

Dear all,

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1. 'We are Bellingcat: An Intelligence Agency for the People' with Eliot Higgins

17 March

Hosted by RUSI

Bellingcat has redefined the way we think about news, politics, and the digital future. Its founder tells the story of how he and his team created a whole new concept of information-gathering, galvanising citizen journalists across the globe to expose war crimes and pick apart disinformation, and all from open-source data accessible through their computers. Eliot will expand on some of Bellingcat's most successful investigations, including the downing of Malaysia Flight 17 over Ukraine's airspace in 2014, the sourcing of weapons in the Syrian Civil War, and the identification of the Salisbury poisoners in 2018. He will discuss the use of cutting-edge tools for analysing data, from virtual-reality software that can build photorealistic 3D models of a crime scene, to apps that can pinpoint what time of day a photograph was taken.

Please note this event is only available to RUSI members. More details [here](#)

2. 'Crafting of Natalie Grant's Book, Disinformation: Soviet Political Warfare' with Jack Dziak

24 March

Hosted by the Institute of World Politics

When Natalie Grant (Wraga) died in November 2002 at the age of 101, few people other than family, friends, and some intelligence professionals were aware that one of the keenest minds on the horrid Soviet experience was lost to the western world. Mrs. Grant (Wraga was the surname of her husband Richard) was born in Tsarist Russia. She witnessed and survived the Russian Civil War, one of the bloodiest of modern history; trained some of the early State Department cadres of Soviet specialists; served as a Foreign Service Officer; and wed a storied former Polish counterintelligence officer with whom she partnered in producing some of the most penetrating and original studies on Soviet political warfare — specifically; deception, disinformation, and the whole panoply of active measures.

One of the products of that partnership is the book *Disinformation*, just published by Leopold Press. Natalie's husband Richard died in 1967 before she started drafting *Disinformation*. But she and Richard had been diving deep into the myriad cases of Soviet deception operations for decades, calling attention to what is now termed information warfare, fake news, etc., all of which have a pedigree dating to the earliest years of the USSR and well before.

This presentation will focus on Natalie Grant's story and how she came to write such a seminal work on Soviet political warfare and the difficulties she faced in getting the right people in government, media, and academia to accept the realities of deception and disinformation.

Dr. Dziak is a consultant in the fields of intelligence, counterintelligence, counter-deception, and national security affairs. He has served over five decades as a company president and as a senior intelligence officer and senior executive in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and in the Defense Intelligence Agency, with long experience in counterintelligence, hostile deception, counter deception, strategic intelligence, weapons proliferation intelligence, and intelligence education.

More details [here](#)

3. 'The Invisible Woman' with Erika Robuck

26 March

Hosted by the OSS Society

Please join The OSS Society for a very special event. The Honorable Ellen McCarthy will interview author Erika Robuck about the OSS' Virginia Hall, the only civilian woman who received the Distinguished Service Cross in World War II, and her new novel *The Invisible Woman*.

More details [here](#)

4. 'Untold Stories: Women Who Changed the Course of World War II' with Mari Eder

31 March

Hosted by the National Cryptologic Museum

Retired Army Maj. Gen. Mari K. Eder interviewed women who served in WWII and helped change history. She and NCM Director Dr. Vince Houghton discuss women in cryptologic history during World War II.

More details [here](#)

5. WIN Seminars

7 April 2021

Kathryn Olmsted

The Red Spy Queen: How Being a Woman Made Elizabeth Bentley a Better Spy and a Worse Defector

The Women's Intelligence Network Brown Bag Seminar series runs every first Wednesday of the month. To register please email womenintelnetwork@gmail.com

6. NASIH Brown Bag lunches

16 March

Brett Lintott

British Investigations of the Klatt Network, 1942-52

6 April

James Brennan

Spy Hunting in the Archives: Decolonization, African Studies Politics and MI5 in London 1956-65

13 April

David Abrutat

Radio War: The Secret Espionage War of the Radio Security Service 1938-1946

All talks take place on Tuesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 PM Eastern. To register please email Mallory Needleman at nasihbrownbaglunchseries@gmail.com

CALL FOR PAPERS

7. Conference: *Need to Know X - The Intelligence Legacy of World War II and the Onset of the Cold War*

Hosted by King's College London
London, United Kingdom
25-26 November 2021

The 'Need to Know' conference aims to stimulate research and discussions on the history of intelligence, with a focus on the Cold War. A core focus is to explore new information and interpretations following the opening of secret archives in East and West.

We hereby invite submissions to deliver papers or proposal panels for this year's Need to Know conference, which is being hosted by the Department of War Studies, King's College London, a world-renowned university and research institution on war and conflict.

The aim of this year's conference is to explore the intelligence legacy of World War II and the manner in which secret organisations adapted to the tensions of the early Cold War contest between East and West.

Need to Know X encourages submissions on intelligence in this crucial period in history:

- The transition from Hot War to Cold War
- The rise of covert action
- The requirement for aerial intelligence operations
- The role of intelligence in escalation and de-escalation of tension
- The growth of intelligence communities
- The development of domestic surveillance and counterintelligence

Need to Know X will follow UK health guidelines for covid-19 in force at the time of the conference. Accommodation and meals for presenters will be fully funded by the conference organisers, who may also contribute to travel expenses upon application and subject to budgetary restrictions.

The submission should include: an abstract of 500–700 words in English and a biographical note listing major professional accomplishments (250 words, in English). The deadline for paper proposals is **31 May 2021**. Submissions and additional questions should be sent to: sylwia.szyc@ipn.gov.pl

8. Conference: *The 9/11 'event'*

Hosted by Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne
Paris, France
30 September – 1 October 2021

To mark the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, the DEMOSERIES project (hosted by the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and funded by the European Research Council), IRSEM (Institute for Strategic Research at the French Ministry for the Armed Forces), and CNRS (National Centre for Scientific Research), invite submissions to an interdisciplinary colloquium on the 9/11 "event".

Often considered the founding and paradigmatic event of the 21st century, the 9/11 attacks were thought to have ushered in a new era, characterized by the permanence of the state of exception and the pre-eminence of reason of state politics both on the international stage and in the collective imagination. Throughout a large number of Western countries,

the urgent adoption of very restrictive if not freedom-destroying anti-terrorist legislation signaled the profound legal and political upheavals brought about by these attacks. The transcription into common law of some of these measures, and the lasting installation, which resurfaces with each attack, of a necessary arbitration between freedom and security in public debate demonstrates the everlasting impact of the 9/11 attacks on political communities. In parallel, the significant increase of resources allocated to intelligence agencies to combat terrorism confirms the dominance of secret intelligence in the security and defense apparatus, and with it the imperative to reduce uncertainty in the in post-2001 security environment.

What remains of 9/11 almost twenty years after the “event”? What memory(s), what trace(s) do we individually and collectively keep of it? How is it depicted in contemporary media, film and serial culture? How can we describe post-9/11 aesthetics and imagery? Is the period inaugurated by the attacks over or are we still living in the shadow of 9/11? Has the “post-9/11” period already come to an end?

DEMOSERIES, IRSEM and CNRS invite researchers from various fields (philosophy, political science, history, international relations, law, sociology, psychology, arts, film studies, communication, media, cultural and civilizational studies) to submit proposals. Among the themes included is:

- the strategic impact of 9/11: notions of intelligence "failure", threat, anticipation and imagination; interdepartmental and inter-agency cooperation, particularly in the field of counterterrorism; evolution of strategic anticipation.

We expect 20 minute presentations. Proposals of 200 words maximum, in either English or French, are welcome, as are two- or three-voice papers crossing fields and themes. Please accompany these by a short biographical notice to be sent to the DEMOSERIES project team (contact@demoserries.eu) no later than 30 March 2021.

More details [here](#)

9. Special Issue: ‘How September 11 changed our world’

The Journal for Intelligence, Propaganda and Security Studies (JIPSS) is planning a special issue for the 20th anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001, which will focus on how 9/11 shaped our world and could continue to have an effect in the future.

The focus will be on aspects such as the reactions of states, authorities and societies to the attacks, influences on security architecture and politics, and on international relations up to the present day and beyond. The focus is primarily on the ‘big picture’ (e.g. an analysis of the impact of 9/11 on German foreign policy as a whole). Of course, this does not exclude the possibility of contributions that look at individual areas, present specific case studies or place events in a historical/ critical context.

Texts that deal with or reflect a non-Western perspective, as well as those that deal with the consequences of 9/11 outside of North America and Europe are particularly welcome. The

same applies to articles that combine the event that shaped the epoch with a look ahead, e.g. in connection with the themes of radicalization and polarization today.

Contributions may come from our three areas of expertise (Intelligence, Propaganda, Security Studies) or from other disciplines, as long as they can be placed within the general topic. If you would like to contribute to this focus issue, please send us an evocative abstract (half a page to max. one page; with statements on the research question, methods, sources, etc.) with a working title and your CV (or a link where one can view it) to office@acipss.org by **29 March 2021**.

10. Special Issue: 'Slavic Intelligence and CounterIntelligence'

The fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the Cold War initiated the processes of transformation of societies and states that were part of the Warsaw Pact and Non-Aligned Movement in the Eurasian region. During the Cold War, these states were maintained by the firm hand of a repressive system. Intelligence and security agencies were the function of a totalitarian one-party government. The crisis in Southeast Europe continues, a source of numerous security threats to the stability and security of Europe, the EU, and NATO. Intelligence and counterintelligence agencies/services were involved in the process of strong and intense social and political change.

This special issue of *International Journal of Intelligence and CounterIntelligence* on Slavic intelligence and counterintelligence is intended to stimulate academic discussion on their activities during and after the Cold War, and the process of a transition into today's hybrid threats. We are interested in research focusing on the analysis of organizations, operations, and the impact of intelligence security agencies (or the intelligence community where it existed) in Slavic-speaking countries. We are specifically interested in:

- The organization and position of intelligence agencies in Slavic society, as well as their role in a politically driven system of repression.
- In-depth analysis of individual case studies that can show a modus operandi at the national and/or international level.
- Review of the transition of intelligence and counterintelligence agencies from totalitarian one-party system into modern agencies in parliamentary democracies.
- Lessons learned - analysis of individual joint actions from two or more countries in individual thematic areas such as the "export" of political violence, incitement, or the motivation of terrorist actions.
- Shaping public knowledge at the national and international level by targeted disinformation spreading (i.e., active measures).
- The role and place in crises and wars during the process of disintegration of multinational states such as the USSR, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia.

Deadline for submissions of full articles is **1 July 2021**. Expressions of interest, questions and submission of proposals should be sent to Gordan Akrap (gakrap@yahoo.de) or Dako Trifunović (galileja@yahoo.com).

More details [here](#)

11. Special Issue: 'National Security Act of 1947 - Past, Present and Future'

President Harry Truman signed the National Security Act on July 26, 1947. This single piece of legislation was a major restructuring of the United States government's military and intelligence agencies following World War II. The Act merged the military, and created the United States Air Force. Aside from the reorganization of the military in the post-World War II era, the act established the National Security Council and the Central Intelligence Agency, the U.S.'s first peacetime non-military intelligence agency. Over time this Act has been adjusted, changed, but it continues to be the foundation of the U.S. Intelligence Community.

This special issue of the *International Journal of Intelligence and CounterIntelligence* would like to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of this document. We are seeking all proposals that look at the impact this document has had and will continue to have on national security, specifically in the field of intelligence, counterintelligence and national security. To be clear, this special double-issue is both a celebration and an honest assessment of both the accomplishments and possible future irrelevancy of this document. The political, social, legal, economic, and international aspects of the impact of this seminal document will all be considered for possible publication, along with any other research interests pertaining to this significant legislation.

Proposals or Abstracts will be accepted until **1 August 2021**; Submission of papers due by 1 December 2021, with publication in Summer 2022.

More details [here](#)

12. KCL publications

Toby Ewin, 'Modern resonances of Imperial Germany's biological-warfare sabotage campaign, 1915–18', *The Nonproliferation Review*
(<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10736700.2020.1866874>)

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Kind regards,
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