

International Conference

Human nature, national character, ethnicity and the future of war

*7 and 8 June 2014
Aero Klub
Uzun Mirkova 4/2, Belgrade*

Preliminary Programme

Saturday 7 June 2014

- 09.00 – 10.45 **Session 1:** Wars for Yugoslav Succession (WfYS) – a case study
- Causes of WfYS: 'century-old hatred' or collapse of an authoritarian polity?
- Identity and WfYS: religion and ethnicity as components of the WfYS
- Economy and cultural components and WfYS
- 10.45 – 11.15 *Coffee break*
- 11.15 – 12.45 **Session 2:** Is humanity hardwired to be aggressive?
- 12.45 – 14.15 *Lunch break*
- 14.15 – 15.45 **Session 3:** Does culture/nurture promote in-group violence against the out-group (group selection thesis)?
- 15.45 – 16.15 *Coffee break*
- 16.15 – 17.45 **Session 4:** Tribalism: Is ethnicity/nationality an extension of Stone Age tribal systems (evolutionary psychology thesis)?
- 20.00 *Dinner*

Sunday 8 June 2014

- 09.15 – 10.45 **Session 5:** Is there a 'national character'?
- 10.45 – 11.15 *Coffee break*
- 11.15 – 12.45 **Session 6:** War
- Is war 'pathological'?
- Is ethnic warfare (Balkans 1990s etc.) a 'degenerative form of warfare' or the 'remnants of war' (John Mueller thesis)?
- 12.45 – 14.15 *Lunch break*