

Conference Program 2018

New Perspectives on the Role of Intelligence in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe

**24th Annual Conference of the
International Intelligence History Association (IIHA)
in cooperation with the
Austrian Center for Intelligence, Propaganda and Security Studies
(ACIPSS) and the Centre for Southeast European Studies (CSEES),
University of Graz**

**June 8-10, 2018
Bildungshaus Mariatrost
Kirchbergstr. 18, 8044 Graz, Austria**

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2018

12:00-12:30 Registration

12:30-13:00 Welcome and Opening Statements

Shlomo SHPIRO, Chairman of the IIHA

Siegfried BEER, Chairman of the ACIPSS

Florian BIEBER, Director of the CSEES, University of Graz

**13:00-14:30 Panel I: Intelligence in Southeastern Europe from World War I until
Today**

Chair: Shlomo SHPIRO, Bar Ilan University, Israel

- Bogdan Alexandru TEODOR, 'Mihai Viteazul' National Intelligence Academy, Romania:
The Great War and the Eastern European Battlefield: The Role of the Romanian Intelligence
- Duncan BARE, ACIPSS, University of Graz, Austria:
Developing American HUMINT in Central Europe: The SSU/CIG and 'the Pond' in Early Cold War Budapest (Hungary)

- Christopher NEHRING, German Spy Museum Berlin, Germany:
New Perspectives on Bulgarian Intelligence

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-16:30 Panel II: Foreign and Domestic Intelligence Services in Austria

Chair: Siegfried BEER, University of Graz, Austria

- Dieter BACHER, Ludwig-Boltzmann-Institute for Research on Consequences of War, Graz, Austria:
Czechoslovakian Intelligence Services in Austria during the Early Cold War 1948-1968
- Przemysław GASZTOLD, Institute of National Remembrance & War Studies University of Warsaw, Poland:
Polish Military Intelligence in Austria, 1955-1990
- Paul SCHLIEFSTEINER, ACIPSS, University of Graz, Austria:
Publishing about Austria and Intelligence after 1945: Critical, Political, Anecdotal and Loathing, but barely Academic

17:00-18:30 Panel III: Intelligence during the Cold War I

Chair: Florian BIEBER, University of Graz, Austria

- Adrian HÄNNI, Distance Learning University, Switzerland:
Western Intelligence, the Pope and the Cold War in Eastern Europe: The strange Case of La Commission pour l'Eglise Persécutée
- Ivan BARIC, Zagreb Defence Academy, Croatia:
Conflict between Yugoslavia and the Cominform in the declassified CIA Reports – The Informbiro Period
- Igor LUKES, Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University, USA:
"Who Killed Secretary General Rudolf Slansky? Stalin? The CIA?"

19:00 Dinner

Keynote Speaker: Yossi KUPERWASSER, former head of the Israeli Defense Force Intelligence Research Division

Discussant: Shlomo SHPIRO, Chairman of the IIHA

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018

09:30-10:30 Young Researcher Forum

Young Researcher Forum I

Chair: Charlotte Backerra, University of Darmstadt, Germany

- Oana-Elena Brânda, Titu Maiorescu University, Bucharest, Romania:
The need for reform of the national security legislation in Romania
- Constant Hijzen, Leiden University, The Netherlands:
Of ticking bombs: Western security services against political violence and terrorism

Young Researcher Forum II

Chair: NN

- Andrei Babadac, Romanian National Intelligence Academy, Romania:
The Romanian Intelligence Service's role as guardian of the national security
- Dora Gelo, University of Zagreb, Croatia:
Fundamental problems between intelligence system and media in the context of transparency demands and secrecy requirements

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Panel IV: Intelligence and Terrorism

Chair: Wolfgang KRIEGER, University of Marburg, Germany

- Paul MADDRELL, Loughborough University, UK:
Terrorism in Central Europe: the Stasi as an International Terrorist Organization, 1950-1989
- John SCHINDLER, New York Observer, USA:
Black Actions: Yugoslav Intelligence and State Terrorism, 1965-1990
- Gordan AKRAP, Hybrid Warfare Research Institute Zagreb, Croatia:
Yugoslavian State Security Service and International Terrorism – German RAF and Yugoslavia

12:30-14:00: Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Panel V: Intelligence during the Cold War II

Chair: Charlotte Backerra, University of Darmstadt, Germany

- Cees WIEBES, Senior Analyst (ret.), National Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism, The Netherlands:
The Hungarian Uprising of 1956: 3000 Hungarian Refugees flee to the Netherlands and the Response of the Dutch Intelligence Community - A Historical Appraisal

- Simon GRAHAM, University of Sydney, Australia:
Ideology, Intelligence Cultures and Interdependence: A Transnational History of Intelligence in Soviet-aligned Central Europe, 1948-1958
- Daniela RICHTEROVA, University of Warwick, UK:
Communist Czechoslovakia, Revolutionaries and Terrorists: An Investigation into State Relations with Violent Non-State Actors

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Panel VI: Developments of Intelligence in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe after the Cold War

Chair: Anna ABELMANN, Ruhr University of Bochum, Germany

- Michal VASECKA, Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts, Slovakia:
Intelligence and Anti-Semitism in the Process of Modernization of Central Europe after 1989
- John NOMIKOS, RIEAS Institute, Athens, Greece:
Intelligence and Instability in Southeast Europe: Organized Crime and Illegal Immigration

17:00-17:30 Project Presentation: Cold War Eastern Europe

Francisco VIRGILI, Digital Resources Taylor & Francis

18:00-19:00 IHA Membership Meeting 2018 (for members only)

19:00 Dinner

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018

09:00-11:00 Panel VII: Oversight and Accountability: New Perspectives and Historical Discoveries

Chair: Richard ALDRICH, University of Warwick, UK

- Melina DOBSON, University of Warwick, UK:
"Waste, Fraud and Abuse": The Call for a Whistleblower Track in the Intelligence Community
- Sarah MAINWARING, University of Warwick, UK:
Regulating the swamp-attempts to develop Oversight for Cyberspace - 'from Clipper and TTP, to RIP'
- Jason DYMYDIUK, University of Warwick, UK:
NSA-Press Relations in a Post-Church Committee America

- Jules GASPARD, Dublin City University, Ireland:
Beyond Oversight and Beyond Control? Thatcher's private Secret Services in the 1980s

Discussant: Chris MORAN, University of Warwick, UK

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Panel VIII: Sharing and Gathering Intelligence in Times of Crisis

Chair: Michael WALA, University of Bochum, Germany

- Aviva GUTTMANN, King's College London, UK:
The Political Dimension of Intelligence-Sharing
- Ephraim LAPID, Bar Ilan University, Israel:
An Intelligence Triangle: Israel, Turkey and Iran – 1956-1979
- Natalia TELEPNEVA, University of Warwick, UK:
Agent SEKRETAR: Czechoslovakia in Africa and the Role of Human Intelligence during the Cold War

13:00-13:30 Closing Remarks

End of Conference

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Conference Venue:

The conference is going to take place at the Bildungshaus Mariatrost, Kirchbergstr. 18, 8044 Graz. The Bildungshaus can be reached:

- From the Airport: The easiest way is to take a taxi. The price is about 30€. Alternatively, the Bildungshaus can be reached by bus No. 630 (Airport – Graz, Jakominiplatz) and on with No. 220 (Jakominiplatz – Mariatrost Postamt/Kirchbergstrasse).
- From the Railway Station: The easiest way is to take a taxi. The price is about 15€. Alternatively, the Bildungshaus can be reached by bus 58 to Mariagrün and then bus E1 to Mariatrost end station. Price for bus/tram: one-hour ticket is 2,80€
- By Car: Follow signs to Universität Graz and then turn into Heinrichstrasse leading into Mariatrosterstrasse, turning right on Kirchbergstrasse; there is plenty of free parking at the Bildungshaus.

Registration and Participation Fee:

The registration for the conference is to be done by email to the IIHA Executive Director at exec_director@intelligence-history.org. The conference participation fee is **150 €** for non-members, **90 €** for IIHA members and **60 €** for students (members and non-members). This includes dinners on Friday and Saturday evening as well as coffee and lunch breaks during the conference. The conference fee can be paid either in advance via bank transfer at „Sparkasse Mainfranken Würzburg, IBAN DE05 7905 0000 0047 5072 56, BIC BYLADEM1SWU“, or directly at the conference registration desk before the opening panel. Please note that **we have no facilities for processing credit card payments** during the conference. For this reason, the conference fee can only be paid **cash in Euros**. Please therefore make sure you have a sufficient amount in euros before arriving in Graz. **Please register before June 1, 2018.**

Accommodation:

Participants arrange their own accommodation and travel. The following hotels/guesthouses are within walking distance to the conference venues and recommended by the conference organizers. Please book the rooms as soon as possible.

- Bildungshaus Mariatrost, <http://www.mariatrost.at/?mariatrost/home/index>
- Hotel Stoiser, <http://www.hotel-stoiser.at> (reservations for IIHA valid till April 27)
- Hotel Kirchenwirt Pfeifer, <http://www.kirchenwirtgraz.com>
- Gästehaus Plank, <http://www.plank.st/?site=1&lang=ger>
- Gruberwirt, <https://www.gruberwirt.at>