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EVENTS

1. 'Agent Garbo – the spy who fooled Hitler' with Dick Weindling

15 June

Hosted by Friends of West Hampstead Library

Online

During WWII, Agent Garbo (Juan Pujol Garcia) who was born in Spain, persuaded the Germans that he was spying for them in London. In fact he and his MI5 handler Tomás Harris, were sending the Germans misleading information. The Germans believed that Pujol was their best agent in Britain. The Allied Double Cross Committee used double agents to convince the Germans that the main attack would be in Calais and that the Normandy landings were just a diversion. Garbo and Harris played a major role in the deception and their messages successfully convinced Hitler to hold the Panzer Divisions near Calais. This allowed the Allies to establish a bridgehead in Normandy on D-Day, 6 June 1944.

More details [here](#)

2. 'The Secret Rise of Private Spies' with Barry Meier

27 June

Hosed by the How To Academy

Today, private spies are influencing elections, affecting the fortunes of companies and Hollywood and shaping government policies. Operatives-for-hire are also peering as never before into our personal lives, listening to our phone calls, hacking our emails and deciding what we see on social media. In this livestream event, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Barry Meier will shine a spotlight on a clandestine business where information is currency, loyalties are for sale and double-crosses are commonplace.

Barry Meier is a Pulitzer Prize-winning former New York Times investigative reporter. He is the author of Pain Killer, the landmark book that first investigated the drug OxyContin and the secretive Sackler family and Missing Man, which followed the search for a former FBI agent turned CIA consultant who vanished in Iran. He has twice won the George Polk award for Investigate Reporting.

More details [here](#)

3. 'Espionage and Enslavement' with Claire Bellerjeau

1 July

Hosted by the International Spy Museum

With July 4th right around the corner, take a fresh look at one of the key members of the Revolutionary War era Culper Ring: Robert Townsend, and Elizabeth. Townsend was an essential part of the network reporting on the British to General George Washington as Samuel Culper Jr. Elizabeth, known as Liss, was enslaved by the Townsend family.

Claire Bellerjeau will reveal how she discovered Liss's existence and then filled in details of an extraordinary life lived during a transformative period in our history. Liss's story runs parallel with Townsend's efforts as a key member of the Culper ring. Her history sheds light on the sentiments and values that Robert Townsend both aspired to and fell short of.

More details [here](#)

4. 'The Cyberweapons Arms Race' with Nicole Perlroth

2 July

Hosted by Edinburgh Science

As we all become more connected through the an increasingly complex online world, with practically every aspect of our lives now subject to digital scrutiny, cybersecurity has become one of the greatest global concerns. Nicole Perlroth is at the forefront of understanding the cyber weapons arms race, having covered cybersecurity and digital espionage for the New York Times for more than six years.

Join Nicole for an exclusive preview of her new book, as she takes us deep into this secret world of hackers and zero-day exploits and provides a unique first look at a new global warfare. As the internet has left us inextricably connected, digital vulnerabilities that affect one, will affect all.

More details [here](#)

5. 'Inside the KGB and How We Escaped to the West' with Olga Sheymov

18 July

Hosted by the Cold War Museum

Recruited by the KGB in 1971 at age 25, Victor Sheymov eventually became the Eighth Chief Directorate's principal troubleshooter, ensuring the security of enciphered KGB communications throughout the world. Resolved to inflict as much damage as he could on the system, he evaded his minder on a Warsaw site visit and made contact with the CIA. He became probably the most important CIA asset inside the KGB in the 1980s.

Drawing from Victor's book *Tower of Secrets*, his widow Olga, who lived these events with him, tells their real story. Olga Sheymov is an artist, engineer, and television producer.

More details [here](#)

6. NASIH Brown Bag lunches

15 June

Mallory Needleman

Wartime Intelligence Collection: Inside the American Legation in Stockholm, 1941-1944

22 June

Christopher Elias

Gossip Men: J. Edgar Hoover, Joe McCarthy, Roy Cohn and the Transformation of American Politics

29 June

Spy fiction book club: *The Coldest Warrior: A Novel* by Paul Vidich

(If you are interested in participating please email Filip Kovacevic, at fkovacevic@usfca.edu)

Unless otherwise stated, all talks take place on Tuesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 PM (Eastern). To register please email Mallory Needleman at nasihbrownbaglunchseries@gmail.com

CONFERENCES

7. 'Human Intelligence: People, History, Organizations and Consequences'

Hosted by IIHA
Online
19 June 2021

The 2021 Digital Annual Conference of the International Intelligence History Association (IIHA) focuses on Human Intelligence and presents new findings on German secret service agents and their foreign collaborators before and after 1945. It also discusses research on double agents and moles in the Cold Wars.

There are two panels – ‘The Long Life of Sipo/SD: German Secret Service Agents and their Foreign Collaborators before and after 1945’, and ‘Double Agents and Moles in the Cold War’.

More details, including the speakers programme, [here](#)

8. ‘Revolution in Intelligence Affairs’

Hosted by the NASEM Intelligence Community Studies Board
Online
30 June & 25 August 2021

Emerging and disruptive technologies are in the process of facilitating a revolution in intelligence affairs. These technological drivers will impact intelligence strategy, operational and organizational concepts, and contribute to shaping the future strategic environment. This revolution will create new threats, opportunities, and challenges for the U.S. Intelligence Community.

At the request of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Academies will host a three-part subseries of virtual colloquia seeking to address these issues. The subseries will be split into three days, each with a different focus.

Colloquium 2 is being held on 30 June 2021 from 11am-5pm (Eastern) on ‘Strategic, Operational, and Organizational Impact’

Colloquium 3 is being held on 25 August 2021 from 11am-5pm (Eastern) on ‘Future Strategic Environment’.

More details [here](#)

CALL FOR PAPERS

9. Call for Contributors – *National Approaches to Covert Action*

The assassinations of Iranian nuclear scientists, disinformation about the origins and spread

of covid-19 and the utility of vaccines, Chinese influence operations in Australia, all suggest that unacknowledged operations continue to play a prominent part in international affairs. This form of state interventionism is an international practice, yet our knowledge of 'active measures' continues to largely focus on American and Soviet practices and approaches. We aim to produce an edited two-volume set to address that problem.

We propose the following working definition to guide the contributors to this volume: *covert action is unacknowledged activity to influence other entities by or at the behest of states with the primary goal of affecting political change.* This definition implies that covert action can be undertaken both against other states and non-state actors. For instance, over the last few decades many countries have conducted covert actions against al Qaeda and ISIS overseas while authoritarian countries routinely pursue domestic or expatriate dissident groups using what is obviously covert action.

This is merely an advisory definition to help define activity which is in scope for this volume. The aim of the project is to develop the concept of covert action in international affairs by broadening beyond a US-centric approach. Is it a thing in its own right or something unique to individual countries? What universal components exist? Can we identify national approaches to covert action? Each chapter will focus on a different state and might discuss the following:

- National terminology
- Degree of formalization
- Degree and forms of secrecy applied, degree of concern about plausible deniability
- Actors (military, civilian, intelligence, diplomats, private entities etc.) and relations to activities of other agencies and organizations
- Range of actions conducted/favored (propaganda, covert political action, economic action, paramilitary action, assassination, etc.)
- Motivations for the use of covert action
- Relationship to war, notably "hybrid war"
- Access to source material on the state's covert actions

Our ambition is for the two volumes to cover between 15 to 20 country-cases. This will ensure more global coverage, and provide the most comprehensive overview of unacknowledged interventionism to date. We are particularly eager to receive proposals pertaining to covert action by medium and small powers, as well as proposals about historical cases, e.g. Imperial Japan, communist Bulgaria, and pre-20th Century states.

Please send a 300-word abstract or chapter proposal to Professor Rory Cormac (rory.cormac@nottingham.ac.uk) and Professor Genevieve Lester (genevieve.lester@gmail.com) by **1 August 2021**.

10. Special Issue: 'Slavic Intelligence and CounterIntelligence'

The fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the Cold War initiated the processes of transformation of societies and states that were part of the Warsaw Pact and Non-Aligned

Movement in the Eurasian region. During the Cold War, these states were maintained by the firm hand of a repressive system. Intelligence and security agencies were the function of a totalitarian one-party government. The crisis in Southeast Europe continues, a source of numerous security threats to the stability and security of Europe, the EU, and NATO. Intelligence and counterintelligence agencies/services were involved in the process of strong and intense social and political change.

This special issue of *International Journal of Intelligence and CounterIntelligence* on Slavic intelligence and counterintelligence is intended to stimulate academic discussion on their activities during and after the Cold War, and the process of a transition into today's hybrid threats. We are interested in research focusing on the analysis of organizations, operations, and the impact of intelligence security agencies (or the intelligence community where it existed) in Slavic-speaking countries. We are specifically interested in:

- The organization and position of intelligence agencies in Slavic society, as well as their role in a politically driven system of repression.
- In-depth analysis of individual case studies that can show a modus operandi at the national and/or international level.
- Review of the transition of intelligence and counterintelligence agencies from totalitarian one-party system into modern agencies in parliamentary democracies.
- Lessons learned - analysis of individual joint actions from two or more countries in individual thematic areas such as the "export" of political violence, incitement, or the motivation of terrorist actions.
- Shaping public knowledge at the national and international level by targeted disinformation spreading (i.e., active measures).
- The role and place in crises and wars during the process of disintegration of multinational states such as the USSR, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia.

Deadline for submissions of full articles is **1 July 2021**. Expressions of interest, questions and submission of proposals should be sent to Gordan Akrap (gakrap@yahoo.de) or Dako Trifunović (galileja@yahoo.com).

More details [here](#)

11. Special Issue: 'National Security Act of 1947 - Past, Present and Future'

President Harry Truman signed the National Security Act on July 26, 1947. This single piece of legislation was a major restructuring of the United States government's military and intelligence agencies following World War II. The Act merged the military, and created the United States Air Force. Aside from the reorganization of the military in the post-World War II era, the act established the National Security Council and the Central Intelligence Agency, the U.S.'s first peacetime non-military intelligence agency. Over time this Act has been adjusted, changed, but it continues to be the foundation of the U.S. Intelligence Community.

This special issue of the *International Journal of Intelligence and CounterIntelligence* would like to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of this document. We are seeking all proposals that

look at the impact this document has had and will continue to have on national security, specifically in the field of intelligence, counterintelligence and national security. To be clear, this special double-issue is both a celebration and an honest assessment of both the accomplishments and possible future irrelevancy of this document. The political, social, legal, economic, and international aspects of the impact of this seminal document will all be considered for possible publication, along with any other research interests pertaining to this significant legislation.

Proposals or Abstracts will be accepted until **1 August 2021, with papers due by 1 December 2021 for publication in Summer 2022.**

More details [here](#)

12. Special Issue: 'Warfare, Peacemaking, Intelligence, and Espionage among Matricultural Societies'

What are the strategies, means, and types of warfare, in its broadest sense, in which a matricultural society might engage? What does the idea of *peace* mean and how is it achieved and/or strengthened? What are the means whereby matricultural societies resolve conflict (domestic or foreign) *before* it comes to violence, and what role do women and men play in those processes? Among matricultural societies, who makes the political decisions to engage in warfare, whether defensive or offensive? What have been the consequences of war for matricultures, including the enhancement or diminishment of status for women? We look for submissions which address these questions and others related to the topic.

Taking matriculture as a cultural system in the classical Geertzian sense of the term, this issue of *Matrix* will explore the institutions and customs around warfare and peacemaking among matricultural societies. We invite articles which present, analyze, or contextualize historical or present-day warfare by or upon matricultures and any social institutions which are involved, as well as articles which deconstruct the meaning of *war* and *peace* among matricultural societies.

Possible presentations may include but are not limited to:

- styles of warfare as conducted by matricultural societies, including intelligence and espionage
- means of preventing conflict used by matricultural societies
- meaning of peace to matricultural societies and methods of achieving and/or strengthening it
- the meaning of warfare in matricultural societies
- women warriors or soldiers, and/or women's warrior societies, historical or contemporary political authority as exercised by women in matricultures
- social institutions of matricultures where women exercise military power
- the role of women in strategies of engaging and/or disengaging with external conflicts
- the role of women in strategies of conflict resolution
- the status of men and their relationships to women in martial matricultures

Please submit a 300-word abstract to the Issue Editor or to the Editorial Collective of *Matrix: A Journal for Matricultural Studies Submission* via email to rowlatt@networkonculture.ca or info@networkonculture.ca with the Subject line 'Matrix Vol. 3 (2) Abstract Submission' by **1 October 2021**.

13. Special Issue: 'Gender and National Security'

The role of separating individuals by sex and discriminating by gender has increasingly become unproductive in hybrid warfare as well as in intelligence / counterintelligence special operations. As the meaning of security continues to transform and expand, a broader understanding of this concept, encompassing women's perspectives, will help formulate more efficient responses to national and international security challenges. This volume aims to contribute to these debates and will focus and discuss the contribution of women to intelligence, counterintelligence and national security as well as the factors and obstacles to a more gender-balanced participation in all activities involved.

The themes suggested may include but are not limited to the following:

- the presence of the gender factor in defining threats, risks and vulnerabilities to national security, respectively in strategies and actions to combat them;
- experiences of women practitioners in intelligence, counterintelligence, and national security institutions and their specific relevance;
- distinctive contributions of women and men to operational and analytical intelligence;
- processes of integrating gender perspectives in the intelligence cycle;
- gender-based affirmative actions in intelligence, counterintelligence, and national security institutions.

Manuscript length should be 4,000 to 8,500 words, including abstract, references, and tables. Proposals or Abstracts will be accepted until **1 September 2021**, with papers due by 1 December 2021 for publication in Summer 2022. Expressions of interest, questions, and submission of proposals should be addressed to ijic@snsipa.ro

14. Special Issue: 'Critical Infrastructure Protection'

We invite you to submit articles for the special issue of the *Security and Defence Quarterly* devoted to Critical Infrastructure Protection. The COVID-19 pandemic has radically transformed global society and has caused the growth of hybrid (including cyber) and terrorist threats. Many entities that never considered themselves as critical infrastructure (CI) are now being classified as such, which has led to a significant change in re-assessing the dimensions of critical infrastructure systems.

Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) covers physical, technical, personal, information and communication technology, as well as legal regulations. CIP can not only reduce the risk of disruptions during crises such as the current pandemic, but also strengthen resilience in the future. Our intention is to identify the main threats (present and future) to CI and to address the necessary steps for implementation of proven frameworks and best practices in order to

prevent the negative influence of those threats to CI, state and society.

We invite you to submit articles which are devoted to the following topics:

- Systems of early warning signal identification, detection, disruption, and preparation for threats and hazards to CI.
- Resilience strategies and operational planning in CI.
- Implementation of public administration tasks in the field of critical infrastructure protection (CIP).
- The protection of CI against terrorist attacks, ecotage, economic espionage, and hybrid threats.
- International and regional cooperation in the field of CIP (networks, groups, good practices and road-maps).
- Interoperability between critical infrastructure sectors on the national level.
- Security audit of CI facilities.

Manuscript length should be no longer than 5000 to 8000 words, including abstract, references, and tables. The deadline for submissions of full articles is **30 October 2021**. Expressions of interest, questions, and submission of proposals should be addressed to Prof. Aleksandra Gasztold (a.gasztold@uw.edu.pl) and Asst. Prof. Gordan Akrap (gakrap@yahoo.de)

More details [here](#)

15. The 2022 NASIH Conference

Hosted by the University of Calgary
Alberta, Canada
18-20 July 2022

We are looking forward to celebrating anniversaries of key events and highlighting new stories in intelligence history. Papers that adopt new methodologies or break new historiographical ground will also be foregrounded. While preference may be given to those who highlight these themes, papers dealing with any aspect of intelligence history are welcome.

The conference will comply with all public health guidelines set by national, local, and university authorities. NASIH will keep attendees informed of these guidelines as we learn them.

Both panel and paper proposals are encouraged. Panels should include three papers and a chair. The subject matter is not limited to North America. Please submit a title, paper abstract of 350 words and a one-page CV to ferris@calgary.ca by **1 December 2021**. A panel proposal should also include a 500 word panel abstract.

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

Kind regards,
David Schaefer