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## **EVENTS**

### **1. 'The Secret History of the Five Eyes' with Richard Kerbaj**

20 March  
KCL Strand, London

KISG is delighted to host award-winning journalist and filmmaker Richard Kerbaj for an in-conversation event about his book, *The Secret History of the Five Eyes*. Informed by hundreds of exclusive interviews with political leaders and intelligence officials, Richard's book surveys the key operations and historical characters which have shaped the world's most exclusive intelligence partnership.

In this discussion, Richard will talk about the major themes that emerge in his book, the most significant findings from his interviews with senior figures in the Five Eyes agencies, and his research process as a journalist and documentary maker covering sensitive intelligence issues.

More details [here](#)

### **2. 'The Women Behind the Few' with Sarah-Louise Miller**

20 March,

KCL Strand, London

The courageous pilots of the RAF who faced the Luftwaffe in the Battle of Britain, affectionately known as 'the Few', are rightly hailed as heroes. Recently, efforts have been made to recognise the thousands who supported RAF operations behind the scenes, but one group remains missing from the narrative: the Women's Auxiliary Air Force working to collect and disseminate vital intelligence – intelligence that contributed directly to Allied victory.

In *The Women Behind the Few*, Sarah-Louise Miller brings the women of the WAAF back to life, celebrating their wartime contribution to British military intelligence. At this book launch Sarah will discuss her work in the wider context of women, war and British intelligence, both in the past and in the present.

More details [here](#)

### **3. 'Sidney Reilly: Master Spy' with Benny Morris**

24 March

Online

Join historian Benny Morris for a conversation about his book, *Sidney Reilly: Master Spy*, a story of one of the most colourful and best-known spies of the twentieth century. Emerging from humble beginnings in southern Russia, Reilly was an inventive, multilingual businessman and conman who became a virtuoso of espionage.

More details [here](#)

### **4. 'The Indomitable Virginia Hall' with Erin Norman**

28 March

Online

As a disabled woman Virginia was initially denied an official role in fighting the Nazis. Unwilling to be stopped, Virginia inserted herself into the front lines of the war and made herself indispensable to the Allies. She lived and spied in occupied France, slipping from one identity to another with ease and assisting in saving countless lives. With the Nazis just one step behind her, facing torture and execution if caught, Virginia escaped France by crossing the Pyrenees mountains on foot.

Join Erin Norman for a talk on the life of Virginia Hall, with time afterwards for discussion. A suggested reading list will be given to everyone who registers for this event so you can learn more about Virginia Hall and the Resistance movement.

More details [here](#)

## **5. Intelligence Studies Consortium**

24 March

George Mason University, Washington DC

The Intelligence Studies Consortium is convening its third symposium, entitled New Perspectives in Intelligence Studies.

The symposium will feature student presentations in four panels:

- Russia and China
- Violent Non-State Actors
- Emerging Technologies
- Transnational Challenges

There will be a morning keynote address from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Shannon Corless, and a lunchtime conversation with General Michael Hayden.

More details [here](#)

## **6. 'Chat GPT and Intelligence Analysis' with David Kamien**

5 April

Online

Join us for a discussion with intelligence analysis and AI specialist David Kamien, CEO and Founder of Mind-Alliance Systems, which builds custom intelligence and knowledge management solutions for global law firms, corporations, and governments.

More details [here](#)

## **7. 'The Dirty Tricks Department' with John Lisle**

5 April

Online

John Lisle, author of *The Dirty Tricks Department: Stanley Lovell, the OSS, and the Masterminds of World War II Secret Warfare*, explores the creation of the OSS Research and Development Branch. Stanley Lovell was the head of the secret group who developed cunning and creative gadgets, ploys, and props for the CIA's precursor.

More details [here](#)

## **8. CFIHP Symposium on 'Accessing Historic Records on Intelligence and International Affairs'**

5 May 2023

Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa

Researchers working in the field of intelligence and international history in Canada face two daunting challenges: locating archival records of interest scattered among a number of departments in Ottawa, and then accessing these records via the cumbersome Access to Information process. This symposium organised by the Canadian Foreign Intelligence History Project (CFIHP) will be an opportunity to discuss ways to address these challenges. It will bring together researchers, archivists and Access to Information specialists to share information and ideas.

More details [here](#)

## **9. Call for Papers: 'Intelligence, Security and Special Services in Authoritarian States'**

The Brunel Centre for Intelligence and Security Studies is calling for papers on the activities, role and functioning of intelligence and security organisations that serve authoritarian regimes for a one-day workshop.

We are seeking papers that will significantly and critically contribute to and enhance both the conceptual and empirical understanding of the intelligence, security, and special services. We are particularly keen to see work that challenges:

- Prevailing orthodoxies (e.g. can authoritarian services deliver good analysis and assessment?)
- Tests or elaborates on existing taxonomies and typologies of authoritarian systems (for example, Iran is not an Arab state and therefore not a *Mukhabarat* state; so what is it?)
- Situates the agencies and their work in the wider workings of authoritarian government and governance (what is the relationship between the Chinese MSS and the PRC's 'social credit' strategy?)

The deadline for proposals is **24 March**. Proposals and inquiries should be directed to Dan Lomas ([dan.lomas@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:dan.lomas@brunel.ac.uk))

## **10. Call for Papers: Special Issue of the British Journal for Military History**

Often referred to as the world's "second oldest profession", espionage has been conducted

all over the world for thousands of years, especially during times of war. This special issue of the British Journal for Military History will focus on military intelligence, seeking to highlight the subject and contribute new and exciting research to the fields of military and intelligence history. Articles should be full-length and can address any aspect of the history of military intelligence.

There tends to be, as intelligence historian Christopher Andrew points out, a 'missing dimension within the missing dimension', in that women and minority groups are commonly missing from the study of intelligence. Articles on those who are traditionally overlooked and neglected within this topic are therefore particularly encouraged. Historiographical pieces focusing on methodological issues in military intelligence history are also encouraged.

The deadline for proposals (name/affiliation, article title, abstract, and short biography) is **1 April**, with the full article expected by July. Submissions, as well as any questions, should go to the guest editor, Sarah-Louise Miller ([sarah-louise.miller@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sarah-louise.miller@history.ox.ac.uk))

### **11. Call for Papers: Conference on 'Innovation and Adaption of Intelligence and Security Services'**

25-26 October 2023

Netherlands Defence Academy, Breda

The NISA International Conference 2023 aims to bring together academics, (former) practitioners and others such as persons associated with (semi-)government, NGOs and private sector who take an interest in intelligence and security.

The three main themes of the conference are geopolitics, culture and digital transformation of the intelligence and security services. We welcome different types of submissions: papers, presentations (without paper), panels and workshops.

Interested persons should read the CfP carefully and submit an abstract and resume (one-pager) before **1 April 2023**. We hope to inform you no later than 1 May 2023 which submissions have been accepted.

More details [here](#)

### **12. Call for Papers: IJICI Special Issue on 'Intelligence and Post-War Reconstruction'**

In honor of the 75th anniversary of the European Recovery Program (Marshall Plan) after the Second World War, the editors are particularly interested in papers dealing with intelligence concerning post-war reconstruction initiatives and planning connected to

historical and recent conflicts. Both case studies and theoretical and methodological approaches are welcome.

The studies may include, but do not have to be focused on, the following questions and issues:

- The role of diplomatic and military intelligence during the conflict as preparation for post-war reconstruction, from the conceptual to the practical.
- What intelligence needs to be collected to secure and boost reconstruction?
- What contacts, networks, and infrastructure are necessary for intelligence to be effective?
- Who has been or should be approached and/or recruited for reconstruction efforts based on intelligence?
- When has intelligent post-war planning (or its opposite) been historically evident?
- How should intelligence interact with formerly warring parties and international organizations to empower practical reconstruction efforts?
- What intelligence collection challenges have services encountered in working for postwar peace?
- How did intelligence factor in the European Recovery Program?
- What was George C. Marshall's position on the role of intelligence in general or concrete examples related to "his" plan?

Abstracts or proposals are due no later than **1 May**, with manuscripts expected in November. Submissions or questions should be sent to any of the following: Jason Bell ([jason.bell1@unb.ca](mailto:jason.bell1@unb.ca)), Dieter Bacher ([dieter.bacher@bik.ac](mailto:dieter.bacher@bik.ac)), Paul Schliefssteiner, ([p.schliefssteiner@acipss.org](mailto:p.schliefssteiner@acipss.org))

### **13. Call for Papers: The 2023 Need to Know - IHA Conference**

This year, the Need to Know conference is partnering with the International Intelligence History Association. Due to this partnership, there will be some minor changes to the program, which will be held in Graz, Austria, from 17-19 October 2023.

We hereby invite submissions for papers or panel proposals on the topic of 'Intelligence and security on border regions and spheres of influence', especially those which deal with one of the following questions:

- What role did border regions and adjacent territories play in intelligence and security planning during the Cold War and beyond?
- How did the role of border regions and spheres of influence change during and in the aftermath of the Cold War?
- How did intelligence and security agencies cooperate in such regions?
- What was the impact of intelligence and security activities in these regions for the ongoing Cold War in Europe?
- What future possibilities exist for research on this aspect of Cold War intelligence history?
- To what extent did these activities have consequences for post-Cold War developments?

Accommodation and meals will be covered for presenters. The deadline for paper proposals

is **5 June**, which should include an abstract of 500-700 words and a biographical note listing professional accomplishments.

Separately, the conference is hosting a Young Researcher Forum, and invites all participants to discuss practices of intelligence research. The aims of this discussion are not finished projects or results, but rather the ways and challenges of intelligence research.

For the round table, junior researchers are invited to give short statements (5-7 minutes) addressing some or all of the following points:

- How do you find a research question in intelligence history? Is there a difference in other areas of research?
- Sources for intelligence history can be very diverse, but sometimes you do encounter difficulties in getting access or in understanding such sources. How do you find your material and is there a formula for working with intelligence sources?
- In how far are intelligence research and its outcome influenced by the conditions of historical research. Do historians sometimes look too much for James Bond and not enough for Moneypenny?
- Based on your personal experience, what comments/questions would you like to give or raise regarding research problems?
- How would you see 'impact' of intelligence on contemporary history and other fields of historical research (like military history, economics, etc).

More details, including submission procedures, [here](#)

#### **14. The 2023 International Security and Intelligence (ISI) Programme**

9 July – 5 August 2023

Magdalene College, Cambridge, UK

Chaired by Sir Richard Dearlove the former Chief of the British Secret Intelligence Service, the Cambridge Security Initiative (CSI) launched the ISI Programme in 2016. The purpose of this unique programme is to provide an opportunity for participants to meet and work with leading academics and practitioners from the intelligence and security communities in the historic setting of one of the world's foremost universities. The Programme is run in partnership with the Department of War Studies at Kings College, London.

Teaching is modelled on that offered by Cambridge University and the pace is set by lectures and seminars designed specifically for this programme. The centrepiece for many students is 'supervision' – small-group supervision of individual research projects by experts in the relevant fields.

More details [here](#)

#### **15. KISG Publications**

David Gioe, 'Putin is Trapped in the Sunk-Cost Fallacy of War', *Foreign Policy*  
<https://foreignpolicy.com/2023/03/14/putin-ukraine-war-sunk-cost-fallacy/>

David Gioe and Marina Miron, 'Putin Should Have Known His Invasion Would Fail', *Foreign Policy*  
<https://foreignpolicy.com/2023/02/24/ukraine-russia-putin-war-invasion-military-failure/>

Nawaf Obaid, 'Assad must face trial for his atrocities against the Syrian people', *The Telegraph*  
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2022/12/16/assad-must-face-trial-atrocities-against-syrian-people/>

Nawaf Obaid, 'Israel and Saudi normalization', *The Jerusalem Post*  
<https://www.jpost.com/opinion/article-731475>

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Kind regards,  
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