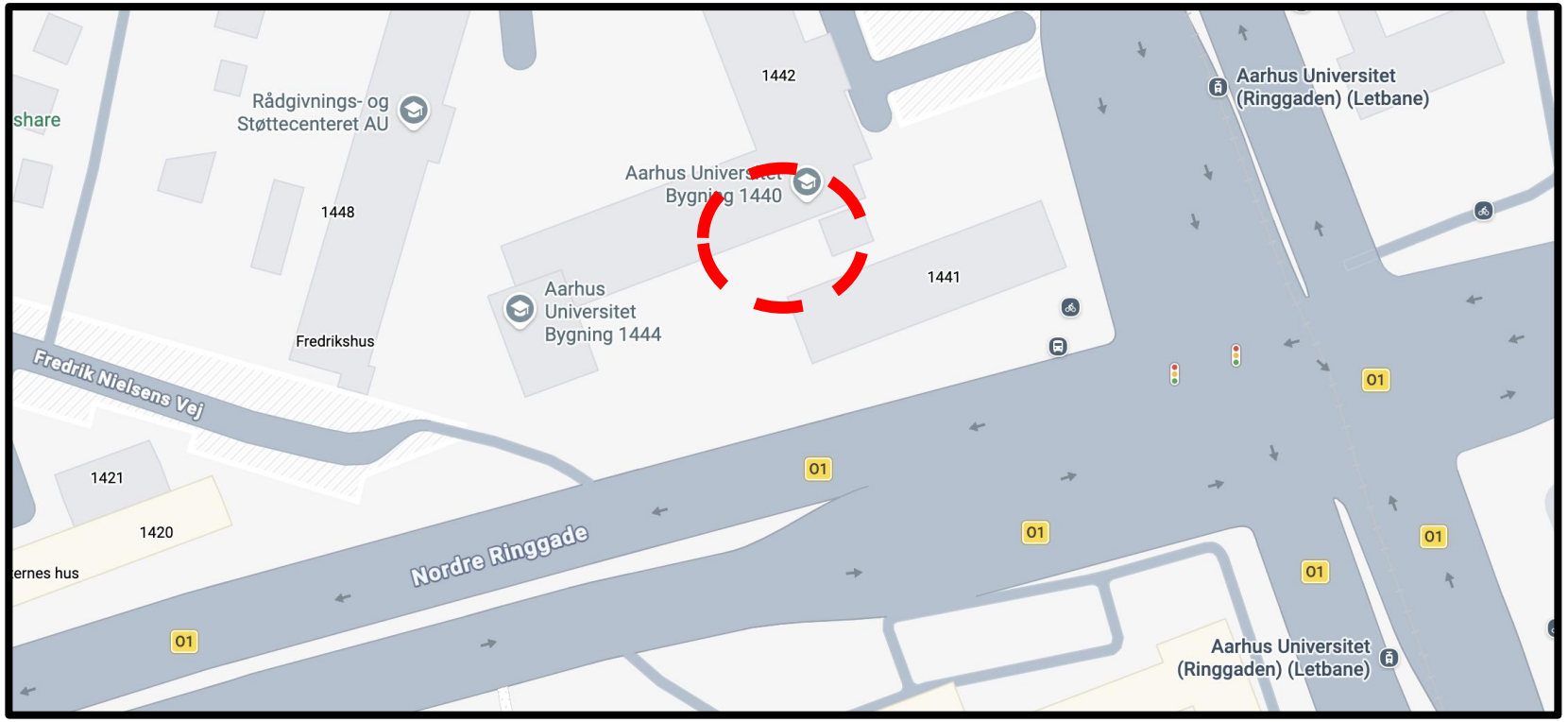
Practical information about the Thursday event

Meeting place (0900):
Outside the conference venue

If you are travelling right after your participation, you are welcome to leave your luggage in the bus





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Ways Forward for Studying Military and Society



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Where do we come from?

The Military and Society Oral History Project (MSOHP):
Dave McCone (US Air Force Academy), **Wil Scott** (US Air Force Academy), **Joseph Soeters** (Tilburg University)



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"The Military and Society Oral History Project (MSOHP): Updates, Themes, and Food for Thought."

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U.S. Air Force Academy

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ERGOMAS Conference

Aarhus University, Denmark

June 1-4, 2026

Overview

- What is the MSOHP?
- Our book project
- The history of military sociology and themes from careers of its participants



Military and Society
Oral History Project

- Started in 2019 to capture and preserve reflections on the careers of notable individuals in this field
- Broad questions
  - How and why does one enter this field?
  - What are the unique opportunities and challenges to those in the field?
  - What is necessary to be successful?
  - What role do the professional organizations play, and how is *their* success relevant?
  - How is all of this affected by historical events?

MSOHP: Sample

To date, 49 interviews including

- **All living Janowitz award winners**
- **Many key leaders/participants of IUS, IUS Canada, ERGOMAS and ISA RC-01**
- **Past and present editors of *AF&S***
- **Rebecca and Naomi Janowitz**

MSOHP: Sample

Sample characteristics:

- 28% women, 72% men
- 14 countries
  - 44% U.S. American
  - 37% European
  - 19% Other
- 10 major disciplines
  - 71% Sociology or Political Science
  - Numerous sub-disciplines

Some themes

Enter field through a 'side door'

- **Many prof. identities**

Criticized for studying the military

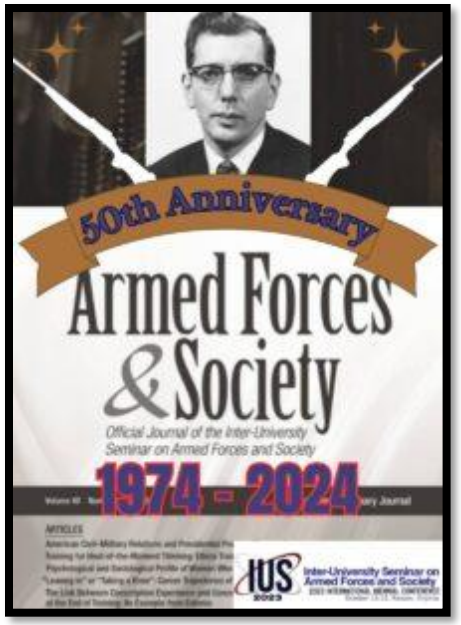
Face unique publication and promotion challenges

Feel like an outsider in their home discipline

Our professional organizations matter!

A deeper dive into our origins

- The beginnings of the field of military sociology
- The origins and growth of IUS



Book project
The Making of Military Sociology: Its History and Career Patterns of Key Participants

"Beginnings"…

- **Ch 1 Origins of the Study of the Military and War**
- **Ch 2 Formation of the *Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society* (IUS)**
- **Ch 3 1960-1980 Part I: Growth of IUS**

Origins, from WWII

- **Stouffer's work in WWII with a multidisciplinary team of researchers**

- **Shils & Janowitz's work in the Psychological Warfare Division**

  (and ensuing article on *Cohesion and Disintegration in the Werhmacht, 1948)*

Did you know?

- **"Cohesion and Disintegration in the *Wehrmacht* during World War II"…**
  - …was rejected by several sociology journals before acceptance by *Public Opinion Quarterly (*notably, a multidisciplinary journal)
  - …was resisted by the coauthor, Edward Shils

Cohesion and disintegration in the *Wehrmacht*

"…[Cohesion] in the Wehrmacht, it was a very important article. It launched my father's career. Shils wouldn't agree to publish it. [But] my father published it [anyway] with both of their names on it. …They didn't speak to each other for quite a while after that."

- Rebecca Janowitz

Morris Janowitz's efforts

- **Grew from seminal works:**
  - ***The Professional Soldier (1960)***
  - **Also Huntington's *The Soldier and the State, (1957)***
- **Reliance on a professional/specialized occupation (the professional soldier)**
- **Necessitated focus on political and military elites, and include military members in the endeavor**

Other key characteristics

- **Emphasized a multidisciplinary approach**
- **Saw war as a ‘unique’ form of social conflict waged by nation-states**
- **Noted the unique calculus in the transition to and from peace to war.**

Establishing the subfield, and its flagship organization (IUS)

1950s: Janowitz began at the University of Michigan, hosting a small group of scholars to discuss issues relevant to armed forces and society…

then, sponsored conferences for those studying military issues, including some military officers.

Finally, in 1961 at Univ of Chicago, he formalized this into a multi-disciplinary organization, the *Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces & Society (IUS)*

Important characteristics of IUS

- **Includes military members**
- **Became a membership organization**
- **Multidisciplinary**
- **International**
- **Esteemed journal: *Armed Forces & Society***
  - Also international and interdisciplinary
- **Strong relations with affiliated organizations**
  - IUS Canada, ERGOMAS, ISA RC-01, etc.

Book project

The Making of Military Sociology: Its History and Career Patterns of Key Participants

Careers in Military Sociology…

- **Ch 4 1960-1980 Part II: Of Major Social Movements, Wars, and Military Restructuring**
- **Ch 5 1981-2000: Affiliated Organizations Emerge, Oppressive Regimes Recede**
- **Ch 6 2001-2020: IUS Stability, Military Change**
- **Ch 7 2021 and Beyond: Major Transitions, Threats and Challenges**

Then…

- **Ch 8 Insights and Suggestions**

Ch 4: 1960-1980: A few career examples

- ***Reuven Gal (Israel)***
  - 6-day War (1967)
- ***Brenda Moore (U.S.)***
  - Vietnam War, Civil-Rights Movement
- ***James Burk (U.S)***
  - Vietnam era National Guardsman
- ***Mady Wechsler Segal (U.S.)***
  - US move to an All-Volunteer Force





Careers:
An example from 1960-1980



***Reuven Gal (Israel)*: Psychologist, war veteran (6-day war, 1967), IDF chief psychologist**

And then something unexpected happened that changed my life, in fact. My life is full of such serendipities. One day I see a man in naval uniforms, walking in the corridors of the psychology department. He was searching for a candidate to replace the position of the naval psychologist…. Anyway, Daniel Kahneman and other teachers of mine pointed at me and told him, "Here is your candidate – someone who is specializing in stress and coping, a combat officer, and a veteran of the war experience."



Ch 5: 1981-2000: A few career examples

- ***John Allen "Jay" Williams (U.S.)***
  - IUS Executive Director 1982-2003 (!)
- ***Alan Okros (Canada)***
  - IUS Canada est. 1981
- ***Marina Nuciari (Italy)***
  - ERGOMAS est. 1986
- ***Wilfried Von Bredow (Germany)***
  - End of the Cold War, Berlin Wall falls in 1989





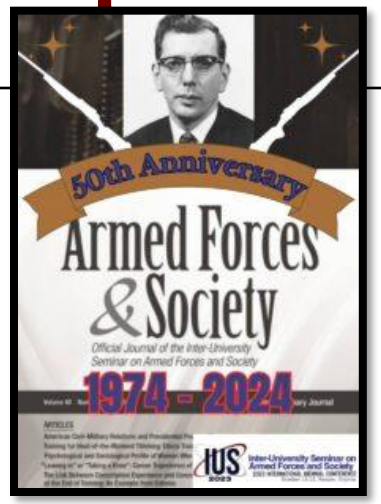
Ralf Zoll*on founding ERGOMAS

***Former professor, Philipps University of Marburg, among other positions.**

"When he [Janowitz] retired you got the impression that IUS was not interested in more than an alibi representation of European scientists. […] David Segal and especially Charlie Moskos… were the only ones really interested in cooperation. But they were insofar isolated in the IUS."

Ch 6: 2001-2020: A few career examples

- ***Pat Shields (U.S.)***
  - Editor of AF&S 2001-2025(!)
- ***Anthony King (United Kingdom)***
  - The British in Afghanistan
- ***René Moelker (Netherlands)***
  - The Dutch in Afghanistan







Ch 7: 2021-present: A few career examples

- ***Helena Carreiras (Portugal)***
  - MOD during War in Ukraine
- ***Yagil Levy (Israel)***
  - War in Gaza
- ***Ori Swed (U.S.)***
  - New editor of *Armed Forces & Society*
  - Wars all over the place
- ***Laura Miller (U.S.)***
  - New(ish) President of IUS
  - Other major IUS transitions



Stability and change, and a new era of global conflict

- **Organizational transitions:**
  - **IUS transitions (Sandy Stanley, Bob Vitas, Ryan Burch)**
  - **Editorship of *AF&S* (2025)**
  - **IUS Canada leadership and conference organizing**
- **Wars**
- **Shakeup of the global order**

A few take home points

- **Janowitz likely did not start out to create a disciplinary subfield, professional organization or journal. Necessity required it.**
- **Studying the war and military comes with unique professional and career risks, for Janowitz and those who have come after him.**
- **Our professional organizations are vital. Let's not take their health for granted.**
- **The varied backgrounds and career paths in this field are an asset but present their own challenges.**

And on to the future…

- Please watch for our book

The Making of Military Sociology:
Its History and Career Patterns
of Key Participants

coming from Routledge sometime after mid December!

- Now to the future with Wil Scott, Joe Soeters and Ori Swed

Where are we going to?

Wil Scott (co-author of *Military Sociology – a guided introduction*), **Joseph Soeters** (author of *Sociology and Military Studies*) and **Ori Swed** (editor of *Armed Forces & Society*)



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What are your next steps?

Networks, outlets and events in military sociology



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Networks

Inter University Seminar on Armed Forces & Society (IUS)

International Sociological Association, Research Committee 01 (RC01)



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Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces & Society

- International, interdisciplinary association of scholars and practitioners
- Publishes the journal *Armed Forces & Society*
- Targeted efforts to support early career scholars
- In-person meeting exploring possible formation of IUS Asia-Pacific regional chapter: 8 October 2026, Seoul, South Korea
- Next IUS Canada regional conference: 23-25 October 2026, Ottawa, Ontario
- Next IUS international conference: 22-24 October 2027, Reston, Virginia, USA

https://www.iusafs.org

INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION RESEARCH COMMITTEE 01
ARMED FORCES and CONFLICT RESOLUTION – ISA RC01



To develop professional contacts between sociologists of armed forces and conflict resolution throughout the world; encourage the international exchange of research findings, theoretical developments, and methodologies in the sociology of armed forces and conflict resolution; promote the teaching of course materials dealing with armed forces and conflict resolution at undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate levels; and promote international meetings and research collaboration in the field of armed forces and conflict resolution.

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ISA International Sociological Association

- **Call for Sessions:** 2 May – 25 June
- **Session Selection:** 26 June – 22 July
- **Final Session List:** 30 July – 31 July
- **Call for Abstracts:** 3 Aug – 14 Oct
- **Abstracts Selection:** 15 Oct – 10 Nov
- **Notification Letters:** 4 Dec
- **Registration Opens:** 4 December
- **Grants Applications Deadline:** 27 Jan
- **Registration Deadline:** 23 March 2027
- **Programme Release:** 4 May

The Beginning

- **1964, July**: A “Conference on Armed Forces and Society in Western Europe” was held in London. The Committee on Political Sociology of the ISA and the IUS sponsored the conference jointly. Chairman: Morris Janowitz. The papers of this meeting were published in a special issue of the *European Journal of Sociology* in 1965.

- **1970:** The Working Group was **granted Research Committee status** by ISA, titled "**Armed Forces and Society**." In a publication of the RC01, the subtitle “Sociology of War and Peace” appears.

- Letter from Janowitz, to Guido Martinetti (ISA), 20 March 1973:

“We are launching an ambitious program for the Toronto meetings [1974]. Moreover, we face the problems of future organizations. From a large bloc of countries, we have people who want at the last minute to be active in our work, but who refuse to participate in the day-to-day activities and administration of the Research Committee. It is time for me to step down as Chairman and there are many other good people who will be able to take over after Toronto. I shall continue to be active in the work of the ISA, in whatever manner seems appropriate. Moreover, I shall continue to write on the military and militarism.”

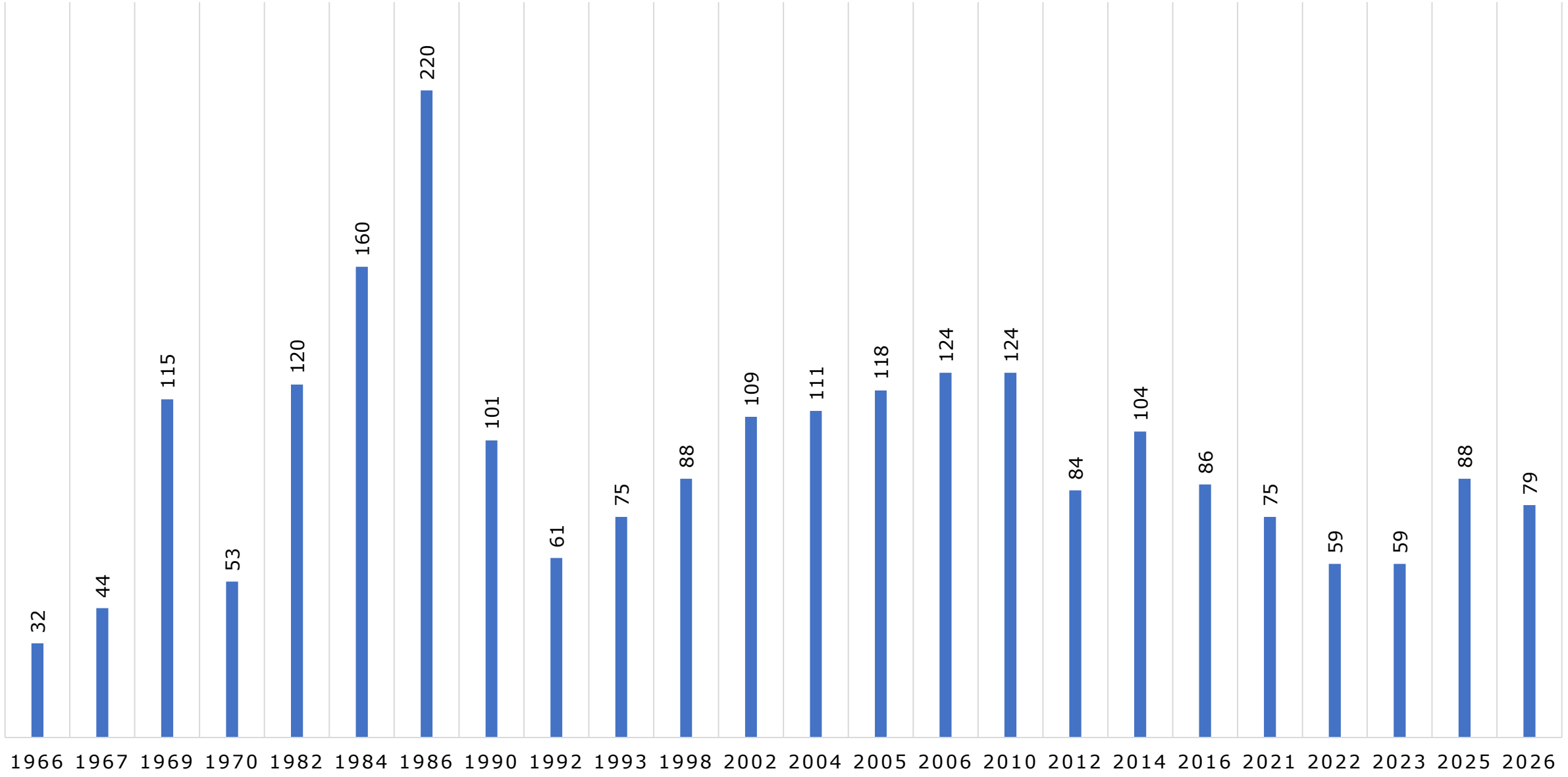
- **1980:** Reflecting a broadening of its orientation, the RC was **renamed "Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution.”**

- **1982-1986**: Chairman/President: Charles Moskos, letter to Walter Becking, Sept 14, 1982):

  “There is no official journal of the Research Committee, but the quarterly ARMED FORCES AND SOCIETY, sponsored by the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, serves as a *de facto* journal. The Inter-University Seminar overlaps in membership and purpose with the Research Committee, the main difference being that the Inter-University Seminar has a membership extending much beyond sociology. […] The Research Committee has no publishing contracts. The bulk of the papers which will be published will appear in ARMED FORCES AND SOCIETY .”

Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution

MEMBERSHIP



ISARC01 – ACTIVE MEMBERS 2026

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS per COUNTRY	TOTAL
Argentina, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Estonia, Finland, France Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Uganda, United Kingdom	1	26
Australia, Israel, Mexico, Nigeria, Poland, Portugal South Africa, Switzerland, Ukraine	2	18
Japan, Slovenia	3	6
Brazil, Sweden	4	8
Canada, India, Türkiye	5	15
USA	6	6
43		**79**

HISTORY OF THE ISA RC01

Source: Archives of the ISA deposited at the International Institute of Social History (IISH) in Amsterdam, The Netherlands (1969-1993) + Newsletters, Election reports, and Activity reports sent by RC01 President/Secretary from 1998-2022.

- RC01's documents cover the period from 1966 to 2022, providing an overview of the Committee's 50-year history.
- From 1966 to 1998, the documents encompass a variety of materials, including letters and membership lists. Additionally, detailed newsletters and reports indicate sessions, their themes, participants, and the titles of presentations by each author at meetings and congresses.
- From 1984 to 1994, the materials consist of newsletters, reports, membership dues, and dome event folders from ISA. From 1994 to 2022, the materials include only reports.
- Interviews

Outlets

Journal of Political & Military Sociology

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For further exploration, please read Dr. Pat Shields's "Dynamic Intersection of Military and Society" (2020).

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The Military and Society

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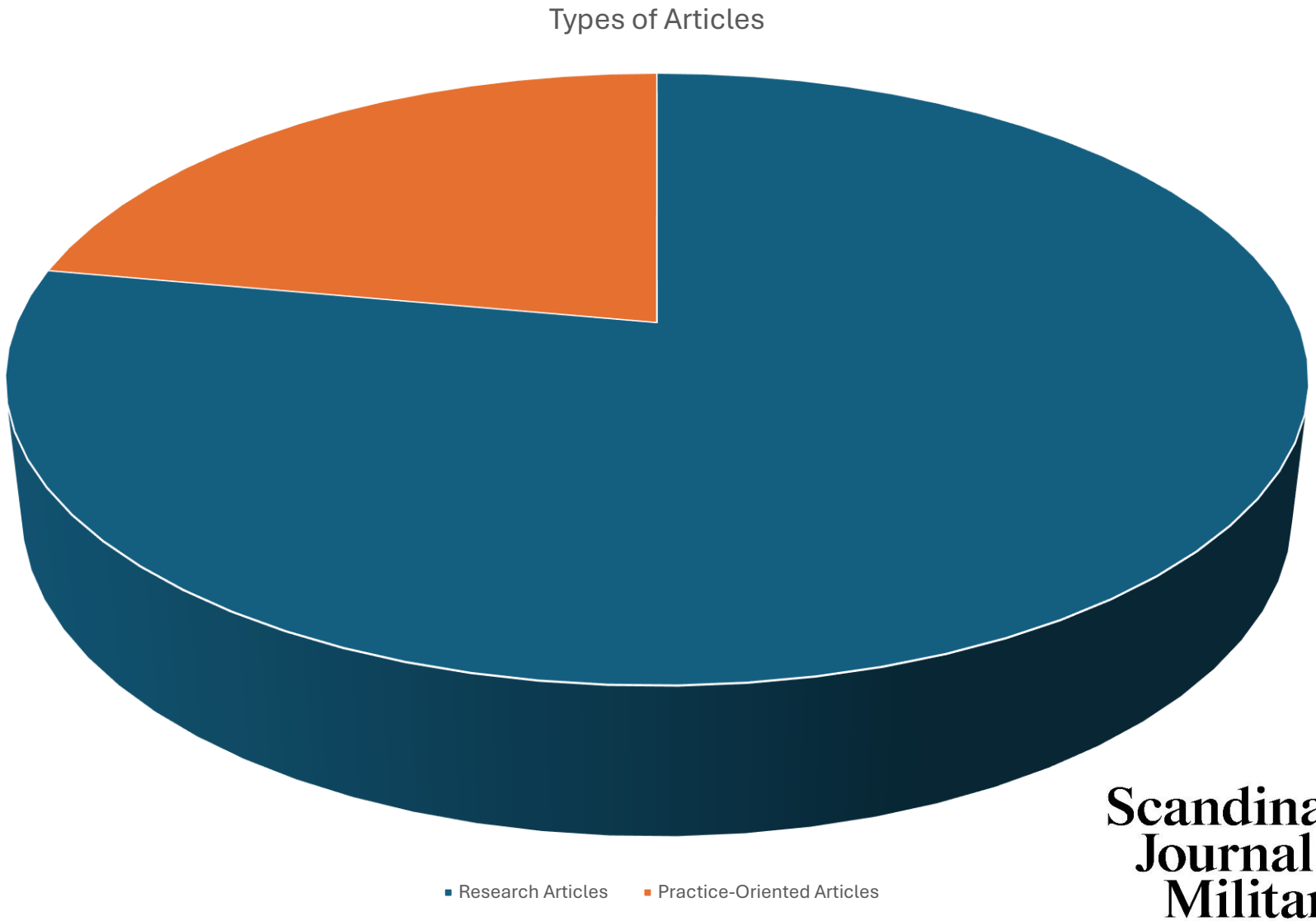
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