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EVENTS

1. 'Virginia Hall: A Woman of No Importance' with Sonia Purnell

Hosted by the International Spy Museum
Friday 25 October
700 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington DC, USA

Virginia Hall was a trailblazing spy. She didn't let a hunting accident which robbed her of a leg slow her down. A Baltimorean with an interest in foreign languages and the gumption to overcome obstacles both physical and cultural, Hall operated courageously behind enemy lines in occupied France during World War II. She coordinated French Resistance efforts and put her life on the line first as an agent for the English Special Operations Executive and then with the US Office of Strategic Services.

Award-winning author Sonia Purnell's new book *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II* takes a fresh look at Hall's espionage activities and how they changed the course of the conflict. And who better to interview Purnell about Virginia Hall than another trailblazing spy: Jonna Mendez, former CIA chief of disguise and co-author of *Moscow Rules*.

More details [here](#)

2. 'Russian Espionage around the World' with Andrei Soldatov and Irina Borogan

Hosted by the World Affairs Council
Tuesday 29 October
312 Sutter Street, San Francisco, USA

The Russian diaspora, numbering 30 million, is the third largest in the world after India's and Mexico's. Russians began leaving the country in big numbers in the late nineteenth century, fleeing pogroms, Tsarist secret police persecution, the Revolution, then Stalin and the KGB. Throughout, Russian emigres abroad have been variously dissidents or quiet proponents of the regime they left behind. While today there continue to be many political dissidents, there is also believed to be a network of spies and agents that have now become assets of a resurgent Russian Nationalist state.

Moscow-based investigative journalists Andrei Soldatov and Irina Borogan explore the colourful and sometimes sinister history of Russian espionage, from the mysterious death of defector Alexandre Litvinenko in 2006 from radioactive Polonium-210, to the more recent attempt to poison an exiled KGB colonel in Salisbury, England, to Maria Butina, a Russian woman who pled guilty to conspiracy to act as a foreign agent, in connection with unregistered political lobbying in the United States.

More details [here](#)

3. 'Cyber Warfare & the State in the Information Age' with David Fahrenkrug

Hosted by the University of New Brunswick
Tuesday 5 November
Philip Oland Hall, UNB Saint John Campus, Canada

This presentation will address the changes in conflict brought about by the growing use of computers, networks and communication technologies. Dr. Fahrenkrug will offer a framework for understanding cyber power to explain how the information age is changing the way we will secure the state and protect individuals.

David Fahrenkrug is an adjunct assistant professor at Georgetown University teaching graduate courses on strategy, net assessment and cyber warfare. He is also a Director of Strategic Planning in Northrop Grumman's Analysis Center.

More details [here](#)

4. Cambridge Intelligence Seminar

Friday 18 October

KGB 'Illegal Operations' in England: New Evidence
Trevor Barnes and Christopher Andrew

Friday 25 October
Bletchley Park Codebreakers
Sir Dermot Turing

Friday 1 November
Intelligence Alliances Anglophone and European
Sir Richard Dearlove

All Cambridge meetings take place in Corpus Christi College McCrum Lecture Theatre (entry through 'The Eagle' archway, Benet Street) and commence promptly at 5.30 pm.

5. Oxford Intelligence Group

Monday 21 October
The Events Leading to the Attack on Sergei Skrypal
Nigel West

Seminars begin at 5.30pm in the Large Lecture Room at Nuffield College, Oxford

6. Oxford Changing Character of War Centre

Tuesday 15 October
The changing grammar of war: countering hybrid and grey zone coercion
Rob Johnson, Oxford University

Tuesday 22 October
Why the West Isn't winning, and what we must do about it.
Sean McFate, Atlantic Council and Georgetown University

Tuesday 29 October
How AI could change the foundational assumptions of International Relations
Stuart Armstrong, Future of Humanity Institute

Tuesday 5 November
Coercion without War? Chinese maritime paramilitary activities
Alessio Patalano, King's College London

CONFERENCES

7. Symposium on Cryptologic History

17-18 October 2019

JHU/APL Kossiakoff Center, Maryland, USA

The National Security Agency/Central Security Service Center for Cryptologic History (CCH) and the National Cryptologic Museum Foundation (NCMF) invite you to attend the 17th biennial Symposium on Cryptologic History. Following the Symposium on Saturday October 19th, attendees will be given an opportunity to tour the National Cryptologic Museum and participate in a workshop on researching cryptologic history sources.

The theme for the Symposium is *From Discovery to Discourse*. Since 1990, the Symposium on Cryptologic History has served as an opportunity to present historical discoveries found in unclassified and declassified Intelligence Community records and engage in scholarly discussion about their significance to cryptologic history. The 2019 program offers over 20 educational sessions led by over 65 speakers. Topics include cryptologic history related to World War I and II, the Cold War, communications security, cyberspace and technology, international and diplomatic relations, counterintelligence and espionage, declassification and public engagement, and more.

More details [here](#)

8. North American Society for Intelligence History (NASIH) Conference

20-21 October 2019

International Spy Museum, Washington DC, USA

NASIH is hosting its inaugural conference at the new International Spy Museum building in Washington, D.C, and conference attendees will have free access to the Museum during the conference. Conference panels will be discussing Spies and Espionage, Disinformation and Psychological Warfare, Intelligence Analysis, Intelligence and Popular Culture, Soviet and Russian Intelligence, Signals and Cyber Intelligence, Cultural Approaches to Intelligence History, Imagery and Aerial Reconnaissance, Counterintelligence and Terrorism, Covert Operations and Clandestine Diplomacy, and Intelligence in Wartime.

More details [here](#)

9. Symposium on Women in Intelligence

6 November 2019

Edith Cowan University, Perth, Australia

ECU's School of Science will hold its second symposium for students and professionals interested in the world of intelligence. This symposium provides a unique opportunity to hear from a wide range of women who are either current or former intelligence professionals.

Our speakers come from the National Intelligence, Law Enforcement and academic communities and all will provide unique insights into the industry and their careers. This includes issues ranging from unique characteristics that women bring to the intelligence profession to difficulties women face in the intelligence profession. The symposium will have three distinct sessions: a mix of individual presentations from across the sectors, group Q&A sessions and time for networking.

More details [here](#)

10. Netherlands Intelligence Studies Association (NISA) Conference

21 November 2019

The Hague Security Delta Campus, The Hague, the Netherlands

For the past few years, the world has been receiving mixed messages about the world of intelligence. On the one hand, we are told that ‘the trade’ - the techniques used to gather intelligence - has changed markedly: we now live in an information age, in which big data and social media intelligence transform signals intelligence at its core. On the other hand, despite the changing face of it, at heart intelligence collection seems to revolve around the same principles. Disinformation might now be spread through Facebook and Twitter trolls, but it is still disinformation, a phenomenon that has been around forever. This raises the question whether the intelligence collection disciplines have truly adapted to an environment that has fundamentally changed – or should do so – or whether this is old wine in new bottles.

The Netherlands Intelligence Studies Association (NISA) is organising a conference on the transforming discipline of intelligence collection, and expects to explore the geopolitical, societal, and technological factors that influence the trade. NISA is delighted to announce its keynote speakers:

James Risen, Pulitzer-prize winner & national security correspondent for *The Intercept*
Paul Killworth, deputy director of strategic policy at GCHQ
Ron Diebert, director of Citizen Lab & professor at the University of Toronto

More details, including the draft programme, [here](#)

CALL FOR PAPERS

11. *Cyber, Intelligence, and Security* – new journal

The Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) at Tel Aviv University invites submission of articles for a new, peer-reviewed journal, published three times a year in English and Hebrew. The journal is edited by Gabi Siboni, Head of the Cyber Security Program and the Military and Strategic Affairs Program at INSS.

Articles may relate to the following issues:

- Global policy and strategy on cyber issues
- Cyberspace regulation
- National cyber security resilience
- Critical infrastructure cyber defence
- Cyberspace force build-up
- Ethical and legal aspects of cyberspace
- Cyberspace technologies
- Military cyber operations and warfare
- Military and cyber strategic thinking
- Intelligence, information sharing, and public-private partnerships
- Cyberspace deterrence
- Cyber security threats and risks-analysis methodologies
- Cyber incident analysis and lessons learned
- Techniques, tactics, and procedures

Articles submitted for consideration should not exceed 6,000 words (including citations and footnotes) and should include an abstract of up to 120 words and up to ten keywords. Articles should be sent to Gal Perl Finkel (galp@inss.org.il)

More details [here](#)

12. Intelligence Panel at 2020 APSA meeting

American Political Science Association (APSA)
10-13 September 2020
San Francisco, California, USA

Intelligence organizations occupy a multi-layered position in democracies. They are vital to their stability and promoting good governance through their ability to identify foreign threats and challenges. Doing so requires that intelligence organizations and professionals be accorded a degree of autonomy. At the same time, consistent with principles of democratic oversight and governance, intelligence agencies and professionals must be held accountable. No single method exists for doing so. Investigations, whistle blowers, free press watchdogs, leaks, the appointment of political overseers, and promoting professionalism are all used.

This panel invites paper proposals and round table proposals that deal with the past, present and future challenges that intelligence faces in operating in a democracy. Possible topics include but are not limited to 1) case studies or comparative case studies over time of intelligence organizations operating in democratic systems, or comparing intelligence in democracies and authoritarian systems, 2) studies of the effectiveness of various methods of democratic control, 3) responses by intelligence organizations to challenges, 4) theoretical inquiries into the nature of politicization, populism or professionalism, 5) interaction of intelligence organizations and the media 6) overcoming intelligence failures and 7) dealing with technological change.

Paper proposals must be made through the APSA proposal system. Inquiries and proposal can also be sent to Glenn Hastedt, James Madison University (hastedgp@jmu.edu)

More details [here](#)

13. Intelligence Community Forum 2020

Mercyhurst University
16-18 June 2020
Erie, Pennsylvania, USA

Brecourt Academic and Mercyhurst's Ridge College of Intelligence Studies and Applied Sciences are pleased to announce

are pleased to announce the second annual Intelligence Community Forum (ICF). An international conference, ICF 2020 will bring together intelligence professionals from a wide array of disciplines, including academia, government, business, and students. Paper proposals dealing with one or more of the following topics are welcome, and papers and panels covering other important intelligence-related topics or taking thematic approaches are equally encouraged.

- National Intelligence
- Business Intelligence
- Cyberwarfare
- Cyber Security
- Military Intelligence
- Indicators and Warnings
- Intelligence and Alliance Politics
- Inter-Agency Cooperation
- Science & Technology
- Multi-National Intelligence Sharing
- Intelligence and Security Studies
- History of Intelligence
- Intelligence and Diplomacy
- Industrial Mobilization
- Intelligence Methods and Data Analysis
- Intelligence and Assymmetric Warfare
- Problems of Intelligence Analysis in Early Post-War Planning
- Intelligence and Peacekeeping

Paper proposals must be submitted by **10 March 2020** and include a brief (200 words or less) one-paragraph abstract and a one-page curriculum vitae. Panel proposals are welcome and should include a brief description of the panel's theme. Submissions and inquiries should be addressed to Sharon von Maier (brecourtacademicadm@gmail.com)

More details [here](#)

14. Edited collection on 'African Intelligence and Security Services'

Africa is a neglected continent in intelligence and security studies. This interdisciplinary anthology will fill a gap in the academic literature by examining intelligence and security services in Africa using historical, ethical, discursive, gender, political and technical perspectives. Each chapter will highlight a specific framework in a key country to investigate how African intelligence and security services have operated and transformed. The chapters will demonstrate how a multitude of factors, including colonial legacies and post-colonial contexts—geopolitics, political systems and effective governance— shaped intelligence priorities, operations and relations with the military and civil society. Specific attention will be paid to domestic debates about intelligence and security service involvement in surveillance, human rights violations and torture. The book focuses on the period of decolonization during the 1960s until the transformations following the Arab Spring in 2010.

The editor is currently in discussion with a major university press about publication, aiming for a 2021 release. Chapters will be approximately 8,000 to 9,000 words (including references). Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Security services and race relations
- Cold War and Soviet training of African intelligence officers
- Nuclear, chemical and biological weapons developed by/connected to intelligence services
- Intelligence community's relations with the military
- Debates on human rights violations by the intelligence services
- The impact of colonialism on post-colonial intelligence operations and foreign alliances
- Intelligence and corruption
- The role of intelligence in coups
- Intelligence oversight and democracy
- Women in intelligence and security services
- Intelligence in the fight against terrorism
- Intelligence aiding terrorism
- Arab Spring and intelligence reform
- International peacekeeping and intelligence
- Outsourcing intelligence to private companies
- Technical collection and signals intelligence
- Transnational intelligence alliances

The editor requests abstracts of 150 to 300 words describing the topic, sources, key dates/events and importance of the subject, as well as a brief CV. Interested authors should submit an abstract to Ryan Shaffer (africanintelstudiesbook@gmail.com) by **21 October 2019**. Acknowledgement of the submission will be sent upon receipt and notifications will be sent out the week of 1 November 2019. Chapters will be due in late spring or early summer 2020.

15. Conference on 'Legally Immoral Activity: Testing the Limits of Intelligence Collection'

Hosted by the Citadel
11-12 February 2020
Charleston, South Carolina, USA

Are there limits to intelligence collection in support of national security? Where, if at all, does a free and open society provide the limits of surveillance with civil liberties? Civil liberties are a founding tenet of democracy, but at what cost? How does a country balance collective security with individual rights? Recently, a Federal Court ordered Apple to help the FBI unlock the cellphone of a terrorist, but company officials would oppose that order, citing concerns over the privacy rights of all Americans.

This 2-day inter-disciplinary conference will examine the legal, ethical, social, economic, historical and political aspects of the United States government's ability to protect its citizens in an era that warfare has no societal or personal boundaries. Call for paper presentations, workshops/interactive sessions, and posters/exhibits are welcome.

Abstracts and proposals must be received by **15 October 2019**. Inquiries and submissions should be sent to Dr Jan Goldman (jgoldma1@citadel.edu) in the Department of Intelligence and Security Studies at the Citadel.

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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