit card is not possible!**).