

## **Special Issue of the *Journal of Military Studies* (JMS) on Military Sociology**

Deadline for abstract submission:  
March 29, 2018

Deadline for article submission:  
September 1, 2018

The *Journal of Military Studies* (JMS) is looking forward to publishing its first issue devoted to military sociology. The issue will focus on the relationship between the military and society in European countries.

Relations between militaries and their host societies is one of the central themes in military sociology. The theme is timely because of the changes in European security policies implemented during this decade. The long process of demilitarization after the Second World War meant gradual decline in military budgets and disappearance of several conscript armies in Europe. Coincidental growth of welfare regimes, civilian state, and the deepening internationalization weakened the role of the military as a legitimizer of the state. Due to societal and institutional changes of previous decades a qualitatively new kind of securitization or even militarization of societies has led to a historically divergent process between countries. Tasks, organization, and the level of participation in international alliances and operations vary between national militaries. While in some countries armed forces are clearly professionalised with differing roles for the reserves, others maintain and develop mass conscription and military training of citizens to serve primarily national defence, but also many other purposes. The analysis of current changes e.g. in the relationships the military has with societal institutions, politics and civil society is welcomed for this issue.

We welcome manuscripts that use a variety of levels of analysis and methodologies, apply different theoretical orientations, and explore diverse socio-demographic foci in relation to the military institution, military service, and/or civil-military relations. Articles will be selected for publication based on topical relevance, clarity of argument, and level of significance and contribution to the field of military sociology.

Topics may include, but are not restricted to:

- Civil-military relations and encounters: theory and practice
- Compulsory military service vs. all-volunteer force and other alternative models
- Demilitarization of Europe and remilitarization
- Gender and diversity within the military
- Military families
- New missions and roles for the military in society and/or in crisis management operations
- Public opinion and attitudes towards armed forces
- Religion and convictions in military
- Selection, recruitment and retention
- The past, present and future of military profession

## **Submission and Review Timeline**

Interested researchers are encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration. Submitted abstracts may be up to 350 words in length. Abstracts will be reviewed by guest editors and a selected number of submissions will be invited to submit a full paper for peer review. Please note that an invitation to submit a full paper does not guarantee acceptance; all papers will be subject to a full peer review process. Manuscript length is limited to 8000 words (including figures and tables but not including references).

Proposed abstracts including tentative author list are due March 29, 2018. Lead authors will be contacted with final determination about submissions by April 13, 2018.

Full (invited) manuscript submissions will be due September 1, 2018. Final manuscripts will be due December 31, 2018; with the anticipated publication date in February 2019.

Proposed abstracts should be submitted to Professor Teemu Tallberg, who will be guest editing this special issue with LtCol, Ph.D. Mikael Salo and Associated Professor, Ph.D. Valdemar Kallunki. Subject heading for the email when submitting an abstract should read, "Abstract Submission for JMS." Additional information on the Journal of Military Studies may be found on the journal's official website: <https://www.degruyter.com/view/j/jms>

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