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Dr. Dennis Walters (right), IWC Director, met Dr. Wladimir Klitschko (left), Ukrainian Olympic Boxing Gold Medalist and the brother of the mayor of Kiev, and Oksana Markarova, Ukraine Ambassador to the U.S., before the Center's recent Irregular Warfare Center Community of Interest Symposium (IWCCOIS) March 13 in Tyson's Corner, Va.



Dr. Dennis Walters (left), IWC Director, speaks with Dr. Wladimir Klitschko (center), Ukrainian Olympic Boxing Gold Medalist and the brother of the mayor of Kiev, and Nolan Peterson (right), IWC SME and panel moderator (contractor), at the Center's recent Irregular Warfare Center Community of Interest Symposium (IWCCOIS) March 13 in Tyson's Corner, Va.

Director's Corner



Dr. Dennis Walters
IWC Director



Greeting from the IWC,

Our inaugural Irregular Warfare Center (IWC) Community of Interest Symposium has officially concluded, and I'm so proud of the Center's staff for organizing & executing such a vital event for the IWC and future of IW.

More than 100 organizations, and eight countries attended the event, and we laid the foundation for a very productive year. Our central message for the Global IW Community is simple: Irregular warfare is a team sport, it is complex, and it must be simplified. The IWC's new concept of Functional Area Networks (FANs) will help the Community bring order to this complex problem-set for the United States, and our partners and allies.

It was my honor to host Dr. Wladimir Klitschko, a Ukrainian Olympic Boxing Gold Medalist and the brother of the mayor of #Kiev, to discuss his firsthand experiences of the Russian invasion, and the ongoing war in his country. His words were somber and electrifying as he provided an in-depth look at the current situation in Ukraine and his views of how the outcome will affect the entire world.

During the three-day event, the Center's staff had the opportunity to interact and engage with many SMEs on a variety of different levels to help the Center continue to grow and evolve into the future.

We identified a number of action items our FANs will be tackling in the coming months. If you'd like to be a part of this important network, please let us know. The problems we are working to solve will make the world a safer place.

Thanks to the incredible team at the IWC for making this event a huge success!

Stay tuned for more great things!

Dr. Dennis Walters, IWC Director

Call For Action! - IW Articles

Army University Press and the US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School seek articles on Irregular Warfare (IW) from academia and the field for a collaborative special edition of *Military Review*. We invite you to write on one of the research questions below, current and historical case studies, or other relevant topics to grow understanding of IW.

Irregular Warfare is:
"A form of warfare where states and non-state actors campaign to assure or coerce state or other groups through indirect, non-attributable, or asymmetric activities, either as the primary approach or in concert with conventional warfare."
- Joint Publication 1, Volume 1, *Joint Warfighting* (27 AUG 23)

"the overt, clandestine, and covert employment of military and non-military capabilities across multiple domains by state and non-state actors through methods other than military domination of an adversary, either as the primary approach or in concert with conventional warfare."
- FM 3-0: *Operations* (HQDA, October 2022)

- Potential topics include, but are not limited to, the following:
- Examine the role of policy, doctrine, training, and education in understanding and operationalizing Irregular Warfare.
 - Explore case studies of recent Irregular Warfare challenges to gain insights into contemporary issues and strategies.
 - Consider future trends and the effects of the digital age on the Irregular Warfare landscape.
 - Space and Cyber in Irregular Warfare.
 - Civil-Military Relations and Irregular Warfare.
 - Special Operations, Conventional, and Interagency convergence in Irregular Warfare.
 - Military Information Support Operations (MISO): opportunities and obstacles in Irregular Warfare employment.
 - Identifying Gaps and what is needed for the future Irregular Warfare fight and competition.
 - Ethical and legal considerations in Irregular Warfare: Rules, norms, and human rights.
 - Information Advantage in Irregular Warfare.
 - Translating Human Advantage to the Physical Dimension.
 - Stability Operations: the challenge of keeping the peace in an Irregular Warfare context.
 - Proxy Warfare: how state and non-state actors use proxies in Irregular Warfare.
 - The logistics of Irregular Warfare: resourcing and sustaining.
 - Austere medicine: keeping the force in the fight in Irregular Warfare settings.

Prepare articles in accordance with the *Military Review* Submission Guide at <https://www.armyupress.army.mil/Journals/Military-Review/MR-Article-Submission-Guide/>

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Send Submissions to: usasc.milreview.submissions.shdmbx@socom.mil

The Center Hosts IWC Community of Interest Symposium & INDOPACOM IW Conceptualization Workshop

The Irregular Warfare Center (IWC) hosted its Irregular Warfare Center Community of Interest Symposium (IWCCOIS March 11-13, 2024) and INDOPACOM IW Conceptualization Workshop (March 14-15, 2024) events in Tyson's Corner, Va.

IWCCOIS gathered Irregular Warfare (IW) practitioners, industry leaders, and representatives from the interagency and academia to expand the IW-focused community of interest.

The three-day symposium kicked off with a keynote address from special guest Ms. Maren Brooks, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Irregular Warfare and Counterterrorism, followed by a series of panels focused on the IWC's three lines of effort: Illuminate, Amplify, and Address. Day 1 illuminated the IW efforts of Department organizations, operations in the information environment, and IW sustainment. Day two illuminated lessons learned and emerging trends in Europe, Asia, and Africa, while the final day explored ways allies and partners can address IW threats moving forward and reconvened the group for a high-level review.

"The vision for the IWC symposium facilitated the congregation of IW communities of interest, broadly defined, with the goal of illuminating emerging IW threats, opportunities, and amplifying current efforts," said Dr. Dennis Walters, IWC Director. "One critical objective was to provide visualization of how the Irregular Warfare Center's Functional Area Networks (FAN) can interact to collaboratively problem solve global, complex IW challenges."

IWCCOIS Keys for Success:

- Interconnect various IW communities to create a collaborative network to solve complex problems.
- Amplify IW community successes and introduce the concept of IW global networks as a strategic approach to complex problem solving.
- Illuminate emerging trends and threat trends to focus education and training to better prepare strategists and practitioners to address irregular activities that threaten national security and allies and partners.
- Improve integrated deterrence and capabilities with ally and partner nations, industry, academia, and nongovernmental organizations.
- Explain the evolutionary concept of empowered Functional Area Networks (FANs) and solicit feedback on the concept.

The INDOPACOM IW Conceptualization Workshop was a follow-up to a study the IWC conducted, comparing and contrasting the conceptualization of irregular warfare (IW) between different academic institutions in the Indo-Pacific Region. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the conceptualization of IW in order to better understand differences and potential connection points enabling more effective international cooperation on the topic.

"Our team worked diligently preparing for the IW Conceptualization Workshop by bringing in vital IW subject matter experts from the region," said Lori Leffler, IWC Deputy Director & Chief of Staff. "We are very proud to host such an important event and feel it provided many valuable and resourceful outcomes in support of the Center's mission."

Workshop attendees included study participants from key academic institutions from the Indo-Pacific region, chiefly the Indian Manohar Parikkar Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses, the Sri Lankan Bandaranaike Center for International Studies, the Operations Research Center of the Philippine Army, the Singaporean S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies at the Nanyang Technological University, The Malaysian National Defense University, the Australian University of New South Wales, the Australian National Defense University, and the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies as well as U.S. stakeholders involved in constructing the definition of IW and/or in IW activities.

The IWC serves as the central mechanism for developing the Department of Defense's (DoD) irregular warfare knowledge and advancing the Department's understanding of irregular warfare concepts and doctrine in collaboration with key allies and partners.

The Center's foundation is built upon three Lines of Effort:

- AMPLIFY and collaborate to build an innovative and adaptable global networked IW community of interest.
- Strategically ILLUMINATE current and future irregular threats, crises, and obstacles.
- ADDRESS current and future irregular threats to the US, allies, and partners by providing optionality to leaders.

Through these LOEs, the Irregular Warfare Center addresses current and emerging security concerns and challenges with world-class research, rigorous analysis, top-tier strategic education and training for U.S. and international partners.



Dr. Sandor Fabian, IWC Chair of Engagements (contractor), provides an overview of the Center's INDOPACOM IW Conceptualization Workshop on March 14 in Tyson's Corner, Va.



Guest speaker Col (Dr) DPK Pillay, Research Fellow at the Manohar Parikkar Institute For Defence Studies and Analyses, receives a question from an audience member during the Center's INDOPACOM IW Conceptualization Workshop on March 14 in Tyson's Corner, Va.

Meet The Center's Team



Nathalie Lorenzten
Head of IWC
IW Global Network



Describe your role and responsibilities at IWC?

"As the Head of the IW Global Network, my role is to build and manage the IWC's Functional Area Networks. This includes identifying and targeting specific areas of interest or concern within the global realm to bolster the overall effectiveness of Irregular Warfare strategies and operations."

What do you enjoy most about working at IWC?

"The IWC is comprised of an exceptional group of individuals. Witnessing the dedication and expertise displayed by each member in their respective roles is a source of inspiration for me. It motivates me to strive harder and to contribute towards the success of the FANs."

Media Highlights

Russian Offensive Resistance Operations by author D. Jonathan White

<https://irregularwarfarecenter.org/publications/perspectives/russian-offensive-resistance-operations/>

Sportswashing: The Newest Weapon in Influence Operations in Irregular Warfare

by Mohamad Mirghahari - Subject Matter Expert &

Christina Gossen - Project Coordinator, Center for Civil Society and Democracy

<https://irregularwarfarecenter.org/publications/insights/sportswashing-the-newest-weapon-in-influence-operations-in-irregular-warfare/>

Contrasting Chinese and American Approaches to Irregular Warfare

by Sal Artiaga - Irregular Warfare Practitioner

<https://irregularwarfarecenter.org/publications/insights/contrasting-chinese-and-american-approaches-to-irregular-warfare/>

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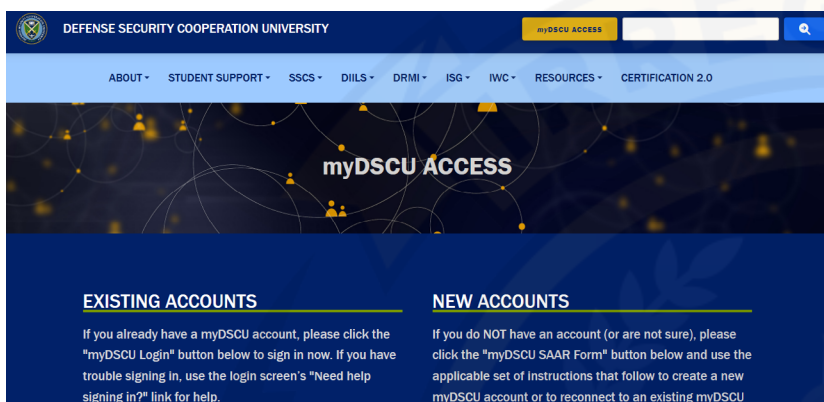
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IWC Launches IW101 Course via DSCU

IW101 offers an introduction to the fundamental aspects of Irregular Warfare, consolidating key concepts from U.S. policy, doctrine, and academia in about 90 minutes. This course has three sections which include 1) strategic competition, forms of warfare and definition and nature of IW, 2) describing IW operations and activities, and 3) discussing the global practitioners of IW and trends.

IW 101 is available on the Defense Security Cooperation University virtual classroom, MyDSCU. An account is required and registration can be completed at this link: <https://irregularwarfarecenter.org/education/iw101/>



From the myDSCU homepage (once logged in,) click on “DSCU ILTs & VILTs” and search for ‘Irregular Warfare 101 Course’ in the Learning Search bar.

For detailed instructions on accessing the course, you can download the IW 101 Quick Reference Sheet: <https://irregularwarfarecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/Accessing-IW-101.pdf>

Photos Of The Month



The Irregular Warfare Center (IWC) team at our recent Irregular Warfare Center Community of Interest Symposium (IWCCOIS) March 11-13 in Tyson's Corner, Va.



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Upcoming Events & Current Initiatives

IWC GLOBAL NETWORK

Mission

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The **IW Global Network** employs a strategic approach to addressing global irregular challenges through the establishment of **Functional Area Networks (FANs)**. These networks are centered around areas of concern identified in collaboration with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict, and key global partners.

The IW FANs act as a force multiplier by creating a comprehensive whole of government approach. These networks foster cooperation across various sectors including the DoD, interagency, private sector, and global partners.

With this approach, multiple stakeholders from different sectors collaborate, share information, and pool resources to address issues that span multiple policy areas and ultimately maximizes irregular warfare capabilities.

Current FANs

- Intelligence
- Emerging Technology
- Operations in the Information Environment (OIE)
- Medical Resilience
- Contested Logistics
- Mission Assurance

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EXPLORING OUR MARITIME STRATEGIES-II

RED SEA
PERSIAN GULF
MEDITERRANEAN

JUNE 24-25, 2024 CIWAG MARITIME SYMPOSIUM

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THE TRIDENT

S1:E3 Blue Water Horizons Building Maritime Capacity in the Indo-Pacific

Dave Brown, COL USA (Retired)
CIWAG Director, and former military strategist with 30-year career in combat units and military operations. Executive Director of the Advanced Strategic Program, U.S. Naval War College.

Curtis Bell, Ph.D. (Co-Host)
Associate Professor and Director of the Maritime Security and Governance Staff Course at the U.S. Naval War College. He has worked on five continents and his work has been featured in The New York Times, Washington Post, and the Economist.

Jada Fraser
Graduate student in Asian Studies at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. Ms. Fraser has written on countering China's maritime coercion and security alliance partnering in the Indo-Pacific.

Scott Edwards, Ph.D.
Lecturer at the University of Reading and Research Fellow at the Yokosuka Council on Asia Pacific Studies. Dr. Edwards' research interests center on Southeast Asia and maritime security governance in the Indo-Pacific.

IWC STUDENT WORKING GROUP

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The SWG is seeking dedicated undergraduate and graduate students from colleges and universities throughout the United States. Students pursuing degrees in all fields are encouraged to apply, including the following:

- Political Science and History
- Foreign Languages and Linguistics
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
- Business and Finance

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