

Dear all,

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### **1. 'Two Female Spies Who Changed the Course of Modern History' with Ben MacIntyre and Sonia Purnell**

Hosted by Writers Bloc

17 September

Online event

No one reveals the secrets and deceptions of quirky British spies like Ben MacIntyre. His new book, *Agent Sonya: Moscow's Most Daring Wartime Spy*, uncovers the story of a woman, codename Sonya, whose life in a lovely Cotswold village, belies the truth that she was really a dedicated and dangerous intelligence officer for the Soviets, who ran Soviet agents all over Europe. While living the life of a quiet and unassuming country housewife, married to a machinist (he was also a Soviet spy), she passed scientific secrets to the Soviets, secrets that helped the Soviets build their nuclear arsenal.

While Soviet Agent Sonya comes to light in Britain in 1942, an American socialite, Virginia Hill, sets to work in Europe behind enemy lines, at exactly the same time as Agent Sonya. A most unlikely spy, and a most unlikely hero, the American Virginia Hill joined British Intelligence to aid French Resistance in fighting the Nazi's. Sonia Purnell's book, *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of an American Spy Who Helped to Win WWII*, centers on one Virginia Hill, and her story beggars belief. Injured in a hunting accident, she wore an artificial leg (named "Cuthbert"), and became the Nazi's Most Wanted due to her ingenuity, courage, and unbridled sense of daring when the Allies landed at Normandy.

More details [here](#)

## **2. 'From Propaganda to Social Media: Misinformation in a Time of Crisis'**

Hosted by the Imperial War Museum

17 September

Online event

Social media disinformation, misinformation and online hoaxes are key weapons of 21st century war. In recent months, China has been accused of running a global online disinformation campaign to deflect blame for its handling of the coronavirus pandemic and improve its international standing. But how much of this is new, given that populations throughout history have been susceptible to rumours and misinformation in times of crisis?

This seminar considers how misinformation of the past compares with that of the present. Join Newsnight's Mark Urban with Jo Fox, historian specialising in the history of film and propaganda, Nina Schick, broadcaster and expert on technology and artificial intelligence, and Quassim Cassam, professor of philosophy who focuses on the rise of conspiracy theories.

More details [here](#)

## **3. 'Atomic Spy' with Nancy Thorndike Greenspan**

Hosted by Falmouth Museums on the Green

23 September

Online event

German by birth. British by naturalization. Communist by conviction. Klaus Fuchs was a brilliant scientist, a fearless Nazi resister and an infamous spy. In 1950, he was convicted of espionage for handing over the designs of the plutonium bomb to the Russians, putting an end to America's nuclear hegemony and single-handedly heating up the Cold War. Fuchs was one of the most dangerous agents in American and British history. Using archives long-hidden in Germany and intimate family correspondence, Nancy Thorndike Greenspan explores the moral and political ambiguity of the times and the ideals Fuchs struggled with throughout his entire life.

More details [here](#)

## **4. The Freeman Air and Space Institute – Launch and Roundtable**

Hosted by King's College London

23 September

Online event

Join us for the official launch of the Freeman Institute, presented by the Institute co-

directors and discussion on UK air and space with key experts from the defence and security field. This will be followed by a roundtable on the British government's Integrated Review, with speakers including Dr Julian Lewis MP, Sir Lawrence Freedman, and Alexandra Stickings.

More details [here](#)

## **5. 'Agents of Change: Driving a more diverse and capable Intelligence Community'**

Hosted by the Harvard Intelligence and Cyber Projects

24-25 September

Online webinar

The conference will take place over two consecutive mornings, with the first day focusing on identifying and understanding the current state of, and the opportunities and issues surrounding diversity, inclusion, and belonging (DIB) in the IC; and the second focused on developing and discussing innovative solutions to these issues. We will convene senior leadership in the USIC, current and former intelligence officers, and leaders in the private sector and academia to facilitate a honest, open, and productive conversations.

More details [here](#)

## **6. 'Understanding the Five Eyes – a Twitter Conference'**

Hosted by Centre for International Policy Studies, University of Ottawa

30 September

Online webinar

The Five Eyes is the world's oldest intelligence network and arguably the world's most functional security partnership. Most commonly, the term refers to a unique signals intelligence pooling club of agencies from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States. But FVEY, as it is also known, also refers to a large and growing number of special relationships and trans-governmental policy networks that bind these five states in virtually all areas of security.

The conference will consist of two major components: Projects presented as Twitter threads, and a symposium of the projects on the CIPS blog. CIPS staff will moderate the Twitter conference and will edit the posts for the CIPS blog symposium, "Understanding the Five Eyes". The Twitter threads will be posted as two panels, with threads shared by participants themselves and by the CIPS account (@uOttawaCIPS). One panel will take place in the morning and one will take place in the afternoon on 30 September.

Morning Panel

*How the Anglosphere is Shaping Global Governance* (Tim Legrand)  
*Why does the US Trust Australia with its Secrets?* (Brendan O'Connor)  
*Exploring the Evolution of Cyber Operations in the Five Eyes Community* (Steven Loleski)  
*New Zealand in the Five Eyes Intelligence Network* (David MacDonald)  
*Jan Smuts and the Racial Origins of Five Eyes* (John Mitcham)  
*The Anglosphere Mythscape in Australian Prime Minister's Speeches* (Tania Zeissig)

Afternoon Panel

*Britain's European Trajectory – What's beyond the Five Eyes?* (Hager Ben Jaffel)  
*The English-Speaking World in Flux* (Andrew Mycock)  
*Syria and the Anglosphere* (Jack Holland)  
*Will the FVEY Alliance Persist?* (Wesley Wark)  
*Is it Time to Expand the Five Eyes?* (Greg Fyffe)  
*Five Eyes Minus One – Thinking the Unthinkable* (Bill Robinson)  
*Fissures in the Five Eyes Alliance in the Face of a Rising China* (Helen Baxendale)

More details [here](#)

## **7. 'Dead Doubles' with Trevor Barnes**

Hosted by the UK National Archives

7 October

Online event

Trevor Barnes is the author behind a new study on one of the Cold War's most notorious spy cases - the Portland Spy Ring. Trevor will be joined by Professor Chris Andrew of Cambridge University (author of the official History of MI5, *The Defence of the Realm*). This talk will conclude with a live Q&A with Trevor Barnes and Chris Andrew.

Trevor Barnes studied the History of Espionage at the University of Cambridge and as a Kennedy Scholar at Harvard. His pioneering research has been published in the *Historical Journal* and has subsequently worked as a Senior Journalist for BBC radio and TV on programmes including Radio 4's *Today* and BBC Two's *Newsnight*.

More details [here](#)

## **8. 'Chinese Communist Espionage' with Matthew Brazil**

Hosted by the Institute for World Politics

7 October

Online event

Matthew Brazil will give a virtual presentation on the book he co-authored, *Chinese Communist Espionage: An Intelligence Primer*. Hitherto, almost all writings about Beijing's

espionage and influence operations have focused on individual cases that shed little light on the actual nature of China's organs of state security. Dr. Brazil will speak about how he and his co-author researched original sources in Chinese and unearthed new insights into Beijing's most secret operations at home and abroad.

More details [here](#)

## **9. Women's Intelligence Network – Mentoring Programme**

The Women's Intelligence Network (WIN) would like to offer support to emerging female scholars in the field of intelligence studies. This is for any female PhD student or early-career researcher in the field of intelligence, broadly defined.

We are here to listen, challenge and offer guidance. More experienced WIN members have successfully navigated a number of roadblocks and can share their experiences. And they like to learn from the growing community of exciting female early career researchers / PhD students! Mentoring can take place on a one-to one basis, but we are also keen to organise informal work-in-progress meetings to discuss papers and research ideas.

Topics can include research and career advancement, work-family life balance, gender or race discrimination or inequality, feelings of insecurity and frustration, and so on. If you are interested in participating in the programme – either as mentor or mentee – please get in touch with Claudia Hillebrand ([womenintelnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:womenintelnetwork@gmail.com))

## **10. North American Society for Intelligence History (NASIH) – Brown Bag Lunches**

22 September, Michael Warner and John Childress: *The Use of Force for State Power: History and Future*

7 October, *Introducing the Women in Intelligence (WIN) Board and the Brown Bag Seminar Series: a Zoom Event Live Tweeted*. This event will be held at 11.00 Eastern Standard Time. For more information or to volunteer for a slot, please contact Kristie Macrakis ([macrakis@gatech.edu](mailto:macrakis@gatech.edu))

20 October, Rhodri Jeffreys-Jones: *The Nazi Spy Ring, Hitler's Agents, the FBI and the Case that Stirred the Nation*

3 November, Jeff Rogg: *The First Dossier: A British Spy, the American President, and 'Opposition Research'*.

Unless otherwise stated, all sessions will run between 12:00-13:15, Eastern Standard Time (GMT-5). There is a maximum of 35 people per session. If you would like to register, please email: [NASIHbrownbaglunchseries@gmail.com](mailto:NASIHbrownbaglunchseries@gmail.com)

## 11. 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](mailto: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](#).

## 12. KISG publications

Michael Goodman, David Frey, and David Gioe, 'Alexei Navalny poisoning: what theatrical assassination attempts reveal about Vladimir Putin's grip on power in Russia', *The Conversation*, 9 September.

<https://theconversation.com/alexei-navalny-poisoning-what-theatrical-assassination-attempts-reveal-about-vladimir-putins-grip-on-power-in-russia-145664>

Michael Goodman and Filippa Lentzos, 'Battles of Influence: Deliberate Disinformation and Global Health Security', *Centre for International Governance Innovation*, August report.

<https://www.cigionline.org/articles/battles-influence-deliberate-disinformation-and-global-health-security>

David Gioe, 'Disinformation will continue to roil Western society and the 2020 Elections', *Cambridge Security Initiative*, August report. [https://thecsi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Disinformation\\_will\\_continue\\_to\\_roil\\_western\\_society\\_and\\_the\\_2020\\_elections\\_AUG-2020-.pdf](https://thecsi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Disinformation_will_continue_to_roil_western_society_and_the_2020_elections_AUG-2020-.pdf)

Gill Bennett and Richard Smith, *Britain and the Making of the Post-War World: The Potsdam Conference and Beyond* (Foreign and Commonwealth Office, July 2020) [https://issuu.com/fcohistorians/docs/britain\\_and\\_the\\_making\\_of\\_the\\_post-war\\_world\\_with](https://issuu.com/fcohistorians/docs/britain_and_the_making_of_the_post-war_world_with)

Celia Parker, 'The UK national security council and misuse of intelligence by policy makers: reducing the risk?', *Intelligence and National Security* (E-pub ahead of print) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02684527.2020.1780023>

Martha Whitesmith, 'Structured analysis techniques and OSINT', Janes Podcast episode <https://soundcloud.com/janespodcast/structured-analysis-techniques-osint-martha-whitesmith>

Tony Insall, 'Finding Treasure Troves: Norwegian and Russian Intelligence Archives – and Kim Philby', *KCL Department of War Studies*, 28 July. <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/finding-treasure-troves-norwegian-and-russian-intelligence-archives-and-kim-philby>

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Kind regards,  
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