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EVENTS

1. 'Soviet Defectors' with Kevin Riehle

Hosted by NASIH
12 January
Online event

Kevin Riehle discusses his recent book that compiles for the first time corroborative primary sources in English, Russian, French, German, Finnish, Italian, Japanese, Latvian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish. The result is the most comprehensive list of Soviet intelligence officer defectors to date. Through the eyes of those officers, it shows the fluctuations in the Soviet recruitment and vetting of personnel for sensitive national security positions, corresponding with fluctuations in the stability of the Soviet government. It also shows the evolution of Soviet threat perceptions and the development of the "main enemy" concept in the Soviet national security system.

Kevin P. Riehle is an associate professor at the National Intelligence University. He has spent over 28 years in the U.S. government as a counterintelligence analyst studying foreign intelligence services. He received a PhD in War Studies from King's College London, an MS

in Strategic Intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College, and a BA in Russian and Political Science from Brigham Young University.

More details [here](#)

2. UK Joint Intelligence Organisation: Awareness Session

Hosted by UK Civil Service LGBT+ Network

13 January

Online event

The Joint Intelligence Organisation is a small unit at the heart of the UK's National Security Community. It produces intelligence assessments that inform the Prime Minister, the National Security Council and the most senior policy makers on the security priorities of the day – often assessing the issues behind headlines.

The JIO is on a mission to improve its diversity and inclusion. As part of this, they are keen to hold an Awareness Session to explain what it does; how it does it; and to bust a few myths about working in the National Security community.

More details [here](#)

3. After SolarWinds: Dual Hatting and the Implications for Cybersecurity

Hosted by Institute for Security and Technology

14 January

Online event

As one of the biggest cyberattacks to have targeted the US government and private industry in recent years, the 'SolarWinds hack' revealed significant implications for future government cybersecurity strategies. Despite SolarWinds software's broad use across the federal government, private-sector companies including FireEye, Microsoft, and GoDaddy were the first to discover and counter this attack. Was the success of this cyber-espionage a failure of US Cyber Command's (USCC) "defend forward" strategy? Does the SolarWinds hack support abolishing the practice of dual-hatting the USCC Commander and Director of the NSA?

The Institute for Security and Technology will host this debate on these critical questions and assess the implications of the SolarWinds hack on the U.S. government's role in cybersecurity defence and a broader national cybersecurity strategy. Speakers include:

Susan Hennessey, *Brookings Institute*

Bryson Bort, *SCYTHE*

Erica Borghard, *Atlantic Council*

JD Work, *Marine Corps University*

Moderated by Robert Knake, *Council on Foreign Relations*

More details [here](#)

4. 'Dead Doubles' with Trevor Barnes

Hosted by RUSI

14 January

Online event

Join former FCO Historian and author of the definitive history of the Zinoviev Letter, Gill Bennett, in conversation with the historian and author, Trevor Barnes, about his new account of the notorious Cold War Portland Spy Ring, *Dead Doubles*.

The Portland Spy Ring was one of the most infamous intelligence cases from the Cold War. People all over the world were shocked in 1961 when its exposure revealed in Britain the shadowy underbelly of KGB 'illegals' - spies operating under deep cover with no diplomatic immunity.

Drawing on hitherto secret MI5 and FBI files, private archives, and research in the USA and Moscow, Trevor has written the first serious history of the Portland Spy Ring – from the first clue, the thrilling counter-espionage investigation which spanned the globe, to the arrests, criminal trial and spy swaps which followed. He reveals new information about the Portland Spy Ring, the damage it caused to the West, the difficulties of prosecuting spies, and discusses how Russia's intelligence services are operating today.

Please note this event is only available to RUSI members. More details [here](#)

5. 'Virtual Spy Chat' with John Brennan

Hosted by the International Spy Museum

14 January

Online event

Spy Museum Executive Director Chris Costa, a former intelligence officer of 34 years, will be joined by John Brennan, who served as President Obama's Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Advisor from 2009 to 2012 and as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency from 2013 to 2017.

Brennan previously had a 25-year CIA career, which included stints as President Clinton's daily intelligence briefer, CIA station chief in the Middle East, Chief of Staff to CIA Director George Tenet, and the first Director of the National Counterterrorism Center when it was established in 2004.

More details [here](#)

6. 'VENONA' with David Hatch

Hosted by the Cold War Museum

17 January

Online event

What Was Likely the Most Important and Most Secret Counterintelligence Project of the Early Cold War? And What Did It Allow Us to Do? Ask the NSA's Chief Historian

VENONA was probably the best counterintelligence tool the United States had in the early Cold War. The ability to decrypt an exceedingly difficult cryptosystem used by the Soviet intelligence services gave the United States unprecedented insights into Soviet espionage tradecraft as well as Soviet espionage targets, and significant clues to the identities of Americans cooperating in passing secrets to the USSR. Dr. Hatch will give an overview of the program, discuss some specific cases and talk about VENONA's impact on the early Cold War.

Dr. David Hatch has his MA from Indiana University, Bloomington, and his Ph.D. from American University. He has worked at the National Security Agency as analyst, supervisor, and staff officer. Since 1993, he has been the NSA Historian. Dr. Hatch is the author of many classified and unclassified articles about NSA's history and the history of cryptology, and has been a talking head on many television documentaries.

Please note the event charge is 20 USD. More details [here](#)

7. 'The Keeper of the Code' with Frank Figliuzzi

Hosted by the International Spy Museum

21 January

Online event

As the FBI's former head of counterintelligence, Frank Figliuzzi had a unique opportunity to study patterns of conduct among high-achieving individuals, as well as the errors made by unethical persons. Appointed the FBI's Chief Inspector by then Director Robert Mueller, as "Keeper of the Code", Figliuzzi was charged with overseeing sensitive internal inquiries, target shooting reviews, and performance audits.

Figliuzzi takes us on a personal journey with *The FBI Way: Inside the Bureau's Code of Excellence*. He explores the FBI's core values that inform everything from the training of new recruits to the rigorous maintenance of standards up and down the organization.

More details [here](#)

8. 'North American Aspects of the Portland Spy Ring' with Trevor Barnes

Hosted by the International Spy Museum

25 January

Online event

In a special virtual event, the historian Trevor Barnes discusses the key role played by the CIA, FBI and RCMP in uncovering, arresting and prosecuting this infamous KGB Cold War espionage network and the damage it caused to the West with the Museum's curator, Andrew Hammond.

More details [here](#)

9. 'Leadership and Strategy' a conversation between James Mattis and Michael Vickers

Hosted by the OSS Society

29 January

Online event

Join the OSS Society for a very special event with two leading figures from the national security community: James Mattis and Michael Vickers. This is the first installment in The OSS Society's 2021 "Oh So Social" Conversation Series. Throughout 2021, The OSS Society will bring together leaders from the Intelligence and Special Operations Communities to discuss critical national security issues.

More details [here](#)

10. 'Ultimate Betrayal' with John Fox Jr

Hosted by the Cold War Museum

7 February

Online event

Robert Hanssen was probably the most damaging Soviet spy against the U.S. during the Cold War and after for the Russians, and one of the most damaging in U.S. history. He was also a trusted FBI Agent in the perfect position to spy, as a counter-intelligence agent against the Soviets. His efforts, along with those of Aldrich Ames, another mole in our intelligence community who was operating at CIA at roughly the same time, caused a great many American agents overseas to be captured and killed. John will tell the story of what Hanssen did, how and why he was eventually caught, and what we learned to help protect us from similar problems in the future.

John Fox Jr has been the FBI Historian since 2003. His articles have appeared in a number of journals, the FBI's website, and other venues. He has contributed chapters in several books and co-wrote *The FBI: A Centennial History*.

More details [here](#)

11. 'National Security, Economic Prosperity, and Canada's Future' with CSIS' Director

Hosted by Centre for International Governance Innovation

9 February

Online event

The international security and geopolitical landscape have shifted considerably. The COVID-19 pandemic has been a thematic lure or subterfuge for malicious threat actors to exploit vulnerabilities, emphasizing that the world around us has strategically reoriented. This shift provides an opportunity for Canada to modernize its thinking, to better protect future prosperity and enhance domestic security.

Join David Vigneault, Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), for a discussion on the changing threat landscape and the ways in which Canada can contribute to an important strategic discussion around national security and intelligence practices. Director Vigneault will also discuss how we can better safeguard future economic growth, innovation, sovereignty and Canada's national interests.

More details [here](#)

CALL FOR PAPERS

12. *Journal for Intelligence, Propaganda, and Security Studies (JIPSS)*

JIPSS is planning a special issue for the 20th anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001, which will focus on how 9/11 shaped our world and could continue to have an effect in the future. The focus will be on aspects such as the reactions of states, authorities and societies to the attacks, influences on security architecture and politics, and on international relations up to the present day and beyond. The focus is primarily on the 'big picture' (e.g. an analysis of the impact of 9/11 on German foreign policy as a whole). Of course, this does not exclude the possibility of contributions that look at individual areas, present specific case studies or place events in a historical/critical context.

Texts that deal with or reflect a non-Western perspective, as well as those that deal with the consequences of 9/11 outside of North America and Europe are particularly welcome. The same applies to articles that combine the event that shaped the epoch with a look ahead, e.g. in connection with the themes of radicalization and polarization today.

Contributions may come from our three areas of expertise (Intelligence, Propaganda,

Security Studies) or from other disciplines, as long as they can be placed within the general topic. If you would like to contribute to this focus issue, please send us an evocative abstract (half a page to max. one page; with statements on the research question, methods, sources, etc.) with a working title and your CV (or a link where one can view it) to office@acipss.org by **15 January 2021** at the latest. If you have any suggestions or enquiries, please contact us at any time on the same email address.

More details [here](#)

13. *The International Journal of Intelligence and CounterIntelligence* - Military Intelligence Special Issue

Military intelligence is of great importance, but while there is some literature on historical cases, only limited academic research has been done into the post-1990 era. In an effort to understand this lack of attention, it seems that most scholars have emphasized intelligence at a strategic level and studied, for example, the role of intelligence in national decision councils. Meanwhile governments spend heavily on intelligence in support of military operations to meet the information needs of troops at the tactical and operational levels.

This call for submissions aims to bring together contributions that critically reflect on 21st century military intelligence. In different contexts, these can study how military intelligence functions, how it is embedded in the military organization, campaign or operation, what challenges it meets, how it performs and what future developments lie ahead.

Please submit an abstract of your paper by **1 February 2021**. The deadline for complete manuscripts is **29 October 2021**. All manuscripts will be peer-reviewed, with the timeline for requested revisions intended to ensure publication in 2022. Final papers should not exceed 7,000 words inclusive of figure captions and references.

This special issue will be edited by Dr. Sebastiaan Rietjens and Dr. Peter de Werd of the Netherlands Defence Academy. Submissions, Questions and Comments: basrietjens@gmail.com

14. *Intelligence and National Security* - John le Carré Special Issue

This is a call for submissions for a special issue on John le Carré to be published in *INS* and edited by Pauline Blistène and Damien Van Puyvelde. This special issue will investigate the historical, political, cultural and philosophical significance of le Carré's work in relation to intelligence and its fictional representations as a set of activities, an organisation, a profession. We are particularly keen to build on recent efforts to broaden the scope of Intelligence Studies and encourage interdisciplinary work. Submissions can engage with any aspect of John le Carré's life and work (novels and their adaptations), including:

- Relationship between le Carré and the intelligence community: le Carré's experience in intelligence, reception of his work by practitioners, impact of his oeuvre on intelligence concepts and practices and vice versa.
- Fact, fiction and autofiction in le Carré's work: realistic, imagined and autobiographical elements, blurring of the fact-fiction divide, self-storytelling (David Cornwell as John le Carré), categorization of his novels ('spy fiction', 'Cold War thrillers', etc.).
- Themes, narratives and characters in le Carré's work: human nature, deception, treason, conspiracy, secrecy, and free-will; Cold War and post-Cold War eras; allies and adversaries, agents and handlers, civil servants and privateers, bureaucrats and spymasters, men and women in intelligence.
- Legacy: significance of le Carré's oeuvre in or across a variety of disciplines including history, politics and international relations, philosophy, literature. We would welcome submissions that discuss the significance of le Carré's oeuvre beyond the Western world and in the Global South.

Please submit a paragraph abstract (no more than 250 words) of your paper by **1 March 2021**. The abstract is to be sent to Pauline-Elise.Blistene@univ-paris1.fr. The final deadline for complete papers is **17 December 2021**.

Papers should not exceed 8,000 words inclusive of figure captions and references. Further information for formatting your paper can be found in the journal guidelines: <https://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?show=instructions&journalCode=fi-nt20>

15. Conference on 'Treason – A Conceptual and Comparative History'

Hosted by Royal Historical Society (UK)
 Online
 23-24 September 2021

'Treason' seems to be an ubiquitous concept in human history, stretching from the ancient world through to the present day. While it is sometimes thought of as an anachronistic term associated with past despotic governments, it is very much alive in our contemporary world. In Russia, the journalist Ivan Safronov was recently accused of treason. From the USA, the cases of the 'traitors' Edward Snowden and Chelsea Manning are well-known. Repeatedly the term 'traitor' is used rhetorically in political debate in an excoriating fashion, to condemn opponents who have supposedly violated a perceived moral benchmark. A new high point is marked by the insinuations of Donald Trump's supporters that his election defeat was due to the fraud of traitors. Rarely has an election in the Western democracies of the 20th and 21st centuries been so characterized by a rhetoric of betrayal. 'Treason' adds an ethical dimension to any political power contest, with an individual labelled as 'traitor' who has allegedly broken trust with his peers.

Although in the modern world it is the dangers of state betrayal through espionage which seem more prevalent, the intertwining histories of domestic and foreign treason have been present throughout the centuries under many varied types of regime. As this implies, there are consistent threads running through the history of treason, even if it has manifested itself differently through the prism of different regimes and ideologies. The methodology used to commit treason has certainly changed (bombs, cyber-warfare) and the legal parameters have constantly shifted – but has the essence of treason also endured down the centuries?.

This pilot-project therefore aims at a conceptual and comparative history of treason, beginning with an initial online international workshop in September 2021 at which historians with different disciplinary approaches will start to map out a framework for deeper research. Treason will be examined across time periods and regimes, but also transnationally in order to understand its history as a truly global phenomenon. Alongside this global treatment in the *longue durée*, our conceptualisation will focus on a number of key interdisciplinary themes. These are: (1) cultural representations of treason; (2) treason in criminal law; (3) the practice and punishment of treason; (4) the impact and heritage of treason.

For the online conference we are looking for papers which fall under one of the four themes above. Please submit an abstract of your paper proposal of up to 300 words by **31 March 2021** to either Dr Andre Krischer (krischer@uni-muenster.de) or Professor Mark Cornwall (jmc3@soton.ac.uk)

More details, including conference plans and theme information, [here](#)

16. Conference on ‘Collaboration in a Complex and Uncertain World’

Hosted by the Australian Institute of Professional Intelligence Officers
Melbourne, Australia
25-28 October 2021

From the Cold War, to terrorism to cyber threats to global pandemic – what does the intelligence community now have to do to demonstrate value and results from their efforts? The challenges of 2020 have highlighted an increasing requirement for improved collaboration and cooperation between intelligence professionals, and within the expanding intelligence community.

Contributions are now sought from intelligence professionals, academics, students, and other industry professionals. Authors of the successful abstracts will be given the opportunity to prepare a paper and present it to an international conference attended by intelligence professionals, managers, and sector partners.

There are many areas to be explored to enhance collaboration but the key sub themes for Intelligence International 2021 have been identified as:

Ethics. Changing expectations of data usage and information requires increasing

consideration about the ethical application of technology, intelligence techniques and tradecraft. Public expectations of the want for personal privacy, balanced against a desire for transparency of officially held information, is an increasing challenge faced by those working in the intelligence profession. As the amount of information that can be leveraged increases, the ethical use of intelligence generated is an increasing challenge for the global intelligence community.

Partnerships. Increasing amounts of information held by commercial entities, monetised by information brokerage, and driven by a mobile and connected society, provides new opportunities for near real time insights. The benefits of brokered information, including the 'adtech' ecosystem, is well known within the commercial community. This is a data driven market, leveraging highly advanced analytics to deliver competitive advantage in a complex and evolving environment. The intelligence community will increasingly need to look beyond its 'business as usual' data holdings and seek non-traditional partnerships within the private sector to access these expanded data sources to better inform decision-making.

Capability. The global intelligence community is facing an increasingly complex series of challenges. Whilst the fundamental business of 'intelligence' has not changed, effective capability planning is an essential part of an integrated global intelligence approach. Technological improvements and an expanded collection environment require the enhancement of practitioner tools and techniques. Ensuring the 21st Century intelligence workforce is 'future ready' will also require a reassessment of intelligence organisation capabilities, including the need for effective intelligence leadership.

An abstract (300 words maximum) outlining your paper and addressing the theme of the conference and one of the three sub-themes should be prepared, and is due on **1 May 2021**. Successful applicants will be notified and will be invited to complete a full paper by **1 September 2021**. Abstracts should be sent to: journal@aipio.asn.au

More details [here](#)

PUBLICATIONS

17. "Need to Know" publication

The Need to Know-conference on intelligence history and the *International Journal of Intelligence, Security and Public Affairs* (IJISPA) is pleased to announce that the December 2020 Issue of IJISPA is a special issue with the best articles from papers presented at the Need to Know conferences in Bodo in 2018 and Tallinn in 2019. And every second year hereafter will the December issue of IJISPA be a special Need to Know issue! Please visit the IJISPA webpage at www.tandfonline.com/toc/usip20/current to see which articles are included, read the abstracts and full-text papers of those published Open Access.

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Policy, please visit:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/sspp/departments/warstudies/about/dataprotection.aspx>

Kind regards,
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