

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

## FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2018

12:00-12:30 Registration

### 12:30-13:00 Welcome and Opening

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-Alexander THEODOR, National Institute for Intelligence Studies, 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 Address**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018**

**09:00-10:30 Young Researcher Forum**

**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**

**16:00-17:30 Panel VI: Sharing and Gathering Intelligence in Time of Crisis**

Chair: Anna ABELMANN, 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*

**18:00-19:00 IIHA Membership Meeting 2018**

**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*
- Gisselle GWINNETT, University of Warwick, UK:  
*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: Developments of Intelligence in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe after the Cold War**

Chair: Michael WALA, 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*
- Christian CONTRO, University of Glasgow-Charles University Prague, Czech Republic:  
*The Czech Republic's Intelligence Community and its Approach towards Intelligence Sharing, in the Years between 1993 and 2010*
- John NOMIKOS, Rieas Institute, Athens, Greece:  
*Intelligence and Instability in Southeast Europe: Organized Crime and Illegal Immigration*

13:00-13:30 Closing Remarks

13:30 Lunch

**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](mailto: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 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>