

Dear all,

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EVENTS

1. 'Intelligence Assessment and increased public scrutiny' with Eleanor Fairford

Hosted by King's College London
Thursday 12 March
KCL Strand, London, UK

The UK National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) is at the cutting edge of making information gathered behind the scenes available for a public and industry audience with the real-world aim of making the UK the safest place to live and work online. NCSC Assessment is at the heart of that initiative, producing classified assessments of the cyber threat available for the broadest possible audience – including entirely within the public domain.

Eleanor Fairford will examine the ways that NCSC Assessment is breaking the mould of observing and monitoring threat information passively behind the scenes, and is instead breaking it out to the widest possible audiences. Not always a smooth ride, it will look at how this has evolved, the challenges we have faced and how it has felt along the way.

A generalist civil servant for the past 17 years, Eleanor has undertaken a range of policy and security roles, at home and overseas, in immigration, security policy and corporate services. She has been responsible for cyber assessment for the past three years where she leads a team of subject matter assessment experts covering the full range of cyber threats from all hostile adversaries, providing reports for strategic decision makers in government.

More details [here](#)

2. 'Women as Agents: A History of Female Intelligencers'

Hosted by RUSI

Wednesday 11 March

Whitehall, London, UK

Stories about spies have long captured the public's imagination, often represented in popular culture with a mixture of bravery, mystery and intrigue. Traditionally, these stories are predominantly male, a few famous historical figures notwithstanding. It is only very recently that the agency of women is becoming increasingly central to narratives, as female writers and historians turn to the subject. For International Women's Day 2020, join us to discuss female intelligencers from the 17th century to the Second World War. Our speakers are:

Sonia Purnell, *Journalist/author*

Nadine Akkerman, *University of Leiden*

Claire Hubbard-Hall, *Bishop Grosseteste University*

More details [here](#)

3. 'Spying for Queen and Country' with Stephen Alford and Sir Richard Dearlove

Hosted by Gresham College

Thursday 26 March

The Old Library, Guildhall, London, UK

Spying for Queen Elizabeth I was very different from modern-day intelligence services - or was it? This lecture brings together historian Stephen Alford and Sir Richard Dearlove, former head of MI6, and will discuss Tudor spies and the modern-day secret service. It celebrates 500 years since the birth of William Cecil, 1st Baron Burghley, an intelligence-gatherer for Elizabeth I across Europe, who also brought his son, Sir Robert Cecil, into the world of secret Elizabethan intelligence. The lecture will also look at the use of secret communications like codes and cipher. Please note the entrance to the Old Library will be on Basinghall Street.

More details [here](#)

4. 'The escaped KGB spy who hid 100 yards from Burgh House' with Stewart Purvis

Hosted by Hampstead Spies
Wednesday 27 March
Burgh House and Hampstead Museum

It was assumed to be a cunning KGB plot but in fact it was the work of three men he met in jail. One lived near Burgh House and later revealed he'd hidden Blake in his council flat. The latest story in our Hampstead Spies series is told by Stewart Purvis

More details [here](#)

5. 'A Woman of No Importance' with Sonia Purnell

Hosted by Page and Palette
Thursday 2 April
Fairhope, Alabama, USA

In 1942, the Gestapo sent out an urgent transmission: "She is the most dangerous of all Allied spies. We must find and destroy her". The target in their sights was Virginia Hall, a Baltimore socialite who talked her way into Special Operations Executive. She became the first Allied woman deployed behind enemy lines and--despite her prosthetic leg--helped to light the flame of the French Resistance, revolutionizing secret warfare as we know it.

Based on new and extensive research, Sonia Purnell has for the first time uncovered the full secret life of Virginia Hall--an astounding and inspiring story of heroism, spycraft, resistance, and personal triumph over shocking adversity

More details [here](#)

6. 'The Hunt for and Identification of a CIA Traitor' with Sandy Grimes

Hosted by the Institute of World Politics
Friday 3 April
16th Street Northwest, Washington DC, USA

In 1985 and 1986 CIA experienced the unparalleled loss of its stable of Soviet assets, which all but wiped out human source reporting on the Soviet Union. Ms. Grimes will detail her and her co-spy catcher's personal involvement in CIA's effort to identify the reason for those losses and to protect future Soviet assets from a similar fate of execution. In 1991 the quest led them to search for a Soviet spy in CIA and to the identification of that individual as CIA case officer Aldrich Ames, a long-time friend and co-worker. In February 1994, Ames was arrested by the FBI and sentenced to life in prison.

Sandy Grimes is a twenty-six year veteran of CIA's Clandestine Service, who spent most of her career working against the former Soviet Union supporting many of CIA's most valuable cases, penetrations of the KGB and GRU. She is co-author of the book "Circle of Treason" which details the search for a Soviet traitor in CIA.

More details [here](#)

7. 'Lockheed's Corona – America's First Spy Satellite Program'

Hosted by the IEEE Silicon Valley Technology History Committee

Thursday 9 April

Keypoint Credit Union, Santa Clara, USA

Corona was America's first eye-in-the-sky space mission replacing the U-2 flights ended by the shooting down of a flight in 1960. Lockheed Missiles and Space Systems (Lockheed) here in Silicon Valley was the system integrator of the Corona payload which included new camera, film and recovery capsule as well as the developer of never flown Agena which served as the upper stage to the Thor booster and spacecraft. It was breakthrough technology in all aspects.

The Corona program depended on the development of a new spacecraft, Agena, designed and built by Lockheed. Agena subsequently went on to support multiple other missions for many other customers, and essentially became America's first space utility vehicle, with 362 launches over three decades. Lockheed veterans will discuss the original CORONA mission and the key challenges Agena had to meet for long-term success.

More details [here](#)

CONFERENCES

8. Conference on 'Accessing Historical Records on Intelligence and International Affairs'

Hosted by the Canadian Foreign Intelligence History Project (CFIHP)

24 April 2020

Ottawa, Canada

Accessing Historical Records on Intelligence and International Affairs is presented by CFIHP with the support of the North American Society for Intelligence History. It will be an opportunity for historians, archivists and government officials to share ideas on accessing historical government records on intelligence, international affairs and defence, and to learn more about recent developments in the Access to Information process in Canada.

Pre-registration is required. Participants cannot register at the event. More details [here](#) and registration link [here](#)

CALL FOR PAPERS

9. Conference on ‘The Potsdam Missions: the Story beyond the Bridge of Spies’

US Army History Museum
2-3 October 2020
Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, USA

The Potsdam Missions—BRIXMIS, FMLM, USMLM—performed two functions in the German Democratic Republic (GDR) 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.

The first conference took place in Potsdam in June 2019 and was supported by several German government organizations based in Berlin, as well as the European Division of the University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC). German academics, the US Army USAREUR Command Historian, and former British, French and American mission members. The Second conference will cover the following topics:

- GSFG, USAREUR and GDR relations
- The GDR state security apparatus
- Allied intelligence organisations 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 the USAREUR or Allied Forces

Papers and presentations will be submitted electronically along with an author’s biography that includes professional affiliation, contact information, and any requirements associated with the submission. Author should state whether the submission is for a paper, panel discussion, or other format. Please send submissions to stephen.hoyt@faculty.umuc.edu by **1 July 2020**.

10. Intelligence Section at the Pan-European Conference on International Relations

European International Studies Association (EISA)
16-19 September 2020
Msida, Malta

How everything became intelligence and intelligence became the everyday’ neatly sums up the contemporary transformation of intelligence. In times of enhanced counterterrorism and mass surveillance, intelligence has become increasingly dispersed to affect daily life of

an ever-increasing number of empirical sites and professionals by extending the scope of its 'targets' to cover so-called 'suspicious' activities, mobilities and behavioural patterns. This transformed rationale of intelligence challenges the conventional 'problematization' within Intelligence Studies (IS), and thus cannot be adequately analysed through the traditional IS lens alone.

To enhance knowledge on contemporary intelligence, this section invites panels, roundtables, and papers that challenge conventional IS scholarship and bring fresh perspectives to the investigation of intelligence, with a specific focus on the professionals and practices of intelligence. Key questions for participants to consider include: what is the 'problematization' of intelligence today? How can we disrupt the conventional ways in which intelligence is studied? In which 'new' empirical sites is intelligence done? Submitters may submit up to two paper abstracts and two panel or roundtable abstracts. Abstracts are to be submitted electronically via the online submission system by **16 March 2020**.

More details [here](#)

11. Call for submissions: *Intelligence and National Security*

Intelligence and National Security (INS) is widely regarded as the world's leading scholarly journal focused on the role of intelligence and secretive agencies in international relations. It examines this aspect of national security from a variety of perspectives and academic disciplines, with insightful articles research and written by leading experts based around the globe.

We are always looking for good submissions (6000-10,000 words) that would contribute to the body of knowledge about intelligence as a function of government, from a wide range of theoretical, conceptual, or historical perspectives. Please let *INS* Editor Steve Marrin (marrinsp@jmu.edu) know if you have any questions about the journal or its content and coverage.

PUBLICATIONS

12. *Intelligence and National Security (Vol.35, No.2)*

'Profiles in intelligence: an interview with Sir David Omand' by Damien Van Puyvelde

'Underground alliances and preventative strikes: British intelligence and secret diplomacy during the Napoleonic Wars, 1807-1810' by Barry O'Connell

'An analytical framework for post-mortems of European foreign policy: should decision-makers have been surprised?' by Nikki Ikani, Aviva Guttman, and Christoph Meyer

'SOCMINT: a shifting balance of opportunity' by Robert Dover

“Hello, world’: GCHQ, Twitter, and social media engagement’ by Liam McLoughlin, Stephen Ward, and Daniel Lomas

‘Operation Warden: British sabotage planning in the Canary Islands during the Second World War’ by Marta Garcia Cabrera

‘Intelligence studies programs as US public policy: a survey of IC CAE grant recipients’ by Michael Landon-Murray and Stephen Coulthart

‘Strategic intelligence as an art and a science: creating and using conceptual frameworks’ by Itai Shapira

‘Cyber war and lessons from history in the digital age’ by R Gerald Hughes and Ryan Shaffer

The full issue is available [here](#)

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Kind regards,
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