

Dear all,

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1. 'The Untold Cuban Missile Crisis' with Michael Tougias

Hosted by the Westwood Public Library

14 October

Online event

During this program, Michael chronicles the thirteen harrowing days of the Cuban Missile Crisis and then outlines the steps President Kennedy made to reach a decision on a course of action. The edge-of-your-seat presentation focuses on four incidents during the crisis that “had us a whisker away from nuclear war” and talks about the lessons learned.

Special emphasis is given to the heroes of the crisis: the U-2 pilots who flew unarmed over Cuba to secure the photographic proof that the Soviets were installing nuclear missiles on the island. These pilots helped President Kennedy achieve a difficult objective: have the nuclear missiles removed from Cuba without triggering Armageddon. JFK secretly audio recorded every meeting conducted during the Cuban Missile Crisis. These transcripts, as well as recently declassified CIA documents, support and inform Tougias' presentation.

More details [here](#)

2. 'Virtual Spy Chat' with Chris Costa

Hosted by the International Spy Museum

15 October

Online event

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. Costa a former intelligence officer of 34 years with 25 of those in active duty in hot spots such as Panama, Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Iraq is also a past Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Counterterrorism on the National Security Council. He will be joined by Mike Rogers former Chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

More details [here](#)

3. 'An Online Conversation with Two Former Spymasters'

Hosted by Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)

22 October

Online event

RUSI is delighted to host an online conversation with General (Ret) David Petraeus, former Director of the CIA, and Sir John Sawers former Chief of the British Secret Intelligence Service (SIS, also known as MI6).

In this wide-ranging conversation, General Petraeus and Sir John Sawers will discuss the next big geopolitical and global security challenges for the 21st century. (Please note this event is only open to RUSI members).

More details [here](#)

4. 'Mother, Daughter, Sister, Spy'

Hosted by the International Spy Museum

26 October

Online event

This extraordinarily popular annual SPY event featuring former female spies is going virtual this year. Join us and an international viewing audience for an important and timely discussion with a star-studded panel of women who have had incredible careers in espionage and intelligence. Panellists include:

Amy Hess

Former FBI Executive Assistant Director (EAD) with the Science and Technology Branch and later the Criminal, Cyber, Response, and Services Branch.

Lieutenant General (Ret.) Mary Legere

Former Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence (G-2) of the United States Army.

Jung Pak

Former Deputy National Intelligence Officer at the National Intelligence Council in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI).

Karen Schaefer

Former CIA operations officer in Latin America, Europe, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

Debra Evans Smith

Former Deputy Assistant Director of the Counterintelligence Division at FBI Headquarters.

More details [here](#)

5. 'How Spies Think' with David Omand

Hosted by King's College London Strand Group

28 October

Online event

Professor Sir David Omand will show us how the big decisions in life will be easier to make when you apply the same frameworks used by British intelligence. Full of revealing examples from his storied career, including key briefings with Prime Ministers from Thatcher to Blair, and conflicts from the Falklands to Afghanistan, Professor Omand will arm us with the tools to sort fact from fiction, and show us how to use real intelligence every day.

David Omand was the first UK Security and Intelligence Coordinator, responsible to the Prime Minister for the professional health of the intelligence community, national counter-terrorism strategy and "homeland security". He served for seven years on the Joint Intelligence Committee. He was Permanent Secretary of the Home Office from 1997 to 2000, and before that Director of GCHQ.

More details [here](#)

6. 'The Spymasters: CIA Director's Shape History' with Chris Whipple

Hosted by the Hotchkiss Library

30 October

Online event

Writer and director Chris Whipple has a quiet intense style, and he can get answers to questions that lesser journalists wouldn't even ask. His book takes us through the agency's history through the eyes of its Directors - he connects their stories to what they could do at the agency's helm. The CIA's network provides needed information to shape foreign policy; some directors develop deep relationships with the Presidents they serve. Others are more likely to keep a check on presidential overreach.

More details [here](#)

7. Cambridge Intelligence Seminar

Friday 9 October

David Omand

How Spies Think: 10 Lessons in Intelligence

Friday 16 October

Dan Larsen

A US 'Official Secrets Act'? A New Look at the Espionage Act of 1917

Friday 23 October

Edmund Fitton-Brown

A discussion of his work as Coordinator of UN sanctions on ISIL, Al-Qaida, and the Taliban

Friday 30 October

Thomas Maguire

Informing the Influencers: Intelligence, Propaganda, and Covert Action during the Cold War

This term the Seminar plans to continue to convene virtually using Google Meet. To join the seminar, please click this link: <https://meet.google.com/gfk-qhvn-cie> Please note that your microphone and webcam will ordinarily default to "on" unless you decide otherwise, so please kindly mute your microphone as necessary. The virtual doors will open around 5:20pm, with the seminar beginning at 5:30pm (GMT). Google Meet works using all major web browsers (Edge, Safari, Chrome, Firefox) and requires no special download. On any technical queries, please email Dr Dan Larsen: drl37@cam.ac.uk

8. North American Society for Intelligence History (NASIH) – Brown Bag Lunches

Tuesday 20 October

Rhodri Jeffreys-Jones

The Nazi Spy Ring, Hitler's Agents, the FBI and the Case that Stirred the Nation.

Tuesday 3 November

Jeff Rogg

The First Dossier - A British Spy, the American President, and 'Opposition Research'.

Tuesday 4 November

Nancy Thorndike Greenspan

Atomic Spy – the Dark Lives of Klaus Fuchs.

(To register for this Brown Bag, please email: womenintelnetwork@gmail.com)

Tuesday 17 November

Jason Bell

Winthrop Bell – The Canadian Spy Who Discovered the Nazis.

All sessions will run between 12:00-13:00, Eastern Standard Time (GMT-5). There is a maximum of 35 people per session. Unless stated otherwise, if you would like to register please email: NASIHbrownbaglunchseries@gmail.com

9. Call for Papers – INS Special Issue on Intelligence and Culture

This special issue aims to enlarge the scope on the relationship between intelligence and culture studies, encouraging new methodologies and interdisciplinary approaches. This issue presents three main themes to address this relationship - culture of intelligence; intelligence and culture; and intelligence in culture. These categories define the several distinct angles of culture studies, that together form a well-rounded and comprehensive understanding of culture in nexus of intelligence studies.

Submissions should fall into one of these three themes:

Culture of intelligence: Papers addressing the culture of intelligence are encouraged to look beyond the more common themes of national and organisational cultures. Examples to consider are (but not limited to) tactical culture, technology, anthropological studies, and comparative studies.

Intelligence and culture: Papers discussing intelligence and culture should be directed towards how intelligence practitioners study or seek to take advantage of the culture of their target, and how intelligence follows the 'cultural turn' of war studies.

Intelligence in culture: Papers on intelligence in culture should consider the relationship between intelligence and the culture of the public sphere. Examples of such topics to consider are popular and generational cultures, but also how intelligence is linked to cultural practices, such as museum studies or the arts.

Please submit a paragraph abstract of your paper by Friday, **30 October 2020**. The abstract is to be sent to Charlotte Yelamos (charlotte.yelamos_alberts@kcl.ac.uk), who can also answer any questions.

The final deadline for complete papers is 29 October 2021. Papers should not exceed 8,000 words inclusive of figure captions and references. Further information for formatting your paper can be found in the journal guidelines [here](#).

10. Call for Papers - Edited Volume *Philosophy and Practice: Ideas in Espionage and Statecraft in the 20th Century*.

Courtesy of the North American Society for Intelligence History (NASIH):

This book is being edited by Sarah-Jane Corke, historian and President of NASIH, and Jason Bell a philosopher at the University of New Brunswick. The idea of our volume will be to

show how theory operated in the life of intelligence practitioners in the 20th century. Each chapter will consider intelligence through the ideas of an individual and a theory. We are looking for it to be in some way rooted in the 20th century, but the story can stretch into other centuries as well (for instance, in the way that the 19th c. writings of Karl Marx influenced Kim Philby in the 20th c.).

George Lucas will be writing an opening chapter on philosophical notions of secrecy and clandestine activity (the figure of focus to be determined). Sarah-Jane will write a chapter on John Davies, realism and America's first covert operations in China. Jan Goldman will be doing a chapter on the intersection of Just War and Just Intelligence. Montgomery McFate will write on intelligence and US military intervention in Somalia. Giangiuseppe Pili will write on how intelligence was shaped inside the Anglo-American vision of science that focuses on the career of Sherman Kent. Finally, Jason Bell will be doing a chapter on Winthrop Bell and phenomenology.

If you are interested in participating in the project please contact s-j.corke@unb.ca or Jason Bell at Jason.Bell1@unb.ca.

11. KISG publications

Martha Whitesmith, *Cognitive Bias in Intelligence Analysis: Testing the Analysis of Competing Hypotheses Method*, (Edinburgh University Press, September 2020)
<https://edinburghuniversitypress.com/book-cognitive-bias-in-intelligence-analysis.html>

David Omand, *How Spies Think: 10 Lessons in Intelligence*, (Penguin UK, to be released on 29 October 2020)
<https://www.penguin.co.uk/authors/138288/david-omand.html>

For more information about the privacy policy of the School of Security Studies and Public Policy, please visit:
<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/sspp/departments/warstudies/about/dataprotection.aspx>

Kind regards,
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