



## Calpe 2025 Conference Programme

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

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

09:00 Official Opening by Minister Professor John Cortes

09:30 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***

11:00 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***

12:00 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***

15:00 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***

16:30 Professor Jason Dittmer, Dept. Geography, University College, London, United Kingdom

***The rise and fall and rise and fall of Gibraltar as a strategic location***

17:30 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**

09:30 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***

11:00 Dr Lianne Tripp, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Canada

***The military and monkeys of Gibraltar: Ethnoprimateology during times of conflict***

12:00 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***

15:00 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***

16:30 Professor Julio Ponce Alberca, Dept. Historia Contemporanea, Universidad de Sevilla, Spain

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

17:30 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**

09:30 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***

11:00 Dr Chris Grocott, School of Business, University of Leicester, United Kingdom

***Planning for Peace: Civilian Gibraltar in the Second World War***

12:00 Mr Thomas J. Finlayson, Gibraltar Archivist (Ret.), Gibraltar

***The evacuation: a life-changing experience***

15:00 Professor Geoffrey Plank, Independent Scholar, United Kingdom

***The Second World War, the Strait of Gibraltar, and decolonisation around the world***

16:30 Professor Yasmin Khan, Faculty of History, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

***Gibraltar as an imperial nexus in the Second World War: a social history***