

Dear all,

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1. 'Challenging Conventional Wisdom' with John Mueller

11 January
Johns Hopkins University, USA

Join host Michael Ard for a curated conversation with foreign policy expert John Mueller. Professor Emeritus Mueller has research interests in international politics, foreign policy, defence policy, public opinion, terrorism and counterterrorism, democratization, economic history, post-Communism, musical theatre, and dance history.

More details [here](#)

2. 'Anglo-American Defence and Intelligence Cooperation in Outer Space' with Aaron Bateman

12 January
UCL, London, UK

This talk by Aaron Bateman (George Washington University) will discuss the Anglo-American space defence relationship during the Cold War, including a special focus on the President Reagan and Margaret Thatcher era, and the way in which the Strategic Defensive Initiative impacted the 'special relationship.

More details [here](#)

3. 'US Intelligence and its UK and Canada Partners in the Cold War and Beyond'

16 January
UCL, London, UK

This discussion panel will focus on three crucial topics regarding US intelligence in the Cold War: covert action, counterterrorism, and the issues arising out of the US Congressional Senate investigations into intelligence agencies in the late 1970s, known as the Church Committee. It will also examine some of these issues through the lens of the United States' relationship with Canada and the UK, both crucial partners in the Five Eyes intelligence sharing agreement.

Panellists are Rory Cormac ('*Covert Action and the Anglo-American Special Relationship*'), Steve Hewitt ('*Cold War Counterterrorism: The Emergence of the Post-Cold War Security Landscape in the 1970s*'), and Dafydd Townley ('*The Church Committee and the Growth of Intelligence Studies*').

More details [here](#)

4. 'J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century' with Beverly Gage

17 January
LBJ Presidential Library, Austin, USA

Beverly Gage, Professor of History & American Studies at Yale University, will give a book talk on her newly published *G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century*, a major biography of the former FBI director. Professor Gage is the author of *The Day Wall Street Exploded: A Story of America in its First Age of Terror*, which examined the history of terrorism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, focusing on the 1920 Wall Street bombing.

More details [here](#)

5. 'Virtual Spy Chat' with John Mulholland

19 January
Online

Join Spy Museum Executive Director Chris Costa and Lt. General (retired) John Mulholland for a discussion of the latest intelligence, national security, and terrorism issues in the news. As the former Associate Director of Military Affairs at the CIA, Mulholland previously served

as the senior military advisor to the Director of Central Intelligence. A career Special Forces officer, he joined the First Special Forces Regiment in 1983 and led a number of Army and joint special operations units, including as Deputy Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command.

More details [here](#)

6. Coffee and Conversation with Linda Weissgold

24 January

Online

In this 45-minute moderated discussion, Linda Weissgold will discuss the changing role of analysts in the Intelligence Community, the interaction of intelligence analysis and policymaking, and the rigorous application of analytic tradecraft with emerging technologies among other issues.

Linda Weissgold has been the Central Intelligence Agency's Deputy Director for Analysis since March 2020. In that role, she is responsible for the quality of all-source intelligence analysis at the CIA and for the professional development of the officers who produce it.

More details [here](#)

7. 'Operation Underworld' with Matthew Black

25 January

Online

Following the Pearl Harbor attacks, in the face of saboteurs, spies, and enemies of the state the US Navy empowered the Mafia to help them patrol the New York City docks and act as informants. Journalist and crime historian Matthew Black has uncovered this clandestine coalition that brought home-front enemies together. Black will discuss his new book *Operation Underworld: How the Mafia and US Government Teamed Up to Win World War II*, and how he came to uncover this hidden history.

More details [here](#)

8. 'George Blake: The KGB Spy who hid 100 yards from Burgh House' with Stewart Purvis

1 February

Burgh House and Hampstead Museum, UK

George Blake was a double agent who worked for MI6 and the KGB. In 1961 he was sentenced to 42 years in prison but escaped 5 years later from Wormwood Scrubs. While

everybody assumed he was on his way to Moscow he was hiding out with a couple who lived in Willow Road. Stewart Purvis, creator of the 'Hampstead Spies' guided walk, tells the whole extraordinary true story.

More details [here](#)

9. 'The History of Film-Based Intelligence Satellites' with Ricky Deutsch and Phil Pressel

7 February

Online

During the Cold War, the US initially used film in early reconnaissance satellites to monitor treaty compliance and enable intelligence gathering. The vehicle, Hexagon, was 60 feet long and took pictures from 100 miles up. The program was urgent and required cooperation between the CIA and the Air Force, guided by the National Reconnaissance Office.

This unclassified briefing gives a first-person historical look at how high-resolution images were not only taken but returned via parachute to be caught in mid-air. Ricky Deutsch was Operations Director for Hexagon, where his team at the Satellite Control Facility generated mission critical commands sent to the satellite. Phil Pressel was in charge of designing the stereo cameras (known as the optical bars) for the Hexagon satellites.

More details [here](#)

10. 'Spies who changed History' with Nigel West

8 February

Online

He tracked down the elusive World War II double agent GARBO in Venezuela. He identified and interviewed German Intelligence chief Admiral Canaris' mistress. He was responsible for the exposure in the early 1980s of British military officer Leo Long and retired diplomat Edward Scott as Soviet spies. And now he has identified the fourteen spies he believes made the greatest impact on the 20th century.

Join Spy Museum Historian Andrew Hammond in conversation with renowned intelligence historian Nigel West. They will discuss how West used newly declassified files and his own comprehensive knowledge to choose the Spies Who Changed History: The Greatest Spies and Agents of the 20th Century.

More details [here](#)

11. A Public Lecture with Sir John Sawers

16 February
University of Nottingham, UK

Please join us as we welcome University of Nottingham alumnus, Sir John Sawers, back to campus. Sir John has 36 years of experience in diplomacy and intelligence, culminating in five years as Chief of the British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) until he left public service in 2014.

As MI6 Chief, Sir John was a member of the UK National Security Council and the Joint Intelligence Committee, contributing to the strategies and policy decisions on how to promote and protect British interests around the World. He led the Service through a period of international political upheaval and high terrorist threat, including against the 2012 London Olympics.

More details [here](#)

12. 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](#)

13. KISG publications

Huw Dylan, David Gioe, Elena Grossfield, 'The autocrat's intelligence paradox: Vladimir Putin's (mis)management of Russian strategic assessment in the Ukraine War', *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations*

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/13691481221146113>

Huw Dylan, David Gioe, and Joe Littell, 'The Kherson Ruse: Ukraine and the Art of Military Deception', The Modern War Institute

<https://mwi.usma.edu/the-kherson-ruse-ukraine-and-the-art-of-military-deception/>

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

Kind regards,
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