

Dear all,

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EVENTS

1.'Invisible Agents' with Nadine Akkerman

Hosted by Edinburgh Spy Week
Friday 12 April
Project Room, 50 George Square
Edinburgh, UK

Nadine Akkerman, winner of the 2019 Ammodo Science Award, will discuss her research into the role of women in the politics and espionage of the seventeenth century. For her best-selling book *Invisible Agents*, Nadine had to act as a modern-day spy, breaking cipher codes and studying invisible inks to unearth long-hidden plots and conspiracies. This compelling and ground-breaking contribution to the history of espionage details a series of case studies in which women - from playwright to postmistress, from lady-in-waiting to laundry woman - acted as spies, sourcing and passing on confidential information on account of political and religious convictions or to obtain money or power.

Registration is available [here](#)

2. 'Breaking News! US Intelligence and the Press'

Hosted by the Michael V. Hayden Center
Tuesday 16 April
National Press Club
Washington DC, USA

Please join the Schar School of Policy and Government and the Michael V. Hayden Center for a panel discussion on the relationship between US intelligence and the press. Part of the Hayden Center's *Accountability of Intelligence* Series, this discussion will feature prominent print, TV, and "new media" journalists, editors, and publishers with decades of experience in reporting on intelligence-related issues. Panelists will deliberate the responsibilities of media in ensuring that the activities of the intelligence community are compatible with the public's expectations for openness, transparency, and adherence to democratic values. Speakers include:

Michael Morell (moderator)

Former Acting Director and Deputy Director of the CIA, and current Hayden Center Senior Fellow.

Peter Finn

National Security Editor, *The Washington Post*

David Ignatius

National Security and Intelligence Columnist, *The Washington Post*

Suzanne Kelly

CEO and Publisher, *The Cipher Brief*

Andrea Mitchell

NBC News Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent; Anchor, MSNBC's *Andrea Mitchell Reports*

Registration is available [here](#)

3. 'The scandalous case of John Vassall' with Mark Dunton

Hosted by the National Archives UK

Thursday 25 April

Bessant Drive, Richmond

London, UK

In 1962, while working as a clerk in the British Embassy in Moscow, homosexual civil servant John Vassall was caught in a 'honey trap' sprung by the Soviet Secret Service. He was blackmailed into passing secrets to the Soviet Union and as a result sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment for espionage. Our contemporary records specialist Mark Dunton delves deeper into this scandal - one of a series that rocked the Macmillan government in the early 1960s, feeding into a national obsession with spy culture at the time. This event is part of Archives' new Cold War exhibition.

Registration is available [here](#)

CONFERENCES

4. Conference on 'Women in Intelligence'

Presented by Booz Allen Hamilton and James Madison University
19 April 2019
Harrisonburg, Virginia, USA

This free, one-day conference is inspired and created by the Peer Mentors of James Madison University's Intelligence Analysis program. The day will address topics like gender equality, diversity, workplace challenges, and career development in analytical fields. The keynote speaker is Natalie Laing, Deputy Director of Operations at the US National Security Agency.

We hope to encourage and empower all students from all disciplines to be active participants in discussions with career professionals from across national security, military, law enforcement, and private industry. The event will provide a series of panel and breakout sessions to address these issues.

More details are available [here](#)

5. Conference on 'Emerging Trends: New Tools, Threats, and Thinking'

Presented by the Intelligence and National Security Foundation (INSF)
25 April 2019
Arlington, Virginia, USA

Join INSF and universities from the National Capital Region Intelligence Studies Consortium (ISC), for a program focused on emerging threats, tools, and new methodologies in the intelligence arena. Expert panels include:

- Combating Terrorism with Psychology (Marymount University)
- Social Computing and its Impact on Intelligence (Virginia Tech)
- Cyber Intelligence: Current and Emerging Trends (Georgetown University)
- Improving Intelligence Analysis (James Madison University)
- Transparency and Secrecy (University of Maryland)
- Governing Intelligence: Issues of Accountability (George Mason University)
- Intelligence and National Security Policymakers (National Intelligence University)

More details are available [here](#)

6. 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](#)

CALL FOR PAPERS

7. Conference on 'The Bondian Cold War: The Transitional Legacies of a Cold War Icon'

Royal Historical Society
20-21 June 2019
Tallinn University, Estonia

James Bond (007) is a global brand: since his 'birth' in 1953 he's evolved into a popular cultural icon. Irrespective of the occasional reports of his demise since the end of the Cold War the Bond franchise surges on with new films and continuation novels. While Bond appears to be a quintessentially British creation, his Cold War adventures unfolded across a global stage and the associated books, comics, films and subsequent videogames have established a genuinely transnational legacy.

While spies' contribution to the course and conclusion of the Cold War remains disputed by historians, and memories of the Cold War may be receding, the cultural memory of fictional Cold War spies remains a hugely dynamic and influential arena. The European Communist narrative has largely been replaced by Western interpretations of history, but the past conflict remains a great reservoir of inspiration for writers, filmmakers and others. Like Bond, other Cold War spies don't seem to be dying off either, they are being endlessly reimagined and re-booted.

We are especially interested in examining how the Bond's Cold War legacy continues to shape popular narratives of the conflict after 1989. The Conference organizers solicit papers focused on James Bond before, during, and after the Cold War, with a view to submitting these for possible publication in an edited volume of the *Routledge Studies in Espionage and Culture* series. Suggested topics include:

- Fictional spies on page and screen and popular memory of the Cold War
- Spies' fiction vs fact
- Audience reactions
- The Bond continuation novels – 1968-2018

- Bond cartoon strips and computer games
- Bondian geopolitics; Bond, gender and the Cold War; Soviet and Communists spies: Andrei Gulyashki & Yulian Semyonov, Major Zeman, and others
- Non-European Cold War spies on page and screen
- Pre-Bond espionage fiction and its impact on later works—Eric Ambler, John Buchan, Joseph Conrad, Graham Greene, Sapper (H. C. McNeile) and more
- Anti-Bonds: Cold War writers such as Lionel Davidson, Len Deighton, Joseph Horn, & Helen MacInnes
- Alan Furst, and other contemporary authors who reach back into the pre-Cold War world in search of new topics, but bring their post-Cold War sensibilities into the discussion

The conference has received funding from Tallinn University's School of Humanities Research Fund. We will cover accommodation and sustenance for all speakers, and aim to make substantive contributions towards travelling expenses. Funding decisions will be made upon acceptance of your paper.

Please submit a single English-language document with the title of your proposed paper, an abstract of no more than 300 words and a one-page CV, including your current position or academic affiliation and a list of key publications, by **1 May 2019** to Dr Martin D. Brown (brownmdr@tlu.ee)

More details available [here](#)

8. 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

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

9. Journal for Intelligence, Propaganda and Security Studies (Vol.12, No.1)

“Mutual Appreciation and Friendship”: The American-Dutch Intelligence Liaison from the 1940s to the 1970s’ by Constant Hijzen and Cees Wiebes

‘Austria’s Homegrown Lone Actor Terrorist: Franz Fuchs and the Letter Bomb Campaign of the 1990s’ by Paul Schliefssteiner

‘Of Knights and Lions: A Comparison of Recruitment Propaganda Narratives of World War One Britain and the “Islamic State”’ by Till Justus Baaken

‘A “Sopranos State?” An Intelligence Perspective on the Drug Trade in North Korea’ by Stephan Blancke

‘Russian Information Warfare and the US Presidential Election of 2016: Reflections on Luke Harding’s book *Collusion*’ by Igor Lukes

‘Uncertain Leadership: NATO in the Trump Era’ by Pal Dunay

The full issue is available [here](#)

10. International Journal of Intelligence and CounterIntelligence (Vol. 32, No. 1)

‘Belgian Intelligence SIGINT Operations’ by Kenneth Lasoen

'The Cali Cartel and Counterintelligence' by Blake Mobley and Timothy Ray

'Libya and the New Axis of Terror: Reshaping the Security Theater in MENA and Europe' by Aya Burweila and John Nomikos

'EOKA Intelligence and Counterintelligence' by Keith Slack

'Creeping Suspicions: Antecedents of Australia's Foreign Intelligence Activities' by Justin McPhee

'The Roger Hollis Case Revisited' by David Levy

'The CIA and US Diplomacy: Political vs Professional Leadership' by Joseph Wippl

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Kind regards,
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