

Dear all,

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EVENTS

1. 'Secret Alliances, Special Operations and Intelligence in Norway, 1940-45' with Tony Insall

13 July

Hosted by NASIH

NASIH presents another 'Brown Bag Lunch' with Dr Tony Insall. Based on a large amount of previously unpublished material in British, Norwegian and Russian archives, Tony's *Secret Alliances* describes the development of an extraordinarily close relationship between Britain and Norway during the Second World War.

This enabled the creation of effective resistance organisations working for the Special Operations Executive (SOE), concentrating on sabotage, and the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) providing intelligence on the movements of naval and merchant shipping which led to the sinking of the Bismarck and the Tirpitz and other capital ships as well as many valuable freighters. The main achievement of SOE was the attack on the plant in Telemark producing heavy water, needed by the Germans as they sought to build an atomic bomb – but there were many others too.

More details [here](#)

2. 'With my little eye' with Claire Halliday

15 July

Hosted by the Stonnington Library

Journalist Sandra Hogan speaks to writer Claire Halliday about her book, *With my little eye*, the true story of three children recruited by their parents to work for the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) in 1950s suburban Australia.

Growing up in the 1950s, the three Doherty children were trained by their parents to memorise car number plates, to spot unusual behaviour on the street and, most important of all, to avoid drawing attention to themselves. Dudley and Joan Doherty swore their children to secrecy, and for decades, they didn't even discuss among themselves the work they did for ASIO.

More details [here](#)

3. 'Inside the KGB and How We Escaped to the West' with Olga Sheymov

18 July

Hosted by the Cold War Museum

Recruited by the KGB in 1971 at age 25, Victor Sheymov eventually became the Eighth Chief Directorate's principal troubleshooter, ensuring the security of enciphered KGB communications throughout the world. Resolved to inflict as much damage as he could on the system, he evaded his minder on a Warsaw site visit and made contact with the CIA. He became probably the most important CIA asset inside the KGB in the 1980s.

Drawing from Victor's book *Tower of Secrets*, his widow Olga, who lived these events with him, tells their real story. Olga Sheymov is an artist, engineer, and television producer.

More details [here](#)

4. 'Sleeper Agent' with Ann Hagedorn

26 July

Hosted by International Spy Museum

There were hundreds of spies in the US during World War II but George Koval was the only Soviet military spy with security clearances in the atomic-bomb project. The ultimate sleeper agent, he was an all-American country boy who was born in Iowa, played baseball, and loved Walt Whitman's poetry.

Join Spy Museum Historian and Curator Andrew Hammond in conversation with Ann Hagedorn, who will dissect the story of Koval and how he came to be a willing spy for the Soviets. With careful positioning and his US citizenship as the ultimate cover, he was able to pass top-secret information on the atomic bomb to his handlers in Moscow for years.

More details [here](#)

5. 'Clarity in Crisis: True stories from your spy next door' with Marc Polymeropoulos

29 July

Hosted by International Spy Museum

Meet Marc Polymeropoulos. He served 26 years in the CIA before retiring from the Senior Intelligence Service in June 2019. His positions included field and headquarters operational assignments covering the Middle East, Europe, Eurasia, and counterterrorism.

Spy Museum Historian and Curator Andrew Hammond will talk with Polymeropoulos about his extraordinary career and how what he learned can help regular people gain confidence in the face of crisis and embrace less than ideal situations with no fear.

More details [here](#)

6. 'OSS Conversation Series: The War in Afghanistan'

30 July

Hosted by the OSS Society

Join General (ret.) David Petraeus for a discussion with author Gus Biggio about his new memoir, *The Wolves of Helmand: A View from Inside the Den of Modern War*.

More details [here](#)

CONFERENCES

7. 'Intelligence and National Security Policy in a Changing World'

Hosted by the Cambridge Security Initiative (CSI)

Online

Multiple dates from 21-28 July 2021

CSI's 2021 conference will take place online and explores current themes relating to 'Intelligence and National Security Policy in a Changing World'. The Conference, which all ISI participants attend, brings together speakers and delegates from governments, security agencies, academia, and business to explore a wide range of security-related issues.

21 July

Sir David Omand and Lauren Zabierek discuss urgent priorities for National Cyber Defence.

27 July

Suzanne Raine asks 'what should we do when the terrorists go quiet?'

28 July

Sir Tony Brenton and Tracey German ask what we should be doing about Russia.

Charlie Parton and Nicole Leveringhaus discuss likely future developments inside China and the Chinese Communist Party and how they might affect geopolitics.

Please note this event includes a registration fee. More details [here](#)

8. 'Revolution in Intelligence Affairs'

Hosted by the NASEM Intelligence Community Studies Board

Online

25 August 2021

Emerging and disruptive technologies are in the process of facilitating a revolution in intelligence affairs. These technological drivers will impact intelligence strategy, operational and organizational concepts, and contribute to shaping the future strategic environment. This revolution will create new threats, opportunities, and challenges for the U.S. Intelligence Community.

At the request of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Academies will host a virtual colloquia on 'Future Strategic Environment'.

More details [here](#)

CALL FOR PAPERS

9. Women's Intelligence Network (WIN) Brown Bag Lunch series

In order to prepare the forthcoming Brown Bag Lunch series for the next academic year, WIN are looking for 10 presenters to speak from September 2021 to June 2022. Participants can present either a work in progress or a finished piece of work (i.e. journal article, book, thesis chapters, etc) and we welcome the contributions of scholars at any career stage.

We invite interested participants to send a 200 abstract and a title to the WIN Brown Bag Lunch's coordinators, Hager Ben Jaffel (hager.benjaffel@yahoo.fr) and Aviva Guttmann (aviva.guttmann@kcl.ac.uk) no later than **26 July 2021**. If there is a specific month you would like to present, please indicate it in the abstract, and we will try our best to accommodate to your schedule. Selected participants will be notified during the first week of August.

10. Call for Contributors – *National Approaches to Covert Action*

The assassinations of Iranian nuclear scientists, disinformation about the origins and spread of covid-19 and the utility of vaccines, Chinese influence operations in Australia, all suggest that unacknowledged operations continue to play a prominent part in international affairs. This form of state interventionism is an international practice, yet our knowledge of ‘active measures’ continues to largely focus on American and Soviet practices and approaches. We aim to produce an edited two-volume set to address that problem.

We propose the following working definition to guide the contributors to this volume: *covert action is unacknowledged activity to influence other entities by or at the behest of states with the primary goal of affecting political change.* This definition implies that covert action can be undertaken both against other states and non-state actors. For instance, over the last few decades many countries have conducted covert actions against al Qaeda and ISIS overseas while authoritarian countries routinely pursue domestic or expatriate dissident groups using what is obviously covert action.

This is merely an advisory definition to help define activity which is in scope for this volume. The aim of the project is to develop the concept of covert action in international affairs by broadening beyond a US-centric approach. Is it a thing in its own right or something unique to individual countries? What universal components exist? Can we identify national approaches to covert action? Each chapter will focus on a different state and might discuss the following:

- National terminology
- Degree of formalization
- Degree and forms of secrecy applied, degree of concern about plausible deniability
- Actors (military, civilian, intelligence, diplomats, private entities etc.) and relations to activities of other agencies and organizations
- Range of actions conducted/favored (propaganda, covert political action, economic action, paramilitary action, assassination, etc.)
- Motivations for the use of covert action
- Relationship to war, notably “hybrid war”
- Access to source material on the state’s covert actions

Our ambition is for the two volumes to cover between 15 to 20 country-cases. This will ensure more global coverage, and provide the most comprehensive overview of unacknowledged interventionism to date. We are particularly eager to receive proposals pertaining to covert action by medium and small powers, as well as proposals about historical cases, e.g. Imperial Japan, communist Bulgaria, and pre-20th Century states.

Please send a 300-word abstract or chapter proposal to Professor Rory Cormac (rory.cormac@nottingham.ac.uk) and Professor Genevieve Lester (genevieve.lester@gmail.com) by **1 August 2021**.

11. Special Issue: 'Warfare, Peacemaking, Intelligence, and Espionage among Matricultural Societies'

What are the strategies, means, and types of warfare, in its broadest sense, in which a matricultural society might engage? What does the idea of *peace* mean and how is it achieved and/or strengthened? What are the means whereby matricultural societies resolve conflict (domestic or foreign) *before* it comes to violence, and what role do women and men play in those processes? Among matricultural societies, who makes the political decisions to engage in warfare, whether defensive or offensive? What have been the consequences of war for matricultures, including the enhancement or diminishment of status for women? We look for submissions which address these questions and others related to the topic.

Taking matriculture as a cultural system in the classical Geertzian sense of the term, this issue of *Matrix* will explore the institutions and customs around warfare and peacemaking among matricultural societies. We invite articles which present, analyze, or contextualize historical or present-day warfare by or upon matricultures and any social institutions which are involved, as well as articles which deconstruct the meaning of *war* and *peace* among matricultural societies.

Possible presentations may include but are not limited to:

- styles of warfare as conducted by matricultural societies, including intelligence and espionage
- means of preventing conflict used by matricultural societies
- meaning of peace to matricultural societies and methods of achieving and/or strengthening it
- the meaning of warfare in matricultural societies
- women warriors or soldiers, and/or women's warrior societies, historical or contemporary political authority as exercised by women in matricultures
- social institutions of matricultures where women exercise military power
- the role of women in strategies of engaging and/or disengaging with external conflicts
- the role of women in strategies of conflict resolution
- the status of men and their relationships to women in martial matricultures

Please submit a 300-word abstract to the Issue Editor or to the Editorial Collective of *Matrix: A Journal for Matricultural Studies Submission* via email to lrowlatt@networkonculture.ca or info@networkonculture.ca with the Subject line 'Matrix Vol. 3 (2) Abstract Submission' by **1 October 2021**.

12. The 2022 NASIH Conference

Hosted by the University of Calgary
Alberta, Canada
18-20 July 2022

We are looking forward to celebrating anniversaries of key events and highlighting new stories in intelligence history. Papers that adopt new methodologies or break new historiographical ground will also be foregrounded. While preference may be given to those who highlight these themes, papers dealing with any aspect of intelligence history are welcome.

The conference will comply with all public health guidelines set by national, local, and university authorities. NASIH will keep attendees informed of these guidelines as we learn them.

Both panel and paper proposals are encouraged. Panels should include three papers and a chair. The subject matter is not limited to North America. Please submit a title, paper abstract of 350 words and a one-page CV to ferris@calgary.ca by **1 December 2021**. A panel proposal should also include a 500 word panel abstract.

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Kind regards,
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