

Dear all,

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EVENTS

1. Study Group on Intelligence

Hosted by the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)
Friday 17 May
Whitehall, London, UK

11.00: Gather at RUSI for coffee

11.15: Panel on 'Michael Herman and Intelligence'

'Berlin and listening from The Devils Mountain'
Paul Maddrell, University of Loughborough

'Nimrod R1'
Gp Capt Barry Smith, former C/O of No 51 Sqn

'Michael Herman and Intelligence Ethics'
Mark Phythian, University of Leicester

'GCHQ's atomic ships programme'
Richard Aldrich, University of Warwick

2.00: 'Responses and Reflections'

Michael Herman, Oxford Intelligence Group

2.30: 'Jihadist Propaganda & its Exploitation of the Arab Poetic Tradition'

Elizabeth Kendall, University of Oxford

Guests are permitted, but please clear any guests with our Secretary, Professor Michael Goodman. If you wish to attend RSVP as soon as possible (by Friday 12 May at the latest) and we will ask you to pay £10 on the day.

Registration details are available [here](#)

2. 'OSINT as an effective tool for managing a modern state and company'

Hosted by the Foundation for Security and Strategy

Wednesday 8 May

Nowy Świat St. 6/12, Warsaw, Poland

We invite you to a debate on the future of OSINT. The main topics that will be discussed at the debate are:

'Can modern OSINT replace traditional intelligence?'

'How can modern OSINT improve the management of states/enterprises?'

'How to place and use OSINT in order to optimise the security system of the private and national sectors in Poland?'

Please confirm your participation by email (biuro@fibis.pl) or phone (+48 22 890 02 95)

3. 'The Baghdad Set: Iraq through the Eyes of British Intelligence, 1941-1945'

Hosted by the Royal Historical Society

Thursday 9 May

Bishop Grosseteste University, Lincolnshire, UK

The subject of this talk is Dr Adrian O'Sullivan's latest book *The Baghdad Set* – the first-ever intelligence history of Iraq, 1941-45 – and the final third volume of a trilogy on regional intelligence and counterintelligence operations that includes *Nazi Secret Warfare in Occupied Persia* and *Espionage and Counterintelligence in Occupied Persia*. Dr O'Sullivan's account of covert operations in Iraq during the Second World War is based entirely on archival documents, diaries, and memoirs. His talk will emphasize the social nature of human intelligence work and will introduce the audience to a number of interesting, talented personalities who performed secret roles in Iraq, including the distinguished author Dame Freya Stark.

Dr Adrian O'Sullivan, a former intelligence linguist, has lived and worked in the UK, Europe, North America, and the Middle East. He completed his doctorate in intelligence history at the University of South Africa and is an Emeritus Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and a Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society. He now lives and writes in semi-retirement on the west coast of Canada.

More details are available [here](#)

4. 'A Woman of No Importance' with Sonia Purnell

Hosted by Bluestocking Teas

Sunday 19 May

The Crypt at St Peter De Beauvoir, Northchurch Terrace, London

Author Sonia Purnell will tell the astonishing story of how American-turned-British spy, Virginia Hall, became a legend in espionage and guerrilla warfare. How she successfully infiltrated Vichy France for SOE, long before America joined the war and became the Gestapo's most wanted Allied agent. How she helped to fan the flames of the French Resistance when it barely existed, ultimately going on to recruit, train, arm and sometimes direct the Maquis into battle with the Nazis.

Bluestocking Teas gather people together over afternoon tea to discuss a topic of conversation led by inspiring speakers. It's a chance to spend a couple of hours learning and engaging, while enjoying a full and sumptuous traditional afternoon tea.

Registration details are available [here](#)

5. Cambridge Intelligence Seminar

Friday 10 May

Intelligence: Fact and Fiction

Alan Judd

All Cambridge meetings take place in Corpus Christi College McCrum Lecture Theatre (entry through 'The Eagle' archway, Benet Street) and commence promptly at 5.30 pm.

6. Oxford Intelligence Group

Monday 13 May

Intelligence and Foreign Policy, with reference to Pakistan and Jordan

James Watt CVO

Monday 3 June

The Spy Who Changed History: The untold story of how the Soviet Union won the race for

America's top secrets
Svetlana Lokhova

Seminars begin at 5.30pm in the Large Lecture Room at Nuffield College, Oxford.

7. Oxford University Strategic Studies Group

Tuesday 7 May

Conflict Economies in MENA: Comparing the cases of Libya, Syria, Yemen and Iraq
Tim Eaton, Research Fellow at Chatham House

Tuesday 14 May

How Violence Shapes Religion: Belief and Conflict in Africa and the Middle East
Ziya Meral, Research Fellow at the Centre for Historical Analysis and Conflict Research

Tuesday 28 May

The Global Race for Cyber-Digital Supremacy
Eviatar Matania, Founder and Head of the Israel National Cyber Bureau (2012)

Drinks receptions are held in the seminar room, the Old Library at All Souls College on the High Street, beginning at 8pm. All are welcome; there is a modest £2 fee for attendance by non-members. Seminars begin promptly at 8.30pm.

CONFERENCES

8. International Security and Intelligence (ISI) Programme Conference

19 July 2019
Cambridge, UK

ISI is pleased to announce details of its 2019 two-day conference – *Intelligence and National Security Policy in a Changing World* - addressing key contemporary issues impacting on the security and intelligence worlds. ISI participants will be joined at the conference by guests from the worlds of business, government, academia, security and the military. Built around a series of presentations and panel discussions, all conference sessions will be held at the Old Divinity School, Trinity Street, Cambridge. The first day of the conference will conclude with a formal dinner at King's College.

Friday 19 July

The conference will be opened by Sir Richard Dearlove, Chair of the Cambridge Security Initiative. The first morning session will begin with a conversation between Lord Wilson, former Cabinet Secretary, and Sir David Omand, former Director of GCHQ, who will discuss the interface between government and the security services. This will be followed by two panel discussions:

The first discussion will focus on Africa and the Middle East. Discussants will include Dr. Renad Mansour, Dr. Thomas Maguire, and LCDR Vicki Moore. The second discussion will look at the military and security implications of recent developments in Cyber and AI. Discussants will include the former Deputy Head of the National Security Agency, Chris Inglis, Dr. Joe Hatfield, and Di Cooke.

In the afternoon, Professor Brendan Simms will present a paper entitled, "Ordered or ordering? Britain's post-Brexit role in Europe in historical perspective". This will be followed by a discussion focused on Countering-Terrorism – led by the former Head of the U.K.'s Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre.

Saturday 20 July

The Saturday morning will see two key-note presentations. The first will be given by Sir Tony Brenton, former British Ambassador to Russia, titled "Russia: Bear or Porcupine?"

This will be followed by a conversation between Bernard Cazeneuve, former French Interior Minister and Prime Minister who, in conversation with Sir David Omand, will bring a French perspective to some of the Conference's main themes, not least Counter-terrorism. Both sessions will include ample time for wider discussion.

The final afternoon will be devoted to the security and intelligence challenges posed by developments in China and more broadly in the Asia/Pacific region. There will be opening contributions from Professor Stefan Halper and Nigel Inkster CMG who will be joined by Angus Knowles-Cutler and Sir Richard Dearlove, among others, in a broader discussion of the key issues.

More details, including registration, are available [here](#)

9. Belgian Intelligence Studies Centre (BISC) Conference

17 May 2019
Brussels, Belgium

Ever since the fall of the Berlin Wall, espionage seemed to belong in the past and restricted to the culture of novels and action movies. However, nothing is further from the truth: Belgian diplomats are being prosecuted due to their help to foreign intelligence services, media coverage about poisonings are commonplace...

Espionage has never left our society and contemporary reality. On the contrary. Considering the complexity of our global world, the activity has never been so extensive. Did we underestimate the threat of espionage? And what about the Belgium's role as host of the UE, the NATO and Shape? These questions will be dealt with during our BISC-conference.

More details are available [here](#)

10. IAFIE Conference

9 June 2019

Queens, New York, USA

St. John's University is delighted and honored to host the 15th Annual Conference of the International Association for Intelligence Education (IAFIE).

The conference will revolve around the theme of *Local to Global: Intelligence Cooperation and Education*. The conference panels are still being formed and it looks to be one of the best conferences to date for IAFIE. The conference will host an opening reception followed by two and one half days of speakers, panels and presentations.

More details are available [here](#)

11. CFIHP Conference

10 July 2019

Ottawa, Canada

The Canadian Foreign Intelligence History Project (CFIHP) is holding a workshop in Ottawa. The program is in two parts. The morning will be spent discussing three papers related to foreign intelligence in Canada:

Collecting Foreign Intelligence Through SIGINT in Postwar Canada
Maria Robson

Canada's Missing Intelligence Agency
Andre Karreck

Russia Submarines in the Davis Strait
Isabel Campbell

There will also be an opportunity for participants to provide an update on their current or planned research activities. The afternoon will focus on the issue of improving access to historical records. We anticipate that representatives of a number of government agencies will be able to participate in this discussion, including the Office of the Information Commissioner, the LAC ATI team, the Public Safety "Transparency Initiative" and "Declassification Project," the Secretariat of the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians and the Treasury Board "Open Canada" initiative.

The deadline for registration is June 15. To register for the workshop, please contact Alan Barnes (alan.barnes@rogers.com)

CALL FOR PAPERS

12. Conference: 'Need to Know IX: Intelligence and major political change'

28-29 November 2019

Tallinn, Estonia

Processes of political change and intelligence services are often interrelated. In popular culture, conspiracy theory of the hidden hand of secret services thrives, but what is the reality? The ninth *Need to Know* focuses on intelligence services ability to predict or even promote political change at home or abroad. Examples of such changes might include the unsuccessful communist coup in Estonia in 1924 or the revolutions of 1989 but could also be longer term changes such as the British colonization. Subject of papers might take the following into consideration:

- Indicators and early warning systems
- Intelligence services ability for foresee major changes domestically
- Intelligence services ability to predict major changes abroad
- Plans and covert action to promote major changes
- Intelligence failures with respect to analyze historical events
- Intelligences services ability to adapt to a changing political environment (for instance in the 1990's)
- Governments' ability to control or reconstruct intelligence organizations after political change.

The papers should be based on firm historical documentation. As the ninth conference will convene in Tallinn the organizers especially want to encourage papers concerning the Baltic region. Furthermore, papers looking at how Western Intelligence Services were able or unable to foresee and promote political changes in the former Warsaw Pact Countries and the Soviet Union during and after the Cold War, are especially welcome.

The conference is organized by the the International Centre for Defense, Institute of National Remembrance - Commission for the Prosecution of Crimes against the Polish Nation, the Center for Cold War Studies of the University of Southern Denmark, the King's College London, and the Norwegian Aviation Museum. Accommodations and meals will be covered for presenters. The conference will also contribute to travel expenses upon application.

The deadline for paper proposals is **31 May 2019**. The submission should include: An abstract of 500–700 words in English and a biographical note listing major professional accomplishments (250 words, in English). The Conference Program Committee will notify selected speakers by mid-June 2019. Submissions and additional questions should be sent to sylwia.szyc@ipn.gov.pl

13. Conference: 'The Political Police and the Soviet System: Insights from Newly Opened KGB Archives in the Former Soviet States'

3-4 April 2020
Georgetown University, USA

This conference will assemble cutting-edge historical scholarship on newly opened secret police archives that has the potential to illuminate a major piece of twentieth-century history and its legacies. The conference aims to bring together international scholars at all career stages, including researchers from North America, Europe, and Eurasia, to discuss the significance of research on the Soviet secret police, the penal system, forced labor, and intelligence history. These archives, including the SBU (former KGB) archive in Kyiv and repositories in the Baltics, Georgia, Moldova, and other former Soviet republics, represent some of the most important archival material on modern intelligence history opened to researchers in recent years.

While the history of Stalinism and state repression is one of the most studied topics in the Soviet history, lack of archival materials about the institutions of state security, one of the pillars of the Soviet system, has remained one of the largest missing pieces in our understanding of Soviet history. Historians have been relatively slow to take advantage of these new opportunities and interpret their import. This conference represents a major opportunity showcase and explore how the hitherto classified materials change our understandings of Soviet system, its operations, and its place in the broader world.

As new sources become accessible, new problems of analysis emerge. The goal of this gathering is to explore those problems and ask how new scholarship incorporating these new materials changes our understandings of the Soviet system. The major themes of the conference include, but are not limited to:

- The Secret Police as an Institution: Internal History and Practices
- Entering and Exiting the Gulag: Prosecution, Repression, and Return
- Police, Politics, and Society
- Policing Culture: Experts, Artists, and the Intelligentsia
- Identifying Enemies: Surveillance, Classification, and Information
- Policing Normativity: Resistance, Opposition, Non-Conformism
- Source Criticism and Methods: Intelligence Documents in the Soviet Context
- Operations Abroad and Foreign Intelligence
- Archival Access and the Politics of Declassification

The working language of the conference is English. Paper proposals should include (1) the name of the applicant, institutional affiliation, postal and email addresses; (2) a short CV; (3) a one-page description of the proposed paper. The deadline for submitting paper proposals is **15 June 2019**. Paper-givers will be provided round-trip travel to Georgetown, most meals, and hotel accommodations. Proposals and inquiries should be emailed to: md672@georgetown.edu and mn837@georgetown.edu

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

14. *Intelligence and National Security (Vol.34, No.4)*

'A confusion, not a system: the organizational evolution of strategic intelligence assessment in Canada, 1943 to 2003' by Alan Barnes

'Predicting and preventing radicalisation: an alternative approach to suicide terrorism in Europe' by Lewis Herrington

'Improving information evaluation for intelligence production' by Daniel Irwin and David Mandel

'A most pervasive memoir: RV Jones and his *Most Secret War*' by James Goodchild

'Controlling partners and proxies in pro-insurgency paramilitary operations: the case of Syria' by Armin Krishnan

'Unforgiven: Russian intelligence vengeance as political theatre and strategic messaging' by David Gioe, Michael Goodman, and David Frey

'Post factum clarity: failure to identify spontaneous threats' by Rotem Dvir

'The Dentist Chair: Dr Gessel Schkolnikoff and the mysteries of Soviet espionage' by William Tyrer

The full issue is available [here](#)

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Kind regards,
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