

Air University eGPME Webinar Series: Friday, 25 October 2019, 1330 CDT/1830Z

Title: Scharnhorst: Mentor of Clausewitz, Father of Modern Military Thought
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Background/Information:

Without Gerhard von Scharnhorst, it is unlikely there would be a Carl von Clausewitz. An officer with extraordinary talents and intellect, and an even more remarkable fate, Scharnhorst forever changed the path of the Prussian Army, molded the idea of the modern General Staff, and forged some of today's most influential concepts in the realm of military theory and practice. Yet, he is primarily known as a teacher and mentor to the West's most prominent strategic thinker, Carl von Clausewitz.

Tune in on Friday, 25 October at 1330 CDT, as Vanya Eftimova Bellinger, an Assistant Professor at AU's eSchool, argues studying Scharnhorst's legacy provides us with an insight into the role of mentorship, professional networks, military reforms, and education in warfighting. This Adobe Talk is based on Bellinger's recent articles on Scharnhorst and translations of his essays at *The Strategy Bridge*. The presentation will discuss the parameters of Scharnhorst's mentorship and implications for today's leaders; the nature of his groundbreaking reform ideas within the Prussian Army; and offer a better understanding of some of Clausewitz's famous but controversial ideas.

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"Introducing #Scharnhorst: The Vision of an Enlightened Soldier "On Experience and Theory" <https://thestrategybridge.org/the-bridge/2019/4/1/introducing-scharnhorst-the-vision-of-an-enlightened-soldier-on-experience-and-theory>

"Introducing #Scharnhorst: On the Nature of Leadership in War and the Role of Socio-Political Conditions" <https://thestrategybridge.org/the-bridge/2019/5/14/introducing-scharnhorst-on-the-nature-of-leadership-in-war-and-the-role-of-socio-political-conditions>

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