

the Cornwallis Group

The Cornwallis Group – 16 years of Analysis

Background

The Cornwallis Group is the product of the 1990s. A small gathering of analysts expressed concern with the ability of operations analysis and related fields to respond to the world's needs with the restructuring of the world into a multi-polar one. The change that occurred with the collapse of the Soviet Union as a super power during the bi-polar time raised new questions for military, economic, political, and social sectors of nations. New or revised threats to world peace and stability became of increasing importance.

There came to be a consensus among the small gathering that there was a need for new approaches or at least significant changes to the analytic processes, tools, and thinking about complex problems related to obtaining and maintaining peace and stability in the world. A prevalent view among the gathering was that, at a minimum, the traditional opportunities for introducing new approaches and defining the new array of problems potentially susceptible to analytic processes were inadequate. Particular reference was made to traditional symposia and workshops—conventional platforms for analysts to exchange ideas, introduce approaches, and generally learn from one another—were not designed to adequately respond to the new problems. Of special concern was the over-crowding of workshops and symposia with presenters, severely limiting the opportunities for full and comprehensive exchanges of knowledge.

The small group of analysts decided to experiment with a symposium format that would allow for extended time for a limited number of researchers, analysts, and users of analysis to present their views and introduce new problems and new approaches to solutions. Thus was born, in 1996, what became known as the Cornwallis Group.

Mission

The Cornwallis Group promotes improved understanding of all aspects of peace and stability operations through research, discussion, outreach and publication. It helps bridge the gaps among military agencies, other governmental departments, international and non-governmental organizations, and other researchers by creating an open forums and opportunities for dialogue and debate.

Statement of Principles

The Cornwallis Group is established as a forum for the exchange of analytic techniques and processes, not limited to models, dealing with or related to improving the conditions for international peace and stability. The Cornwallis Group is open to all who would like to participate in its deliberations. Participants from any and all nations are welcomed into the Cornwallis Group.

The primary activity of the Cornwallis Group is the conduct of symposia and workshops, including publications, dealing with problems and issues related to improving the conditions for, and contributing to, the establishment and maintenance of, international peace and stability.

Following the feature that was key to the founding of the Cornwallis Group, symposia of the Cornwallis Group will always be designed to permit each accepted speaker a minimum of one hour of floor time, to include adequate time for discussion and questions from the audience.

While there may be themes established for symposia of the Cornwallis Group, there will always be opportunities for presentations that cover issues outside the themes. This principle will contribute to the richness of discussions of the Cornwallis Group.

The Cornwallis Group will keep its administrative structure to the barest minimum possible and will continue to emphasize that it is created only to provide a platform and opportunities for the comprehensive exposure of new ideas, new problems, and new techniques to contribute to international peace and stability.

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The Workshops

- The Cornwallis Group I: Analytic Approaches to the Study of Future Conflict
- The Cornwallis Group II: Analysis for and of the Resolution of Conflict
- The Cornwallis Group III: Analysis for Peace Operations
- The Cornwallis Group IV: Analysis of Civil-Military Interactions
- The Cornwallis Group V: Analysis for Crisis Response and Societal Reconstruction
- The Cornwallis Group VI: Analysis for Assessment, Evaluation and Crisis Management
- The Cornwallis Group VII: Analysis For Compliance and Peace Building
- The Cornwallis Group VIII: Analysis for Governance and Stability
- The Cornwallis Group IX: Analysis for Stabilization and Counter-Terrorist Operations
- The Cornwallis Group X: Analysis for New and Emerging Conflicts
- The Cornwallis Group XI: Analysis for Civil-Military Transitions
- The Cornwallis Group XII: Analysis for Multi-Agency Support
- The Cornwallis Group XIII: Analysis in Support of Policy
- The Cornwallis Group XIV: Analysis of Societal Conflict and Counter Insurgency
- The Cornwallis Group XV: Analysis For The Future of Afghanistan
- The Cornwallis Group XVI: Analysis For Future Conflict

The Proceedings



The people



The Site



www.TheCornwallisGroup.org



Group members discuss presentations



C16 attendees



Conversation before dinner

Presentations and
papers now available
on the website -

<http://www.thecornwallisgroup.org/workshops.php>

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