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EVENTS

1. 'Solving Historical Ciphers' with Elonka Dunin and Klaus Schmeh

20 October

National Museum of Computing (UK)

Online

Many old encryption methods are still hard to break today: WW2 Enigma messages, spy ciphers from the Cold War, and manual methods used by criminals such as the Zodiac Killer can be challenging.

Computer-based cryptanalysis methods such as hill climbing and simulated annealing have been successfully applied to break original WWII Enigma messages, as well as one of the world's most famous unsolved codes, a 1970 ciphertext sent by the Zodiac Killer. However, many other historical ciphertexts are still unbroken to date.

This presentation introduces the most important historical ciphers, and modern techniques to break them.

More details [here](#)

2. 'Love and Deception: Philby in Beirut' with James Hanning

21 October
Frontline Online
Online

Love and Deception is the extraordinary story of Eleanor, an able, cultured American woman living in the espionage hot spot of 1950s Beirut and – despite herself – falling in love with the kindest, most sensitive of men, a Lebanon-based journalist with a mysterious past. Unknown to her, the young, idealistic Kim Philby had signed up to help the Russians fight fascism in the 1930s and was to become the 20th century's most notorious double agent.

Drawing on some of those closest to the main players, Love and Deception sheds new light on the love of Philby's life and breaks remarkable new ground in revealing the loyalty of his Cambridge contemporaries and the failure of the British authorities to convict them.

James Hanning is the former deputy-editor of the Independent on Sunday and co-biographer of David Cameron.

More details [here](#)

3. 'The Threat of Communist Chinese Political Influence Operations' with John Lenczowski

23 October
The Institute of World Politics
Reston, Virginia, USA

This lecture is focused on the multifaceted threat of Communist Chinese influence operations: propaganda, disinformation, psychological disarmament operations, commercial co-optation of business leaders, and influence over politicians, the media, Hollywood, and academia.

John Lenczowski is the Founder, President Emeritus, and Chancellor of The Institute of World Politics.

More details [here](#)

4. 'The Art and Science of Intelligence Analysis' with Judy Hunt

25 October
Hume Center, Virginia Tech
Online

Intelligence Analysis provides our leaders and war fighters with the critical information needed to protect our Nation. This talk highlights the art and science behind the intelligence

analysis profession including challenges in data volume and integrity, cognitive traps, and interpreting cyber effects. Several experts will bring their “day-in-the-life” experiences with jobs in the intelligence community, cyber physical systems, and leadership for discussion with the group.

Judy Hunt is the Technical Director for the Senior Intelligence Analysis Authority at the National Security Agency (NSA). In this capacity, she advocates and guides the technical health of cyber and intelligence analysis.

More details [here](#)

5. Coffee & Conversation with John Cohen

28 October

Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA)

Online

Moderated by INSA's Larry Hanauer, Mr. Cohen will address the challenges faced by DHS I&A, focusing on its current priorities as set forth by Secretary Mayorkas, including domestic violent extremism, its work to protect U.S. critical infrastructure from attack, its ability to integrate open source and classified data, and its partnerships with state and local governments and the private sector.

John D. Cohen currently serves as the DHS Coordinator for Counterterrorism and Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

More details [here](#)

6. 'Ehtel Rosenberg: A Cold War Tragedy' with Anne Sebba

29 October

UK National Archives

Online

On 19 June 1953, Ethel Rosenberg was electrocuted along with her husband for espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union, orphaning their two young boys. Regarded at the time by J. Edgar Hoover as the ‘trial of the century’, the story of her execution has a much more human side; a tale of a woman with dreams of becoming an opera singer who instead found herself battling the social mores of the 1950s.

Join author and historian Anne Sebba as she brings to life Ethel Rosenberg’s tragic story with dramatic prison letters that Ethel exchanged with her husband, lawyer, and psychotherapist over a three-year period, as well as interviews with Ethel's two sons and others who knew her, including a fellow prisoner.

Anne Sebba is an award winning biographer, historian and author of eleven books. A former Reuters Foreign Correspondent, she is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Historical Research.

More details [here](#)

7. 'Intelligence, Espionage and Cromwell's Protectorate' with Alan Marshall

3 November
Cromwell Museum
Online

One of the main issues for the Cromwellian regime of the 1650s was its persistent worries over its own security and this meant the gathering of secret intelligence and the use of spies and informers. This talk will seek to explore the Cromwellian 'secret state' in action and it will ask just how the regime went about organising its notorious espionage networks and its covert foreign policy business. It will also examine how it used spies and informers, and whether the information it gathered by such a means was ever really as valuable as it seemed to believe.

Alan Marshall is Professor of Early Modern History at Bath Spa University. He has written and researched extensively on Cromwell, his military career and intelligence & espionage during the Early Modern period. His new book *Arcana imperii: a history of espionage in early-modern Britain, 1598-1715* is due out later this year.

More details [here](#)

8. Panel on 'Intelligence and Espionage: What's Next?'

7 November
John. F. Kennedy Presidential Library
Online

Join for a panel discussion with Mara Hvistendahl, investigative reporter and author of *The Scientist and the Spy: A True Story of China, the FBI, and Industrial Espionage*; Dana Priest, *The Washington Post* investigative reporter and chair of public affairs journalism at the University of Maryland; and Tim Weiner, author of *The Folly and the Glory: America, Russia, and Political Warfare 1945-2000*, examine key issues in intelligence and espionage with Tim Naftali, NYU professor of history and public service and CNN contributor.

More details [here](#)

9. 'An Invisible War' with Huib Modderkolk and Luke Harding

17 November
The Guardian Live
Online

Over the past six years, Huib Modderkolk's reporting has uncovered the frightening underbelly of international digital espionage. In *There's A War Going On But No One Can See It*, he takes the reader on a compelling tour through the corridors of the digital world, revealing the enormity of hacking, government spying and digital sabotage.

In this livestreamed event, Modderkolk will be in conversation with foreign correspondent Luke Harding, who has reported on Russia's interference in Western politics. In our fast-paced, globalised, digital world, do governments and the public really understand how vulnerable the digital world has made all of us?

More details [here](#)

10. Cambridge Intelligence Seminar

15 October
Christopher Andrew
Stars and Spies: Intelligence operations and the entertainment business

22 October
Philip Zelikow
9/11: Its Lessons

29 October
Helen Fry
Spymaster: A Life in Secrets

The Seminar will continue for now to 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 brief indication of your affiliation or interest in the Seminar.

11. NASIH Brown Bag Lunches

19 October
Alexandra Sukalo
The Soviet Political Police in the Republics, 1918-53

2 November
John Prados
Vietnam Nightmare: The CIA's Tet Offensive

9 November
Regina Kazyulina
Soviet Women and Intel on German-Occupied Territory

All brown bags take place on Tuesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 PM Eastern. More details, including registration links, [here](#)

CONFERENCES/CALL FOR PAPERS

12. Canadian Association for Security and Intelligence Studies (CASIS) Symposium

3-5 November 2021
Online

This symposium is hosted by CASIS and the Centre for International Policy Studies. It includes panels on 'The Impact of the Pandemic on the National Security Community', 'The Evolution of Canada's Threat Environment', and 'The Structure of Canada's Intelligence Community'.

More details, including speakers and registration links, [here](#)

13. The International Security and Intelligence Program (ISI) Cambridge

The ISI Cambridge is a specialist summer Programme which provides a unique opportunity to study with leading intelligence academics and practitioners in the historic setting of one of the world's foremost universities.

For four weeks, participants will attend lectures and seminars focused on the complex set of challenges that occupy the highest levels of government across the globe. These will be delivered by a diverse and accomplished team of scholars and include Special Subject Lectures delivered by prominent practitioners. In the past, these have included former Heads of MI5, MI6, GCHQ, the French Security Services, as well as top CIA and NSA representatives. Teaching is modelled on that offered by Cambridge University, the centre piece of which is small group teaching requiring individual research.

This Programme is for students and practitioners with an intellectual or professional interest in statecraft and the interlocking themes of intelligence, security, defence and foreign policy. The application round will start at the end of 2021. For more information, visit the website, follow us on Twitter (@ISICambridge), or email isi@thecsi.org.uk

14. The 2022 NASIH Conference

Hosted by the University of Calgary

Alberta, Canada
18-20 July 2022

The 2022 NASIH Conference will be a virtual conference. 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.

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 nasihconference@gmail.com by **1 December 2021**. A panel proposal should also include a 500 word panel abstract.

PUBLICATIONS

15. *Intelligence and National Security* 9/11 Retrospective

Stephen Marrin and Mark Phythian, editors of *Intelligence and National Security* journal, have prepared a collection of INS articles addressing aspects of intelligence performance before and after the 9/11 attacks. These are available for free download [here](#).

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Kind regards,
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