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EVENTS

1. 'Panel Discussion with Six Former NSA Directors'

14 April

Hosted by National Cryptologic Foundation

Join us for a special virtual event to kick-off our 25th Anniversary as we host a rare panel discussion featuring six former NSA directors. The discussion will include an examination of the challenges our Nation has faced in the past 25 years, as well as an opportunity to explore issues we may encounter in the next 25 years. We will also consider past cryptology and cybersecurity challenges as we look to the future.

Former directors participating on the panel include: Bobby Inman, William Studeman, J. Michael McConnell, Kenneth Minihan, Keith Alexander, and Michael Rogers. The discussion will be moderated by Greg Myre, National Security Correspondent, NPR.

More details [here](#)

2. 'Spy Chat' with Ellen McCarthy

15 April

Hosted by the International Spy Museum

Join us for an online discussion of the latest intelligence, national security, and terrorism issues in the news. Spy Museum Executive Director Chris Costa will lead the briefing, joined by Ellen McCarthy, former Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

From 2015 to 2018 Ellen McCarthy capped an over 25-year career in the US Intelligence Community serving as Chief Operating Officer of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. From 2008 to 2012 she served as the President of the Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA), which supports government policy and programs relating to cyber security, counterintelligence, acquisition, and homeland security.

More details [here](#)

3. 'Our Man in Malaysia: The Life and Actions of a North Korean Agent'

15 April

Hosted by RUSI

In 2017, a North Korean national named Ri Jong Chol was arrested in Malaysia in connection to the assassination at Kuala Lumpur airport of Kim Jong Nam, the North Korean ruler's half-brother and presumed chief rival. Data extracted from Ri's electronic devices by the Malaysian authorities shows how he and his colleagues in a trading company subordinated to the North Korean military conspired with Chinese nationals to pay for goods and arrange for them to be shipped to North Korea, in contravention of United Nations-imposed sanctions.

This event will look at the activities of Ri and the methods he and his China-based co-conspirators used to evade sanctions, as well as the implications this case has on our understanding of North Korea's broader financial and sanctions-evasion activities.

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

4. 'Foreign Threats to the US Federal Elections' with Ethan Burger

16 April

Hosted by the Institute of World Politics

IWP Adjunct Professor Ethan Burger will share his views of the most surprising feature of the long-awaited unclassified version of the National Intelligence Council's Intelligence Community Assessment "Foreign Threats to the 2020 US Federal Election," March 10, 2021, principally that it contained few if any surprises.

Perhaps its discussion of China and Iran influence campaigns are noteworthy — the former country did not “take sides” in the presidential contest and the latter engaged in an effort targeting individual voters. To date, no one has systematically examined what if any impact foreign influence campaigns have there been on the 2020 Congressional elections.

More details [here](#)

5. ‘Epidemic Intelligence: The Role of Analytics in Combatting COVID-19’

22 April

Hosted by the Belfer Center, Harvard

Join the Belfer Center for a discussion on the role of epidemic intelligence and analytics in combatting the COVID-19 epidemic. This seminar will feature Alexander Izaguirre, Angelie Oberoi, and Bharti Sharma. Dr. Syra Madad will moderate the session.

More details [here](#)

6. ‘Queens of Code and Technology’

29 April

Hosted by the National Cryptologic Museum

Women of technology tell their stories of working at the National Security Agency in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s. Queens of Code is a women’s technology history project that collects stories, experiences, and insights from women who worked in information technology at NSA from the 1960s–80s. Their jobs often involved top secret and sensitive national security programs, so they couldn’t discuss what they did. In many cases, they couldn’t even confirm they worked at the agency. Now, they’re talking!

More details [here](#)

7. NASIH Brown Bag lunches

13 April

David Abrutat

Radio War: The Secret Espionage War of the Radio Security Service 1938-46

11 May

Regina Kazyulina

In Their Own Words: Soviet Women and Intelligence on German-Occupied Territory, 1941-45

All talks take place on Tuesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 PM Eastern. To register please email Mallory Needleman at nasihbrownbaglunchseries@gmail.com

8. The 2021 International Security and Intelligence Programme

4-30 July 2021

Magdalene College, Cambridge

Chaired by Sir Richard Dearlove, the former Chief of the SIS, this four-week Programme provides a unique opportunity to work with leading academics and practitioners from the intelligence and security communities in the historic setting of one of the world's leading universities.

Western democracies face diverse and complex challenges which preoccupy the highest levels of government. Themes to be discussed and analysed will include:

- threats posed by nuclear proliferation, cyber warfare, radicalisation, acts of terrorism, regional insecurity and information operations
- the claims of state secrecy and the role of the intelligence and security agencies in a modern democratic society and the intelligence-policy interface
- the challenges posed by revolutions and different systems of governance
- various mechanisms of intelligence collection, analysis and dissemination, counter-intelligence and covert action.

Teaching is modelled on that offered by Cambridge University and the pace is set by lectures and seminars designed specifically for this programme. The centre piece for many students is 'supervision', that is small group teaching requiring individual research which is guided by an expert in your chosen field. All participants attend the annual ISI conference which focuses on 'Intelligence and National Security Policy in a Changing World'.

Applications are invited from students and practitioners with an intellectual or professional interest in statecraft and the interlocking themes of intelligence, security, defence and foreign policy. ISI will be offered as an online programme and a residential programme subject to UK Government guidance and decisions to be made by Magdalene College concerning summer schools.

More details [here](#)

CALL FOR PAPERS

9. Conference: *Need to Know X - The Intelligence Legacy of World War II and the Onset of the Cold War*

Hosted by King's College London
London, United Kingdom
25-26 November 2021

The 'Need to Know' conference aims to stimulate research and discussions on the history of

intelligence, with a focus on the Cold War. A core focus is to explore new information and interpretations following the opening of secret archives in East and West.

We hereby invite submissions to deliver papers or proposal panels for this year's Need to Know conference, which is being hosted by the Department of War Studies, King's College London, a world-renowned university and research institution on war and conflict.

The aim of this year's conference is to explore the intelligence legacy of World War II and the manner in which secret organisations adapted to the tensions of the early Cold War contest between East and West.

Need to Know X encourages submissions on intelligence in this crucial period in history:

- The transition from Hot War to Cold War
- The rise of covert action
- The requirement for aerial intelligence operations
- The role of intelligence in escalation and de-escalation of tension
- The growth of intelligence communities
- The development of domestic surveillance and counterintelligence

Need to Know X will follow UK health guidelines for covid-19 in force at the time of the conference. Accommodation and meals for presenters will be fully funded by the conference organisers, who may also contribute to travel expenses upon application and subject to budgetary restrictions.

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 deadline for paper proposals is **31 May 2021**. Submissions and additional questions should be sent to: sylwia.szyc@ipn.gov.pl

10. Conference: The Clandestine and Military Services since the 19th Century: Actors and Actions between 'Information' and 'Intelligence'

Hosted by Universität der Bundeswehr München
Munich-Neubiberg, Germany
9-11 September 2021

In the 19th and 20th centuries, boundaries between military and secret intelligence services blurred together - if they existed at all. Most modern intelligence services have their roots in the military general staff system of the 19th century, and many are subordinate to military command authorities to this day. Reciprocal connections between the military and the secret world of intelligence were and remain dense. Yet, the complex relationship between the military and institutions responsible for clandestine information collection, threat analyses, and counterintelligence were insufficiently examined in historical research and security studies. The conference seeks to invigorate the systematic scholarly exchange on this topic by exploring these relations from various perspectives, based on approaches from the fields of military history and intelligence studies.

In recent decades, the role of intelligence in the conduct of operations has become a well-established subject of research in military history; in the field of intelligence studies, there has been an analogous increase in the number of approaches to the subject of defense intelligence. However, the focus has generally been on explaining how intelligence information or activities influenced a conflict or the course of the war. As a rule, the question of how the military, intelligence, and clandestine intelligence services related to each other as organizations, fields of action, and actors remained underexposed. The question of how these organizations interacted, exchanged knowledge, influenced each other's interpretations of reality, or even tried to dominate the threat analyses of a state in competition with each other will be the subject of the conference. Particular importance will be attached to comparative approaches or those explicitly addressing historical change.

The following research questions will be explored:

Organization

- How have the forms of organization and the modes of operation of military intelligence changed since the 19th century?
- How did the profile and professional self-image of the actors change? What role did this fluctuation play in interactions with other security agencies? When and to what extent did professionalization set in?
- To what extent did civilian institutionalized intelligence services remain characterized by a continuity of military ideas of order? Conversely, to what extent did a "civilizing" or scientification of the military occur in the field of military intelligence?

Knowledge

- How did intelligence information, reports and assessments shape the military's interpretation of reality - and vice versa?
- How important was intelligence for military decision-making?
- What specific limitations or forms of circulation and dissemination of intelligence knowledge can be observed?
- How receptive were political decision-makers to secret intelligence on military aspects under various conditions?

Covert Operations

- How does the much-cited (but rarely substantiated) notion of a "civilizing" or scientification within the intelligence services relate to the continuing/increasing importance of covert operations?
- To what extent and in which contexts did intelligence services pursue an independent "foreign policy" through this instrument?
- To what extent did the intelligence services interact with or counteract the military as the actor that was responsible for any form of organization of force toward the outside world?

Should the circumstances of the pandemic prevent an in-person meeting from taking place, the conference will be held online. The conference languages are German and English.

For the speakers, the accommodation costs as well as travel expenses up to the amount of a

2nd class DB ticket (domestic) will be covered. Please send your proposal for a presentation to the following three addresses by **15 May 2021**: markuspoehlmann@bundeswehr.org, bergien@hsbund-nd.de, and andreas.lutsch@hsbund-nd.de

11. 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](#)

12. Conference: *The Potsdam Missions: Lessons Learned*

Hosted by the University of Maryland Global Campus

Springfield, Virginia, USA
1-2 October 2021

The Potsdam Missions—BRIXMIS, FMLM, USMLM—performed two functions in the German Democratic Republic during the Cold War: liaison between the respective Allied commands and the Group of Soviet Forces, Germany (GSFG); and collection of information related to GSFG readiness, manning, equipment and morale. Proposed topics include:

- Tri-Mission role and contribution
- GSFG, USAREUR and GDR relations
- The GDR State Security apparatus
- Allied intelligence operations in and/or against the GDR/GSFG
- Political/military activity connected to the GDR or GSFG
- Soviet/GDR intelligence in and/or against the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG)
- Soviet/GDR intelligence in and/or against USAREUR or Allied Forces.

Papers and presentations will be submitted electronically along with an author's biography that includes professional affiliation, contact information and requirements. Author should state whether the submission is for a paper, panel discussion or other format. The conference is open to different formats.

Presentations can be in-person, or virtual. Please indicate the option in your proposal. Submission deadline is **15 July 2021**. Please send submissions to stephen.hoyt@mail.com

13. 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**; Submission of papers due by 1 December 2021, with publication in Summer 2022.

More details [here](#)

14. KISG Publications

David Gioe, Michael Goodman, and David Schaefer, 'Five Eyes: the past, present and future of the world's key intelligence alliance', *Engelsberg Ideas*.

(<https://engelsbergideas.com/essays/five-eyes-the-past-present-and-future-of-the-worlds-key-intelligence-alliance/>)

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Kind regards,
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