

The Dead Prussian

Podcast No 3

On Carl von Clausewitz

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Interview Topic Topic:

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Host: Mick Cook (@Mick Cook)

Guest: Dr Donald Stoker (Bio)

Length: 32:20 minutes

Interview Outline:

Introductions the Topic and Guest (01:41 mins)

Mick introduces Dr Stoker and asks him a little about himself. Mick asks what motivated him to write a book about Carl Von Clausewitz.

Section One - What role did Clausewitz play in shaping the way the Prussians fought in his time? (04:40 mins)

Mick asks Dr Stoker to talk about Clausewitz's career and role in the Prussian army. As a follow up Mick asks about his time with the Russians. He also asks Dr Stoker to discuss Clausewitz's career highlights.

Section Two - Did Clausewitz, as a theorist, branch out into other topics or was his focus solely on war? (15:23 mins)

Mick asks Dr Stoker about Clausewitz's other academic pursuits.

Section Three - How did Clausewitz come to find himself a member of a multinational force? (17:38 mins)

Mick asks about Clausewitz's time serving in a multinational force.

Section Four - Is Clausewitz still relevant? (21:48 mins)

Mick asks Dr Stoker whether Clausewitz is still relevant and whether or not Dr Stoker's students challenge this.

Section Six - Finish this Sentence "War is..." (26:48 mins)

Mick asks each guest on our show to complete this sentence. It is the TDP podcast manner of linking all of our work back to defining war.

References

Stoker, D.J. (2014) Clausewitz: His Life and Work. United States: Oxford University Press

Google Talks : Dr Donald Stoker: Clausewitz: His Life and Work < $\underline{https://youtu.be/g8K312sz9to}$ >

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