

Dear all,

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EVENTS

1. 'Returning from Islamic State: Risk and Response' with Jonathan Hall

27 February
KCL Strand, London

The question of repatriation is a polarising one, and the full range of issues is rarely understood. With mounting pressure on governments to take back their citizens, this talk examines the individual-based and protection-based considerations that are likely to weigh with decision-makers.

Jonathan Hall KC is the fourth statutory Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation appointed by the Home Secretary in 2019 and re-appointed in 2022. He was called to the Bar in 1994 where he undertook government and law enforcement litigation before all the courts of England and Wales, as well as the European Court of Human Rights, and in inquiries and inquests, with a particular focus on national security.

More details [here](#)

2. 'The Mystery of Havana Syndrome'

22 February
International Spy Museum, Washington DC

In December 2016, a US official in Havana went to the embassy medical centre to report a debilitating and confounding illness. The symptoms included headaches; nausea; hearing loss; problems with memory and vision.

A new investigative podcast peels back the layers of one of the most bizarre mysteries of the modern age. Join us along with Spy Museum historian/curator, Andrew Hammond, for a live panel discussion with Nicky Wolf, investigative journalist and host of the podcast; Marc Polymeropoulos, the CIA officer who suffered debilitating symptoms in Moscow; and Mark Zaid, the attorney who says new victims are coming forward all the time.

More details [here](#)

3. 'The Ukraine Conflict One Year On: An Intelligence Perspective' with James Acuna

1 March
Online

James Acuna has nearly three decades of experience in intelligence operations in both the public and private sector, including nearly 20 years as an Operations Officer with the Central Intelligence Agency.

More details [here](#)

4. A Morning with Nick Reynolds

24 February
University of South Florida, USA

Intelligence agents have existed in the United States since the Revolutionary War, but it took the Second World War to catalyze an industrious group of men to build something more: a powerful and global intelligence apparatus.

Nick Reynolds, author of *Need to Know: World War II and the Rise of American Intelligence*, takes a deep dive into that world of intelligence chaos and examines how the modern American intelligence system started to take shape at the end of the war.

More details [here](#)

5. 'Counterintelligence Today' with Alan Kohler and Mirriam-Grace MacIntyre

28 February
George Mason University, USA

A Chinese spy balloon flies over the US, Russian spies are being thrown out of several countries, TikTok is collecting your data, and foreign governments interfere in US politics. All are at the centre of the United States' counterintelligence concerns today.

Join the Hayden Center for an insightful conversation on today's counterintelligence landscape. Our panel includes:

- Alan Kohler, Assistant Director of the Counterintelligence Division, FBI
- Mirriam-Grace MacIntyre, Executive Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Centre
- Moderated by David Priess, publisher of 'Lawfare'

More details [here](#)

6. Central and South Asia Directors of Military Intelligence Conference

7 March
University of South Florida, USA

University of South Florida's Global and National Security Institute will be hosting the 'Central and South Asia Directors of Military Intelligence Conference'. This event will examine Russia's increasingly complex and assertive actions in the Central Region, as it seeks to challenge the U.S. and China for influence among the 21 member nations of the Central Region. In addition to military intelligence representatives from Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, there will be two speaking panels addressing the 'War in Ukraine' and 'Russia's Future Central and South Asia Strategy'.

More details [here](#)

7. 'Publishing with Intelligence' with Jan Goldman

13 March
Online

This information-filled seminar will discuss getting your article or manuscript to be published by an academic journal or obtaining a contract for a book. The forum will provide a book proposal template used by some major book publishers and how proposed articles make it through a double-blind review process for an academic publication.

Jan Goldman is Professor of Intelligence and Security Studies at The Citadel. His research areas focus on ethics and intelligence operations, secrecy, intelligence analysis,

psychological operations, intelligence in civil society, and intelligence education. He has over 25 years' experience working in the U.S. intelligence community.

More details [here](#)

8. 'Intro to MASINT' with Peter Humphrey

15 March

Online

Intelligence agencies are developing ever more sophisticated tools to sniff, scan, and zap both people and the environment, and collect ever more intelligence on the world around us. This “forensic intelligence” is a huge force multiplier. It is the key to understanding stealth, adversary submarines; confirming terrorist deaths; “Plan B” for destroyed intel satellites; tracking nuclear bombs; and peering at other weapons of mass destruction. Join us for an introduction to the too little-known field of Measurement and Signature Intelligence (MASINT) from Peter Humphrey.

Peter Humphrey is an all-source analyst: a researcher and writer with some 50 publications in the fields of intelligence, international affairs, and geophysics. He has worked as a diplomat, intelligence analyst, and international affairs professor, teaching at the National Intelligence University and National Defense University.

More details [here](#)

9. 'A Life Overseas in Public Service' with Rosanna Minchew

26 March

Online

Careers on the front lines of intelligence collection take officers around the world. From recruitment through training, deployment and promotion, this presentation offers a guided tour of what this unique career has to offer. In addition to the sacrifices that come with a life on the move and in anonymity, we'll look closer at the gifts of perspective and connection—personal attributes that can be of great advantage to those on the operations side of intelligence work.

Rosanna Minchew is a 15-year veteran of CIA with operational and leadership experience in Latin America, Europe, South Asia, Iraq and Washington D.C.

More details [here](#)

10. Cambridge Intelligence Seminar

24 February
Online and in-person

Simon Heffer
Chips at the Foreign Office

The pinnacle of a generally unsuccessful political career for Henry 'Chips' Channon was his time in the Foreign Office from 1938 to 1941 as PPS to RA 'Rab' Butler, the deputy foreign secretary. Channon forged a close relationship with him, and the Foreign Secretary of the time, Lord Halifax, was his wife's uncle. Did this give him privileged access to information about appeasement, the build-up to war and the conduct of the war itself? Or were cards being played so close to the chest that even some at the heart of the machine had little idea what was going on?

You can register in-person [here](#)

CONFERENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

11. Call for Papers: KCL Workshop on 'Trust and mistrust in intelligence collaboration on European security and defence'

16 June 2023
KCL, London

Intelligence in the service of European security is used both by states as well as hybrid polities such as the EU and military alliances such as NATO. The sharing of intelligence happens not only within the EU, but also among states, most notably the so-called five-eyes alliance led by the US. Yet, collaboration on intelligence for European security, including the sharing of intelligence by states with each other and international bodies, depends on sufficient levels of trust to succeed according to some of the literature.

While there is a consensus that trust is important, the concept is often either undefined, or conversely, stretched so widely that the conditions for trust are hard to distinguish from the requirements for effective intelligence cooperation itself. Furthermore, most authors concentrate on mechanisms and incremental processes for trust-building, but little attention is given to how trust may be lost, damaged and how it might be repaired.

Against this background we are inviting researchers at all career stages to submit brief proposals for contributions to be discussed at a workshop on the distinct role of trust and mistrust in intelligence collaboration on European security and defence matters. The workshop will take place on the Strand Campus of King's College London on 16 June 2023 – 8:30-17:00. It is conceived as hybrid event allowing for online participation but with a strong preference for in-person at least for participants from Europe. We have some funding to support travel and accommodation for many, but probably not all of the participants, especially from those outside the UK, to come to London. Early Career Researcher will be given priority in this regard.

Please send a title and a 300 word abstract to christoph.meyer@kcl.ac.uk by **27 February 2023**. Please also indicate whether you are able to attend in person and would require financial support to do so. A decision will be communicated by the end of March the latest.

12. Call for Papers: Conference on 'State-sponsored assassination in international politics, history, and law'

16-17 May 2023
Swansea University, UK

Dr Luca Trenta at Swansea University is organizing an interdisciplinary hybrid conference and workshop which will explore the role of state-sponsored assassinations in international politics, history, and law. The aim of the workshop is to identify a group of scholars to work towards a joint grant application. Due to the tight turn-around, we welcome full papers, short presentations, and round-table contributions. To express an interest, please send a 200 words abstract detailing your contribution and a 1 (or max 2) page CV to Dr Trenta at l.trenta@swansea.ac.uk by **Friday 31 March, 2pm UK time**.

13. Call for Papers: Conference on 'Innovation and Adaption of Intelligence and Security Services'

25-26 October 2023
Netherlands Defence Academy, Breda

The NISA International Conference 2023 aims to bring together academics, (former) practitioners and others such as persons associated with (semi-)government, NGOs and private sector who take an interest in intelligence and security.

The three main themes of the conference are geopolitics, culture and digital transformation of the intelligence and security services. We welcome different types of submissions: papers, presentations (without paper), panels and workshops.

Interested persons should read the CfP carefully and submit an abstract and resume (one-pager) before **1 April 2023**. We hope to inform you no later than 1 May 2023 which submissions have been accepted.

More details [here](#)

14. CFIHP Symposium on 'Accessing Historic Records on Intelligence and International Affairs'

5 May 2023
Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa

Researchers working in the field of intelligence and international history in Canada face two daunting challenges: locating archival records of interest scattered among a number of departments in Ottawa, and then accessing these records via the cumbersome Access to Information process. This symposium organised by the Canadian Foreign Intelligence History Project (CFIHP) will be an opportunity to discuss ways to address these challenges. It will bring together researchers, archivists and Access to Information specialists to share information and ideas.

More details [here](#)

15. BISC Conference on ‘The return of geopolitics in intelligence work’

20 March 2023

Club Prince Albert, Brussels

Sensitive geopolitical information appears to be vulnerable in today’s digital society and malicious actors are waiting for an opportunity to exploit the smallest security liabilities. But countries also try to interfere in (geo)political matters. The Russian interference in the French and German national elections in 2017 and in the Brexit campaign in 2016, clearly shows the interest in influencing the functioning of other countries. During this conference, experts from different countries will talk about the important role intelligence work plays in a geopolitical context.

The programme for this year’s Belgian Studies Intelligence Centre (BISC) conference includes the following presentations:

- Vira Ratsiborynska, *‘Cognitive Warfare, Role of Information and its Impact on Societies’*
- Giliam de Valk and David Vaandrager, *‘System analysis, a horizon scan of factors related to globalisation, competition, climate, and economy posing a threat to critical infrastructure’*
- Sven Biscop, *‘China and the future balance of power’*
- Nina Wilen, *‘Africa at the centre stage of the new illiberal world order’*
- Yvan De Mesmaeker, *‘The Corporate World: from Marketing to Competitive Intelligence’*
- Gordan Akrap, *‘The renewed dream of Greater Serbia and destabilization attempts in the Balkans’*

You can register [here](#)

16. The 2023 International Security and Intelligence (ISI) Programme

9 July – 5 August 2023

Magdalene College, Cambridge, UK

Chaired by Sir Richard Dearlove the former Chief of the British Secret Intelligence Service, the Cambridge Security Initiative (CSI) launched the ISI Programme in 2016. The purpose of

this unique programme is to provide an opportunity for participants to meet and work with leading academics and practitioners from the intelligence and security communities in the historic setting of one of the world's foremost universities. The Programme is run in partnership with the Department of War Studies at Kings College, London.

Teaching is modelled on that offered by Cambridge University and the pace is set by lectures and seminars designed specifically for this programme. The centrepiece for many students is 'supervision' – small-group supervision of individual research projects by experts in the relevant fields.

More details [here](#)

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Kind regards,
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