

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The main speeches will be simultaneously translated into English.

## PLACE

École militaire - Amphithéâtre Foch  
1, place Joffre - 75007 Paris.

## WELCOMING

Doors open at 1 PM.  
ID is required for entry.

## FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Class A Suit.

## ACCESS

Metro : Ecole militaire station (line 8),  
La Motte-Picquet Grenelle station (lines 6 and 10).  
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## REGISTRATION

With the enclosed voucher 

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# LONG DISTANCE WARFARE WINNING ON CONTACT

THURSDAY 31 JANUARY 2019 |

MILITARY THINKING CONFERENCE

| 2PM/7PM



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*si vis pacem, para bellum*



Both on the national territory and further afield, the Army is committed in a global, ever-changing and complex operational environment.

Now, as more and more nations harness new technologies in order to put distance between themselves and the manner of waging war, nonetheless, maintaining contact with the terrain itself and the players on it remains the fighter's *raison d'être*.

How can we take on board the paradoxical elements of these developments?

For parties engaged in modern warfare, is proximity the deciding factor of lasting peace?



2 PM **Welcome from Major General Pascal FACON**, Director of the Center for Doctrine and Command Teaching (CDEC).

2.05 PM **Opening address from Mr. Jean-Jacques BRIDEY**, chairperson of the National Defense and Armed Forces Commission in the Assemblée Nationale.

2.20 PM **Address from Admiral Jean CASABIANCA**, Deputy Joint Chief of Staff.



## 2.45 PM | Round table n°1

### Has long distance warfare eliminated close combat?

Cyberspace has enabled warfare at a distance, while simultaneously establishing a high degree of proximity between parties. How have the new forms of long distance warfare revolutionized close combat across all environments and time periods? What impact does this have on combatants?

**Facilitator:** Mr. Didier FRANÇOIS, journalist.

**Panel of experts:** – Mrs. Monique CASTILLO, philosopher.  
– Mr. Etienne KLEIN, astrophysicist and science philosopher.  
– RADM Franck BADUEL, former commander of the Joint Operations Planning and Command & Control Center (CPCO).

3.45 PM Open floor discussion.

4.15 PM Break. Equipment exhibition (including HK 416F, shooting simulator, combat tablet computer).

## 4.30 PM | Round table n°2

### How can maintaining contact help us act together to achieve lasting peace?

With the technological development of precision weapons, certain Western armed forces have adopted the strategy of "no boots on the ground". Nonetheless, the crises of the 21<sup>st</sup> century continue to threaten worldwide stability. How can we optimize our footprint in current conflicts? How can we link innovation and close combat? Will the new possibilities offered by long-distance warfare lead humanity into an era of lasting peace?

**Facilitator:** Mrs. Armelle CHARRIER, journalist.

**Panel of experts:** – Army LTG François-Xavier de WOILLEMONT, Deputy Commander of the General Secretariat for National Defense and Security .  
– MRS. Dana PURCARESCU, Deputy Director of the crisis center for the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs.

5.45 PM Open floor discussion.

6.15 PM **Closing address of General Jean-Pierre BOSSER**, Army Chief of Staff.

7 PM Cocktail.