

Dear all,

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EVENTS

1. 'Spies, Lies and Disinformation' with Gill Bennett

Hosted by Primrose Hill Books
Wednesday 5 June, 7PM
Elsworthy Road, London, UK

In a lecture informed by a lifetime's insider knowledge, Gill discusses current and historic espionage techniques and points up the resonance of a 1920s dirty tricks campaign to our own 'post-truth' society.

Gill Bennett OBE is a leading authority on secret intelligence in the UK. Formerly Chief Historian of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Senior Editor of the FCO's official history of post-war foreign policy, she has worked closely with twelve Foreign Secretaries under six Prime Ministers, from Edward Heath to Tony Blair. Her 2018 book *The Zinoviev Letter: The Conspiracy that Never Dies* brings the investigation up to date and was listed as one of The Telegraph's History Books of The Year.

More details [here](#)

2. 'The Lady is a Spy' with Melanie King

Hosted by the Oxfordshire County Library

Monday 17 June
Queen Street, Oxford, UK

Join us as we go back to the roaring twenties and hear the forgotten story of Stan Harding and Marguerite Harrison. Well ahead of their time, the two women worked as foreign correspondents, operated as spies in dangerous shadowlands of international politics, and were imprisoned in Lubyanka, headquarters of the KGB. Find about two fascinating espionage careers, a case of shocking betrayal, and a fateful meeting that had repercussions across decades and continents.

More details [here](#)

3. House Intelligence Chair Adam Schiff at the National Press Club

Hosted by the National Press Club
Wednesday 19 June
529 14th Street, NW, Washington DC, US

Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, will discuss the Committee's updated priorities and investigations at a National Press Club Headliners event on June 19 at 10 a.m.

Schiff recently made headlines for suggesting an impeachment of President Trump could serve as a tool to gain information his committee seeks, but has yet to obtain, about the president's behavior. He also announced plans to take enforcement action against the Justice Department for failing to comply with a subpoena for counterintelligence information unearthed from the Mueller investigation. These and other topics, including escalating tensions with Iran, will be discussed.

This news conference will take place in the Club's Holeman Lounge and is open to credentialed media and members of the National Press Club, however registration is required.

More details [here](#)

4. 'Writing the Cold War: the works of John le Carré' with Sam Goodman

Hosted by the National Archives
Wednesday 19 June
Bessant Drive, Richmond, UK

The novels of John le Carré have always sought to represent a seamier side to the world of espionage and the supposedly 'glamorous' life of a spy. Here, Dr Sam Goodman explores what le Carré's novels say about Britain and Britishness in a time of declining international

authority, shifting global politics, and the shadow of the Cold War. The talk will be followed by a free screening of *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy* (2011).

More details [here](#)

5. Oxford University Changing Character of War Centre

Wednesday 5 June

Forewarned? British Intelligence Assessments of the Communist Threat to Greece, 1944-45
Christina Goulter, King's College London

Wednesday 19 June

The Production of Military Knowledge in Early Modern Europe
Klara Andresova, Charles University Prague

The History of War Seminars are held at 5.15pm in the Wharton Room, All Souls College. All welcome, no booking necessary.

CONFERENCES

6. International Security and Intelligence (ISI) Programme Conference

19 July 2019

Cambridge, UK

ISI is pleased to announce details of its 2019 two-day conference – *Intelligence and National Security Policy in a Changing World* - addressing key contemporary issues impacting on the security and intelligence worlds. ISI participants will be joined at the conference by guests from the worlds of business, government, academia, security and the military. Built around a series of presentations and panel discussions, all conference sessions will be held at the Old Divinity School, Trinity Street, Cambridge. The first day of the conference will conclude with a formal dinner at King's College.

Friday 19 July

The conference will be opened by Sir Richard Dearlove, Chair of the Cambridge Security Initiative. The first morning session will begin with a conversation between Lord Wilson, former Cabinet Secretary, and Sir David Omand, former Director of GCHQ, who will discuss the interface between government and the security services. This will be followed by two panel discussions:

The first discussion will focus on Africa and the Middle East. Discussants will include Dr. Renad Mansour, Dr. Thomas Maguire, and LCDR Vicki Moore. The second discussion will look at the military and security implications of recent developments in Cyber and AI. Discussants will include the former Deputy Head of the National Security Agency, Chris Inglis, Dr. Joe Hatfield, and Di Cooke.

In the afternoon, Professor Brendan Simms will present a paper entitled, "Ordered or ordering? Britain's post-Brexit role in Europe in historical perspective". This will be followed by a discussion focused on Countering-Terrorism – led by the former Head of the U.K.'s Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre.

Saturday 20 July

The Saturday morning will see two key-note presentations. The first will be given by Sir Tony Brenton, former British Ambassador to Russia, titled "Russia: Bear or Porcupine?"

This will be followed by a conversation between Bernard Cazeneuve, former French Interior Minister and Prime Minister who, in conversation with Sir David Omand, will bring a French perspective to some of the Conference's main themes, not least Counter-terrorism. Both sessions will include ample time for wider discussion.

The final afternoon will be devoted to the security and intelligence challenges posed by developments in China and more broadly in the Asia/Pacific region. There will be opening contributions from Professor Stefan Halper and Nigel Inkster CMG who will be joined by Angus Knowles-Cutler and Sir Richard Dearlove, among others, in a broader discussion of the key issues.

More details, including registration, [here](#)

7. Disinformation as Cybersecurity Threat: Value Considerations and Ethical Issues

25 June 2019

The Hague, Netherlands

Disinformation is increasingly recognized as a threat to national security and democracy. Examples are the spread of fake news and trolling. However, in policy making it has not yet generally been recognized as a national security risk, or a cybersecurity risk. The workshop will discuss why it can be seen as such, what ways we might employ to deal with it, and what ethical issues the threat, as well as possible measures against it, may raise.

From Leiden University, Bibi van den Berg will present a session on 'Disinformation as a cybersecurity threat', Tommy van Steen on 'Disinformation and fake news: what's new?' and Iliana Georgieva will present on 'Unexpected moral actors: the role of intelligence agencies in disinformation'.

The workshop is organized as part of the European project CANVAS by the Department Values, Technology and Innovation (VTI) of Delft University of Technology and the Institute of Security and Global Affairs of Leiden University. Participation is free of charge, but since there is a limited number of seats available, please register in advance by sending an email to Nathalie van den Heuvel (N.C.vandenheuvel@tudelft.nl)

More details [here](#)

8. CFIHP Conference

10 July 2019
Ottawa, Canada

The Canadian Foreign Intelligence History Project (CFIHP) is holding a workshop in Ottawa. The program is in two parts. The morning will be spent discussing three papers related to foreign intelligence in Canada:

Collecting Foreign Intelligence Through SIGINT in Postwar Canada
Maria Robson

Canada's Missing Intelligence Agency
Andre Karreck

Russia Submarines in the Davis Strait
Isabel Campbell

There will also be an opportunity for participants to provide an update on their current or planned research activities. The afternoon will focus on the issue of improving access to historical records. We anticipate that representatives of a number of government agencies will be able to participate in this discussion, including the Office of the Information Commissioner, the LAC ATI team, the Public Safety "Transparency Initiative" and "Declassification Project," the Secretariat of the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians and the Treasury Board "Open Canada" initiative.

The deadline for registration is June 15. To register for the workshop, please contact Alan Barnes (alan.barnes@rogers.com)

9. Resiliency, Redundancy and Security: Adapting to Asymmetric Threats

18-21 August 2019
Tampa, Florida, US

Hosted by the Defence Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense Intelligence Information System Worldwide Conference (DoDIIS) is an immersive event designed to bring together a global consortium of IT professionals with shared interests, including the future of IT, information sharing, data and global security.

Over the course of three days, participants have multiple opportunities to share their experiences, network with government and industry, and access the latest solutions from hundreds of onsite vendors. Topics may range from current threats facing existing systems

to how to build an adaptable solution onto an existing framework.

DIA Director Lt. General Robert Ashley opens the conference with the keynote remarks, followed by a distinguished line-up of government and industry leaders. The balance of each day includes an extensive selection of breakout sessions designed to allow attendees to intersect with subject matters experts in a smaller, more conversational setting. These dynamic sessions provide an opportunity to obtain firsthand information from experts, as well as allow participants to interact and collaborate directly with peers.

More details [here](#)

CALL FOR PAPERS

10. Conference: 'The Political Police and the Soviet System: Insights from Newly Opened KGB Archives in the Former Soviet States'

3-4 April 2020

Georgetown University, USA

This conference will assemble cutting-edge historical scholarship on newly opened secret police archives that has the potential to illuminate a major piece of twentieth-century history and its legacies. The conference aims to bring together international scholars at all career stages, including researchers from North America, Europe, and Eurasia, to discuss the significance of research on the Soviet secret police, the penal system, forced labor, and intelligence history. These archives, including the SBU (former KGB) archive in Kyiv and repositories in the Baltics, Georgia, Moldova, and other former Soviet republics, represent some of the most important archival material on modern intelligence history opened to researchers in recent years.

While the history of Stalinism and state repression is one of the most studied topics in the Soviet history, lack of archival materials about the institutions of state security, one of the pillars of the Soviet system, has remained one of the largest missing pieces in our understanding of Soviet history. Historians have been relatively slow to take advantage of these new opportunities and interpret their import. This conference represents a major opportunity showcase and explore how the hitherto classified materials change our understandings of Soviet system, its operations, and its place in the broader world.

As new sources become accessible, new problems of analysis emerge. The goal of this gathering is to explore those problems and ask how new scholarship incorporating these new materials changes our understandings of the Soviet system. The major themes of the conference include, but are not limited to:

- The Secret Police as an Institution: Internal History and Practices
- Entering and Exiting the Gulag: Prosecution, Repression, and Return
- Police, Politics, and Society

- Policing Culture: Experts, Artists, and the Intelligentsia
- Identifying Enemies: Surveillance, Classification, and Information
- Policing Normativity: Resistance, Opposition, Non-Conformism
- Source Criticism and Methods: Intelligence Documents in the Soviet Context
- Operations Abroad and Foreign Intelligence
- Archival Access and the Politics of Declassification

The working language of the conference is English. Paper proposals should include (1) the name of the applicant, institutional affiliation, postal and email addresses; (2) a short CV; (3) a one-page description of the proposed paper. The deadline for submitting paper proposals is **15 June 2019**. Paper-givers will be provided round-trip travel to Georgetown, most meals, and hotel accommodations. Proposals and inquiries should be emailed to:

md672@georgetown.edu and mn837@georgetown.edu

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

11. *International Journal of Intelligence and CounterIntelligence (Vol.32, No.2)*

“‘Truth” as a Tool of the Politization of Intelligence’ by John Gentry

‘Partisans, Hybrids, and Intelligence’ by Lawrence Cline

‘Iranian Counterintelligence’ by Carl Anthony Wege

‘Mexico’s Intelligence Community: A Critical Description’ by Mario Vignettes

‘Closing the Gap Between Law Enforcement and National Security Intelligence: Comparative Approaches’ by Diego Esparza and Thomas Bruneau

‘Millennials: Truth-tellers or Threats?’ by Margaret Marangione

‘Anticipating the Zombie Apocalypse: Using Improbability to Teach Intelligence Analysis’ by Tony Ingesson

The full issue is [here](#)

12. *International Journal of Intelligence, Security and Public Affairs (Vol.21, No.1)*

‘Cyber Intelligence Networks: A Typology’ by Jori Pascal Kalkman and Lotte Wieskamp

‘The Finnish Intelligence Failure on the Karelian Isthmus in 1944’ by Ralf Lillibacka

‘Five Terrorist Dystopias’ Manuel Torres-Soriano and Mario Tobuso-Buezo

‘A Sociological Approach to the Extremist Radicalization in Islam: The Need for Indicators’ by

Sergio Garcia Magarino and Victor Talavera Cabrera

'The Role of Humain Terrain and Cultural Intelligence in Contemporary Hybrid and Urban Warfare' by Omer Dostri and Kobi Michael

'Visionarios: Six Children in the Year 2030' Sheila Ronis and Richard Chasdi

The full issue is [here](#)

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Kind regards,
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