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Cultures of Intelligence

9-11 June 2016

at the German Historical Institute, 17 Bloomsbury Square, London WC1A 2NJ

The workshop will investigate the current state of our understanding of national, international, transnational and comparative cultures of intelligence. Culture may be taken to include the role of intelligence services in society and/or the state, the representation of intelligence in the public sphere, or the interests, assumptions and operating procedures of intelligence.

The conference will interrogate whether there are distinctive national intelligence cultures. To what extent did co-ordination between national secret service traditions, their various cultural representations in literature and the media, and practical intelligence work, give rise to specific national cultures of intelligence? It will ask whether the intelligence field, by its very functioning, creates the 'secret service disposition' without which it could not function. It will further interrogate the existence of specific national habitats, the durable set of cognitive and affective dispositions rooted in early socialization, the characteristic ways of moving, speaking, and interacting with others that create and sustain the immediate complicity within a culture. The comparison of national cultures will open up the possibility that there is, in fact, an intelligence 'game', constituting an objective transnational complicity which underlies all antagonisms.

To register your interest in attending, please email Carole Sterckx by 3 June: sterckx@ghil.ac.uk

Thursday 9th June 2016

14:15 Introduction by Andreas Gestrich, GHIL

14:30 Key note: Peter Jackson, Glasgow
Political culture and intelligence structures in France and Britain
between the World Wars

15:15 Coffee break

United States – late but efficient? Chair: Michael Wala, Bochum

15:45 Philipp Gassert, Mannheim
America's Turn toward Internationalism and shifting Discourses on
Intelligence

16:30 Bernhard Sassmann, Mannheim
Bureaucratization vs. Publication of the Secret: American Intelligence,
Politics and the Media 1914-1947

17:15: Simon Willmetts, Hull
The OSS Field Photographic Unit: How the OSS used Culture

18:00 end of the first day

Friday 10th June 2015

Britain – the master of Intelligence?

Chair: Matthew Jones, LSE

9:30 Simon Ball, Leeds
Secret Histories: Writing for Power and Influence

10:15 Gerald Hughes, Aberystwyth
A very British Secret Service

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Michael Rupp, Potsdam
A 'British Way in Warfare' and the Modern Concept of Intelligence –
Professional Discourses on Intelligence in the British Military Periodicals
1919-1939

12:15 Jérôme aan de Wiel, Cork
"At every railway terminus there stands at least one G man". Irish
intelligence, red tape and bias, 1900-1916

13:00 Lunch

Chair: Simon Ball, Leeds

14:30 Alan MacLeod, Leeds
The Professionalization of British Intelligence

15:15 Christopher Murphy, Salford
The Man from AUNTIE: Documenting intelligence on the BBC

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Huw Dylan, Kings College
Culture, adaption and change in British intelligence in the transition from
world war to Cold War.

17:15 Martin Thomas, Exeter: After the war was over: Franco-Algerian security
cooperation in the 1960s

19:30 Conference dinner

Saturday 11th June 2016

Germany – a 'Sonderweg' in Intelligence?

Chair: Andreas Gestrich, GHIL

9:30 Frederik Müllers, Potsdam
On honour and spies: Civil and military discourses on intelligence in
Germany, 1871-1945

10:15 Markus Pöhlmann, Potsdam
The Evolution of the All-Source Military Intelligence System in Germany,
1890-1918

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Magnus Pahl, Dresden
Typically German? Working methods of Hitler's military intelligence

Conclusion

12:15 Sönke Neitzel, Potsdam
Was there a national culture of Intelligence?

13:00: End of the conference