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## Identity and belonging in the UK Armed Forces

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This panel explores how the UK Armed Forces as an institution mediates and influences organisational identity and belonging amongst serving and/or veteran military personnel. The four speakers and the chair/discussant are all second and third year PhD students engaged in research which aims to contribute to the Critical Military Studies canon through several unique lenses: sports and disability, intersectionality and gender, and the concept of the 'ideal' service person. From both insider (veteran and Reservist) and outsider (academics who have never served) perspectives, the speakers will consider the ways in which the UK Armed Forces have shaped and continue to shape the identity and belonging of those who interact with and serve within the organisation.

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