Call for Papers

Training 2.0: EMBRACING EMERGING TECH TO EDUCATE TOMORROW'S OFFICERS

The Theresan Military Academy of the Austrian Armed Forces and The Defence Horizon Journal seek submissions for the Theresan Military Academic Forum (TMAF) 2026. The theme of TMAF 2026 is **"Training 2.0: EMBRACING EMERGING TECH TO EDUCATE TOMORROW'S OFFICERS "**. As military training and education evolve to meet the demands of the 21st century, scientifically grounded knowledge remains crucial to enhancing operational readiness. The accelerating pace of digitalisation, automation, and autonomous systems is reshaping the military environment. Technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning are not only transforming how wars are fought, but also raising complex questions for military strategists, ethical frameworks, and legal norms.

TMAF invites you to provide your contribution to exploring how emerging technologies are – and will – redefining officer education, training, and development.

How can we best prepare future leaders for a tech-driven operational environment? Are current approaches adapting quickly enough – or are we at risk of falling behind more aggressive adopters of these innovations?

This call for papers seeks submissions that examine the strategic, operational, and tactical implications of emerging and disruptive technologies within military education and training contexts and related domains. The goal is to explore both, the opportunities and challenges these technologies present – ranging from new capabilities to unforeseen risks – as we prepare the next generation of officers for an increasingly complex and tech-driven security landscape.

Authors are encouraged to consider questions such as:

•	How are emerging and disruptive technologies reshaping the nature of war, warfare, and military science?

•	What are the political/leadership pitfalls of emerging tech in officers' education?

•	In what ways do recent technological innovations challenge established doctrines and traditional military mindsets?

•	What are the implications for how we educate and train military personnel in this new era?

Whilst the questions above serve as food for thought, authors are encouraged and welcome to offer original ideas and perspectives – either in English or German – and to engage with subject-related questions they find interesting or topical.

Submissions:

A   Email your abstract of up to 250 words to tmaf@bmlv.gv.at by 30.11.2025 / 24:00 (CET).

B   The final draft of the manuscript must be submitted to tmaf@bmlv.gv.at by 13.02.2026 / 24:00 (CET).

All submissions should follow our guidelines for submission (https://tdhj.org/submissions; long essay) and should contain endnotes following the Chicago Manual of Style. All entries will be peer-reviewed before publication to ensure the quality of content.

All presenters will be promoted on social media during the event, so please include in your submission yours and your institution's social media policy (particularly for X and LinkedIn).

The Theresan Military Academy and The Defence Horizon Journal thank you for your interest in our forum / journal and wish you all the best for your submission.