

## **Calpe '25 Conference Programme**

### **Gibraltar in the Second World War and in other global conflicts: the importance of geography**

#### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

0900 Official Opening by Minister Professor John Cortes

0930 Professor Geraldine Finlayson, Dr Stewart Finlayson, Professor Clive Finlayson, The Gibraltar National Museum, Gibraltar  
***Geographical Icons: Pillars of Herakles, Jbel Tarik and Strong as the Rock***

1100 Dr Francisco Jimenez Espejo, Andalusian Earth Sciences Institute, Spanish Research Council (IACT-CSIC), Armilla (Spain).  
***The first landing at Gibraltar: geographical and climatic forcing for the Islamic expansion in the Iberian Peninsula***

1200 Professor Clive Finlayson, Dr Stewart Finlayson, Professor Geraldine Finlayson, The Gibraltar National Museum, Gibraltar  
***The biggest tower ever built - the Gibraltar Crusade and the Battle for the Strait of Gibraltar***

1500 Colonel (Ret.) Jason R. Musteen, PhD, United States Military Academy - West Point, United States of America  
***War on the One Side and Pestilence on the Other***

1630 Professor Jason Dittmer, Dept. Geography, University College, London, United Kingdom  
***The rise and fall and rise and fall of Gibraltar as a strategic location***

1730 Mr Christian Wright, Wright Tech Ltd., Gibraltar  
***Breathing new life into the Rock: Re-imagining Gibraltar's WWII Tunnels for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century visitor***

#### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

0930 Dr Gareth Stockey, Independent Scholar, United Kingdom  
***Victims of Geography: solidarity and suffering in Gibraltar and the Campo de Gibraltar during the Spanish Civil War***

1100 Mr Nicholas Rankin and Professor Maggie Gee, Independent Authors, United Kingdom  
***"Defending the Rock" revisited***

1200 Dr Nicholas Marquez-Grant, Cranfield Forensic Institute, Cranfield University, United Kingdom

***Forensic Archaeology and Anthropology in the search and recovery of WWI and WWII casualties***

1500 Professor Mina Weinstein-Evron, School of Archaeology and Maritime Studies, Faculty of Humanities, University of Haifa, Israel

***WWII at the other end of the Mediterranean: the initiation and contribution of the British Army Jewish Brigade***

1630 Professor Julio Ponce Alberca, Dept. Historia Contemporanea, Universidad de Sevilla, Spain

***Gibraltar at the crossroads of WWII (1939-1945)***

1730 Professor Matthias Strohn, Head of the Historical Analysis Programme, Centre for Historical Analysis and Conflict Research and the University of Buckingham, United Kingdom

***Operation Felix and beyond. The Axis powers and Gibraltar in the Second World War***

## **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

0930 Mr Gianluca Giorgio Falzon, Dept. History, University of Malta, Malta  
***A Rock and an Island: A comparative study of fortress security in Gibraltar and Malta***

1100 Dr Chris Grocott, School of Business, University of Leicester, United Kingdom  
***Planning for Peace: Civilian Gibraltar in the Second World War***

1200 Mr Thomas J. Finlayson, Gibraltar Archivist (Ret.), Gibraltar  
***The evacuation: a life-changing experience***

1500 Professor Geoffrey Plank, Independent Scholar, United Kingdom  
***The Second World War, the Strait of Gibraltar, and decolonisation around the world***

1630 Professor Yasmin Khan, Faculty of History, University of Oxford, United Kingdom  
***Gibraltar as an imperial nexus in the Second World War: a social history***