

Dear all,

Please see below for upcoming events, opportunities, and publications that may be of interest to you. We are also pleased to attach a comprehensive digest of recent intelligence publications compiled by Filip Kovacevic, who has kindly agreed to have this included in KISG's digest. You can find more of Filip's work at <https://thecheckistmonitor.blogspot.com/>

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EVENTS

1. Cambridge Intelligence Seminar

5 February

Gill Bennett

How the CORBY spy case of 1945 caught everyone napping

12 November

Rolf Mowatt-Larssen

Intelligence and Climate Change

This term the Seminar will convene virtually using Zoom. In order to attend, you must be subscribed to our mailing list. The Zoom link will be distributed in advance of the session. To subscribe, please email Dr Dan Larsen (drl37@cam.ac.uk) with a very brief indication of your affiliation or interest in the Seminar. On any technical queries, please email Dr Dan Larsen.

2. 'Intelligence at Work' with Lt. General (ret.) Karen Gibson

9 February

Hosted by Women in War and International Politics (WIWIP), KCL

WIWIP is delighted to welcome Lieutenant General (retired) Karen Gibson, who retired in March 2020 after 33 years of active duty with the US military, in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence as the Deputy Director of National Intelligence for National Security Partnerships.

As Director of Intelligence for U.S. Central Command, Karen wielded National and Defense intelligence assets ranging from clandestine ground operatives to the most exquisite technical collection from space to support national security objectives and military operations in one of the world's most complex operating environments.

More details [here](#)

3. 'Intelligence and Grand Strategy' with Matthew Hefler

9 February

Hosted by NASIH

Matt Hefler is presenting on his doctoral work completed in the Department of War Studies, KCL. Matt's PhD examined the role of secret intelligence and clandestine diplomacy in Anglo-French relations during the Second World War. His work explores the events and decisions that kept Britain and France from cooperating after the war. Using intelligence material from the UK, US, and France, his research challenges existing narratives around these issues and in particular around the rocky relationship between Winston Churchill and Charles de Gaulle.

Dr. H. Matthew Hefler specializes in international history, diplomacy and intelligence studies. He completed his PhD in the Department of War Studies, KCL. Currently he is teaching part-time in the Department of History at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

More details [here](#)

4. 'Who was the Real Mata Hari?' with Joanna Bourke

11 February

Hosted by Gresham College

A Dutch woman born Margarethe Zelle, Mata Hari became famous for her exotic dancing;

she embellished her life story to make her Oriental-style dancing seem more authentic to the Western eye. During the First World War she accepted money from both the Germans and French to spy. Although evidence at her trial was vague at best, she was convicted and shot. And yet - even though she seems to have passed on no information of any significance - her name today is synonymous with female spies.

In this lecture Bourke offers a feminist re-reading of the evidence, showing that Mata Hari was 'scapegoated as a modern-day Salomé' and the victim of a moral witchhunt, her conviction based on disapproval of her moral character rather than anything more concrete.

More details [here](#)

5. 'The Future of Intelligence' with David Omand and Mike Rogers

10 February

Hosted by the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress

Join us for a conversation between Sir David Omand, former Director of GCHQ and Rep. Mike Rogers, former Chair of the House Intelligence Committee, as they discuss the future of intelligence and Sir David's newest book *How Spies Think*.

How will intelligence collection, analysis, and dissemination change with the increasing role of artificial intelligence, machine learning, the Internet of Things, and 5G? What intelligence challenges will the Five Eyes face from China and Russia and how can the West's intelligence partners overcome these challenges? These questions and more will be explored by these two distinguished intelligence experts.

More details [here](#)

6. 'Communist China's Modern Intelligence Reforms' with Matthew Brazil

10 February

Hosted by the Institute of World Politics

Since their 1949 victory, the Chinese Communist Party has been highly successful in making mainland China a very hard target for foreign espionage. But hitherto, China's security and intelligence agencies have often endured a lack of interagency coordination, turf battles, and internal corruption. However, Xi Jinping has systematically attacked these problems since his ascent in 2012. Interagency coordination looks more robust under strengthened party oversight by the new Central State Security Commission. An intelligence and military reorganization that was launched in 2015 has resulted in a sharper mission focus by the Ministry of State Security and the intelligence units of the People's Liberation Army. This

presentation will review these efforts, and what problems still exist.

Dr. Matthew Brazil is the researcher and writer, and the co-author of *Chinese Communist Espionage, An Intelligence Primer* (2019). After a stint as the China specialist for the Commerce Department's Office of Export Enforcement, he was assigned as a Commercial Officer with the U.S. Embassy, Beijing, where he both promoted and controlled U.S. high technology exports to China.

More details [here](#)

7. 'The Portland Spy Ring' with Stephen Dalziel

11 February

Hosted by the Cambridge Russian-Speaking Society

The Portland Spy Ring of the late 1950s and early 1960s showed how espionage can involve people who live apparently ordinary lives. But serious damage was done to British interests. Stephen Dalziel has been involved with the Soviet Union and Russia from an early age. He spent six years as a Soviet military analyst at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, before moving to the BBC World Service as Russian Affairs Analyst. During 16 years at the BBC, Stephen reported on the collapse of the USSR, the chaos of the 1990s and the rise of Vladimir Putin, interviewing many of those who helped bring about the changes, notably Mikhail Gorbachev.

More details [here](#)

8. 'This is How They Tell Me the World Ends' with Nicole Perlroth

11 February

Hosted by City Lights Booksellers

Join *The New York Times'* cybersecurity reporter Nicole Perlroth in conversation with David Sanger to discuss the untold story of the cyberweapons market-the most secretive, invisible, government-backed market on earth-and a terrifying first look at a new kind of global warfare. For decades, under cover of classification levels and non-disclosure agreements, the United States government became the world's dominant hoarder of zero days. U.S. government agents paid top dollar-first thousands, and later millions of dollars- to hackers willing to sell their lock-picking code and their silence. Then the United States lost control of its hoard and the market.

Nicole Perlroth covers cybersecurity and digital espionage for *The New York Times*. She has covered Russian hacks of nuclear plants, airports, and elections, North Korea's cyberattacks

against movie studios, banks and hospitals, Iranian attacks on oil companies, banks and the Trump campaign and hundreds of Chinese cyberattacks, including a months-long hack of The Times.

More details [here](#)

9. 'How Spies Think' with David Omand

11 February

Hosted by UCL Department of Political Science

Sir David Omand, former Director of GCHQ, and later Security and Intelligence Co-ordinator in the Cabinet Office, has just published *How Spies Think: Ten Lessons in Intelligence*. In this seminar he is joined by Ciaran Martin, Chief Executive of the National Cyber Security Centre 2016-2020, to discuss spycraft, how raw intelligence is analysed, and how intelligence officers then use that information – often contradictory or incomplete – to build the most accurate possible image of the world. The ways of thinking used in intelligence can also help ordinary citizens sort fact from fiction in their everyday lives.

More details [here](#)

10. 'Inside the Robert Hanssen Investigation' with Debra Smith

18 February

Hosted by the International Spy Museum

Twenty years ago today, the worst spy to ever penetrate the FBI was arrested at Foxstone Park near his home in suburban northern Virginia. Robert P. Hanssen was a veteran FBI agent with thwarted ambitions. Feeling underestimated he turned traitor. Beginning in 1979, he provided highly classified national security information to Russia and the former Soviet Union on and off through 2001.

Join us for an inside look at Hanssen and the investigation that rolled him up with Debra Smith, former Deputy Assistant Director of the Counterintelligence Division at FBI Headquarters. During her FBI career of more than 30 years, Smith supervised numerous espionage investigations and recruitment operations, most notably, this investigation.

More details [here](#)

11. Women's Intelligence Network – Writing Workshop

23 February
Hosted by WIN

For our second mentoring meet-up, we have invited Alvina Hoffman, final year PhD candidate at KCL, to run a one-day writing workshop for our WIN mentees. Alvina will share her wealth of experience in improving our relationship with writing through several practical exercises and discussions with peers who likely face similar issues.

The workshop can host up to 20 participants. Places will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Email Claudia Hillebrand (HillebrandC@cardiff.co.uk) and Hager Ben Jaffel (hager.benjaffel@yahoo.fr) to secure your place.

12. 'The Future of the Intelligence Community Workforce'

23 February
Hosted by the Intelligence and National Security Alliance

Avantus Federal CEO Andy Maner and former NSA Executive Director Harry Coker, Jr. will join moderator Lindy Kyzer, Senior Editor at *ClearanceJobs.com*, for a candid conversation focused on the challenges and opportunities remote work affords. They will also touch on the organizational and infrastructure changes needed to ensure the IC effectively leverages new and emerging technologies.

More details [here](#)

CALL FOR PAPERS

13. *Intelligence and National Security* - John le Carré Special Issue

This is a call for submissions for a special issue on John le Carré to be published in *INS* and edited by Pauline Blistène and Damien Van Puyvelde. This special issue will investigate the historical, political, cultural and philosophical significance of le Carré's work in relation to intelligence and its fictional representations as a set of activities, an organisation, a profession. We are particularly keen to build on recent efforts to broaden the scope of Intelligence Studies and encourage interdisciplinary work. Submissions can engage with any aspect of John le Carré's life and work (novels and their adaptations), including:

- Relationship between le Carré and the intelligence community: le Carré's experience in intelligence, reception of his work by practitioners, impact of his oeuvre on intelligence concepts and practices and vice versa.

- Fact, fiction and autofiction in le Carré's work: realistic, imagined and autobiographical elements, blurring of the fact-fiction divide, self-storytelling (David Cornwell as John le Carré), categorization of his novels ('spy fiction', 'Cold War thrillers', etc.).
- Themes, narratives and characters in le Carré's work: human nature, deception, treason, conspiracy, secrecy, and free-will; Cold War and post-Cold War eras; allies and adversaries, agents and handlers, civil servants and privateers, bureaucrats and spymasters, men and women in intelligence.
- Legacy: significance of le Carré's oeuvre in or across a variety of disciplines including history, politics and international relations, philosophy, literature. We would welcome submissions that discuss the significance of le Carré's oeuvre beyond the Western world and in the Global South.

Please submit a paragraph abstract (no more than 250 words) of your paper by **1 March 2021**. The abstract is to be sent to Pauline-Elise.Blistene@univ-paris1.fr. The final deadline for complete papers is **17 December 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: <https://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?show=instructions&journalCode=fi nt20>

14. Conference on 'Treason – A Conceptual and Comparative History'

Hosted by Royal Historical Society (UK)
 Online
 23-24 September 2021

Treason' seems to be an ubiquitous concept in human history, stretching from the ancient world through to the present day. While it is sometimes thought of as an anachronistic term associated with past despotic governments, it is very much alive in our contemporary world. In Russia, the journalist Ivan Safronov was recently accused of treason. From the USA, the cases of the 'traitors' Edward Snowden and Chelsea Manning are well-known. Repeatedly the term 'traitor' is used rhetorically in political debate in an excoriating fashion, to condemn opponents who have supposedly violated a perceived moral bench-mark. A new high point is marked by the insinuations of Donald Trump's supporters that his election defeat was due to the fraud of traitors. Rarely has an election in the Western democracies of the 20th and 21st centuries been so characterized by a rhetoric of betrayal. 'Treason' adds an ethical dimension to any political power contest, with an individual labelled as 'traitor' who has allegedly broken trust with his peers.

Although in the modern world it is the dangers of state betrayal through espionage which seem more prevalent, the intertwining histories of domestic and foreign treason have been present throughout the centuries under many varied types of regime. As this implies, there are consistent threads running through the history of treason, even if it has manifested itself

differently through the prism of different regimes and ideologies. The methodology used to commit treason has certainly changed (bombs, cyber-warfare) and the legal parameters have constantly shifted – but has the essence of treason also endured down the centuries?.

This pilot-project therefore aims at a conceptual and comparative history of treason, beginning with an initial online international workshop in September 2021 at which historians with different disciplinary approaches will start to map out a framework for deeper research. Treason will be examined across time periods and regimes, but also transnationally in order to understand its history as a truly global phenomenon. Alongside this global treatment in the *longue durée*, our conceptualisation will focus on a number of key interdisciplinary themes. These are: (1) cultural representations of treason; (2) treason in criminal law; (3) the practice and punishment of treason; (4) the impact and heritage of treason.

For the online conference we are looking for papers which fall under one of the four themes above. Please submit an abstract of your paper proposal of up to 300 words by **31 March 2021** to either Dr Andre Krischer (krischer@uni-muenster.de) or Professor Mark Cornwall (jmc3@soton.ac.uk)

15. Conference on ‘Collaboration in a Complex and Uncertain World’

Hosted by the Australian Institute of Professional Intelligence Officers
Melbourne, Australia
25-28 October 2021

From the Cold War, to terrorism to cyber threats to global pandemic – what does the intelligence community now have to do to demonstrate value and results from their efforts? The challenges of 2020 have highlighted an increasing requirement for improved collaboration and cooperation between intelligence professionals, and within the expanding intelligence community.

Contributions are now sought from intelligence professionals, academics, students, and other industry professionals. Authors of the successful abstracts will be given the opportunity to prepare a paper and present it to an international conference attended by intelligence professionals, managers, and sector partners.

There are many areas to be explored to enhance collaboration but the key sub themes for Intelligence International 2021 have been identified as:

Ethics. Changing expectations of data usage and information requires increasing consideration about the ethical application of technology, intelligence techniques and tradecraft. Public expectations of the want for personal privacy, balanced against a desire for transparency of officially held information, is an increasing challenge faced by those working in the intelligence profession. As the amount of information that can be leveraged increases, the ethical use of intelligence generated is an increasing challenge for the global intelligence community.

Partnerships. Increasing amounts of information held by commercial entities, monetised by information brokerage, and driven by a mobile and connected society, provides new opportunities for near real time insights. The benefits of brokered information, including the 'adtech' ecosystem, is well known within the commercial community. This is a data driven market, leveraging highly advanced analytics to deliver competitive advantage in a complex and evolving environment. The intelligence community will increasingly need to look beyond its 'business as usual' data holdings and seek non-traditional partnerships within the private sector to access these expanded data sources to better inform decision-making.

Capability. The global intelligence community is facing an increasingly complex series of challenges. Whilst the fundamental business of 'intelligence' has not changed, effective capability planning is an essential part of an integrated global intelligence approach. Technological improvements and an expanded collection environment require the enhancement of practitioner tools and techniques. Ensuring the 21st Century intelligence workforce is 'future ready' will also require a reassessment of intelligence organisation capabilities, including the need for effective intelligence leadership.

An abstract (300 words maximum) outlining your paper and addressing the theme of the conference and one of the three sub-themes should be prepared, and is due on **1 May 2021**. Successful applicants will be notified and will be invited to complete a full paper by **1 September 2021**. Abstracts should be sent to: journal@aipio.asn.au

More details [here](#)

16. KISG member publications

David Easter, 'The impact of 'Tempest' on Anglo-American communications security and intelligence, 1943-70', *Intelligence and National Security*
(<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/02684527.2020.1798604>)

David Gioe and Joseph Hatfield, 'A damage assessment framework for insider threats to national security information: Edward Snowden and the Cambridge Five in comparative historical perspective', *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*
(<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09557571.2020.1853053>)

Celia Parker, *Written evidence to the UK Parliamentary inquiry into the FDCO's role in blocking foreign asset stripping of UK companies*
(<https://committees.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/18208/pdf/>)

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<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/sspp/departments/warstudies/about/dataprotection.aspx>

Kind regards,
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