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## ALL EVENTS ARE HOSTED AT

The University of Calgary Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning  
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### THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023

4:00 PM	Atrium	Reception table opens
5:00 – 7:00 PM	Atrium	Welcome Reception for all participants

### FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Forum	Publisher's Alley
8:00 – 9:30 AM	<i>various locations</i>	Panel Session A
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Atrium, Forum	Break and Film Short Screening
10:00 – 11:30 AM	<i>various locations</i>	Panel Session B
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Atrium	Lunch and Keynote by Ralph Sawyer
1:00 – 2:30 PM	<i>various locations</i>	Panel Session C
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Atrium	Break
3:00 – 4:30 PM	<i>various locations</i>	Panel Session D

### SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Forum	Publisher's Alley
8:00 – 9:30 AM	<i>various locations</i>	Panel Session E
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Atrium	Break
10:00 – 11:30 AM	<i>various locations</i>	Panel Session F
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Atrium	Lunch and Keynote by Wolfgang Krieger
1:00 – 2:30 PM	<i>various locations</i>	Panel Session G
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Atrium	Break
3:00 – 4:30 PM	Forum	Closing Ceremony with John Ferris

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8:00 - 9:30 AM

Panel Session A

## Forum (TI-160) World War I: Intelligence and the Human Element

Chair: Huw Davies, King's College London

*Friction, Feuding, and Fraud: British Diplomatic Officials and Human Intelligence Collection on Economic Warfare, 1914-18*

Avram Lytton, University of Calgary

*Memoirs and Diaries of American Intelligence Personnel of World War I*

Mark Stout, Johns Hopkins University, retired

*French Cipher, Secrecy, and Intelligence Cooperation with their Allies during the Great War: From Distrust to Trust*

Agathe Couderc, Sorbonne

## Studio B (TI-118) U.S. Intelligence from World War II to the Cold War

Chair: Philip H J Davies, Brunel Centre for Intelligence and Security Studies

*The US Office of Naval Intelligence and Soviet Naval Power in the Pacific, 1945-1947*

Hal Friedman, Henry Ford College

*Allied Counterintelligence Between the Wars, 9/3-9/4, 1945*

John Fox, FBI/U.S. DOJ

*Intelligence Support to Operation Husky: A Closer Examination of Ultra Relevant to the German Evacuation of Sicily*

Steve Jaskoski

## Studio C (TI-120) Espionage and Subversion in World War II

Co-sponsor: Second World War Research Group (North America)

Chair: Mary Kathryn Barbier, Mississippi State University

*Nicholas Bodington: SOE's Baker Street Irregular*

Paulette Pepin, University of New Haven

*For the (Intelligence) Record: Churchill, de Gaulle, Truman, and the Val d'Aosta Controversy, 1945*

Matthew Hefler, Center for Statecraft and Strategic Communication, Stockholm School of Economics

*The Foreigner: Hitler's Spy in the White House*

Mark Pruett, Article58 Research

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**9:30 - 10:00 AM**

## **Break and Film Short Screening**

Enjoy a break in the Atrium or join us in the Forum (T1-160) for a screening of the short film, "The Country's Call: The Story of the Falklands Conflict 1982", produced by the UK's GCHQ.

*The film summarizes the 1982 Falklands conflict, following the Argentine invasion of the islands on April 2, 1982. The film serves a prelude to the talk on GCHQ's role in the 1982 Falklands conflict by the GCHQ Departmental Historian, Dr David Abrutat.*

**10:00 - 11:30 AM**

## **Panel Session B**

### **Forum (TI 160) Drawing Lessons from Intelligence History**

Chair: Jeffrey Rogg, Center for Adaptive and Innovative Statecraft,  
Joint Special Operations University

*The Cold War Soviet Awareness Programs as an Example of Educating the Military*  
Bryan Leese, Naval War College

*Using Representation Heuristic as a Foundation for Counterintelligence*  
Carol Choksy, Indiana University, Bloomington

*The Country's Call: GCHQ and the Falklands Conflict, 1982*  
David Abrutat, GCHQ Historian

### **Studio B (TI 118) Intelligence and the Global Cold War**

Chair: Sara Castro, United States Air Force Academy

*Chinese Technological Inferiority?: A Re-Examination of the Chinese Communist Forces' Communication Intelligence and Security during the Korean War, 1950-1953*  
Zhongtian Han, George Washington University

*AMSTRUTting Their Stuff: Fidel Castro's Sister, the Brazilian Ambassador's Wife, and the CIA, 1962-64*

James G. Hershberg, George Washington University

*No Instructions or Green Light? US and Iranian Arms in the Yugoslavian Civil War*  
Melinda Haas, University of Pittsburgh, GSPIA

### **Studio C (TI 120) Issues in Cold War Intelligence**

Chair: Diana Bolsinger, University of Texas at El Paso

*Edwin Land: The Isocolon of Influence*  
Jack O'Connor, Johns Hopkins University

*Is Seeing Knowing? Libraries, Information, and American Public Diplomacy in Cold War East Asia, 1953-1978*

Connor Au Yeung, UC Berkeley Asian Studies

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## Studio C (TI 120) Issues in Cold War Intelligence (continued)

*Recruiting Agents in Postcolonial Africa: The Czechoslovak Státní bezpečnost (StB) in Egypt, Tanzania and Ghana, 1958-1974*

James R. Brennan, University of Illinois

## 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Lunch and Keynote Address

Join us for a hosted lunch in the Atrium and hear Ralph Sawyer's keynote address, "Shadows within Shadows": A sweeping characterization of the ever evolving objectives, concepts, and practices integral to intelligence acquisition in traditional China"

## 1:00 - 2:30 PM Panel Session C

### Forum (TI 160) Humanizing the History of TECHINT

Chair: Jeffrey Rogg, Center for Adaptive and Innovative Statecraft,  
Joint Special Operations University

*TECHINT vs HUMINT in World War II*

Presenter: Nicholas Reynolds, CIA Museum Historian, retired

*"Vital and Irreplaceable Facilities": How US Collection Sites in Iran Left Washington Hostage to the Shah*

Presenter: Diana Bolsinger, University of Texas at El Paso

*Overflying the Iron Curtain: Satellite Reconnaissance and the Quest for Strategic Warning*

Presenter: Aaron Bateman, George Washington University

## Studio B (TI 118) Intelligence, Institutions, and the Law

Chair: Laura Hartmann-Villalta, Johns Hopkins University

*Ralph Heyward Isham: A New York Yankee at the Court of British Counter-Subversion, 1918-1920*

Jock Bruce, Private Researcher

*Espionage, Counterintelligence and Naval Observation in the Mid-Atlantic During World War II: A Case Study of the U.S. Intelligence Campaign in the Canary Islands, Spain*

Marta Garcia Cabrera, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

*Convictions, Acquittals, and Appeals: Fascist and Nazi Spies at the End of World War II*

Benedetta Luciana Sara Carnaghi, Irish Research Council, Government of Ireland  
Postdoctoral Fellow, University College Dublin

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## Studio C (TI 120) Canadian Intelligence Activities

Chair: Jessi A.J. Gilchrist, King's College London, Ax:son Johnson  
Institute for Statecraft and Diplomacy Doctoral Fellow

*The Seven Ages of Canadian SIGINT*

Presenter: Bill Robinson, Research Fellow, Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs  
and Public Policy, University of Toronto

*The Central Intelligence Agency and Canada*

Presenter: Sam Eberlee, University of Toronto

**2:30 - 3:00 PM**

**Break**

Enjoy a break in the Atrium.

**3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

**Panel Session D**

## Forum (TI 160) Covert Operations in the Early Cold War

Chair: Sarah-Jane Corke, University of New Brunswick

*Secrecy and the Politics of Selective Disclosures: The US Government's Intervention  
in Guatemala*

Dr. Luca Trenta, Swansea University

*Project AEGEAN: The Development, Execution, and Outcomes of the CIA's OSO-OPC  
Joint Operation into Lithuanian SSR*

Mallory Needleman, American University

*Thailand and U.S. Covert Operations in Indochina*

Arne Kislenko, Toronto Metropolitan University

*Austria as Operational Basis for Western Intelligence Services' Covert Actions against  
Czechoslovakia in the Early Cold War*

Dieter Bacher, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on Consequences of War

## Studio B (TI 118) Intelligence Activities in the Soviet Union & Eastern Bloc

Chair: John Ferris, University of Calgary

*100 Years of the Chekist PR: From the VChK Publication Bureau to the FSB Public  
Relations Center and the SVR Press Bureau*

Filip Kovacevic, University of San Francisco

*Everybody Needs Help Sometimes: Facilitators of Soviet Defectors' Publications*

Presenter: Kevin Riehle, University of Mississippi

*Vladimir Pravdin, Man of Truth*

Presenter: Steven Usdin

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## **Studio C (TI 120) The Human Side of Intelligence**

Chair: John Fox, FBI/U.S. DOJ

*Emil Kliemann, aka Ernest Killburg, von Kaerstaedt: Slick Operator or Incompetent Handler?*

Mary Kathryn Barbier, Mississippi State University

*Admiring the Enemy: American Interrogation of German Prisoners of War in the United States during the Second World War*

Derek R. Mallett, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College

*Declassified: The Memoirs of CIA Women Case Officers*

Laura Hartmann--Villalta, Johns Hopkins University

**4:30 PM**

**Conclusion of Friday's Sessions**

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**8:00 - 9:30 AM**

**Panel Session E**

## **Forum (TI-160) Roundtable: Using Intelligence Documents in History: How to Learn to Stop Chasing Smoking Guns and Love the Memorandum**

Chair: Mark Stout, Johns Hopkins University, retired

Joel Christenson, Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Historical Office

Gary Keeley, History Staff, Center for the Study of Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency, retired

Mircea A. Munteanu, Office of the Historian, Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State

## **Studio B (TI-118) Race, Gender, and Culture in Nineteenth-Century Intelligence**

Chair: Timothy Sayle, University of Toronto

*The Transformation of Victorian Military Intelligence: Technology, Experience and Opportunity*

Huw Davies, King's College London

*To Russia with Love: Sex Work and Espionage in the Great Game*

Rachel Cleves, University of Victoria

*African-American Intelligence Contributions during the American Civil War*

David Welker, Central Intelligence Agency

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**Break and Film Short Screening**

Enjoy a break in the Atrium.

**10:00 - 11:30 AM**

**Panel Session F**

**Forum (TI 160) One Size Doesn't Fit All: Teaching Intelligence History in Myriad Academic Settings**

Chair: Kevin Riehle, University of Mississippi

*How to Raise an Intelligence Historian: Pedagogical Scaffolding at the Undergraduate Level*

Sarah-Jane Corke, University of New Brunswick

*Energizing Undergraduate Course Design with Intelligence History*

Sara Castro, United States Air Force Academy

*Intelligence History and the Future Practitioner*

Melissa Graves, The Citadel Military College of South Carolina

**Studio B (TI 118) Intelligence and the Middle East Playground**

Chair: Matthew Hefler, Center for Statecraft and Strategic Communication, Stockholm School of Economics

*Containing Colonial 'Renegades'*

Steven Wagner, Brunel University

*Historicizing the Late Ottoman Intelligence Activities: The Ottoman State Espionage during the Reign of Abdulhamid II (1876-1909)*

Arda Akinci, University of Salamanca (USAL)

*The 1927 Rome Understanding and Imperial Intelligence in the Arabian Peninsula*

Jessi A.J. Gilchrist, King's College London, Ax:son Johnson Institute for Statecraft and Diplomacy Doctoral Fellow

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Lunch and Keynote Address**

Join us for a hosted lunch in the Atrium and hear Wolfgang Krieger's keynote address, "Unexpected Pitfalls: Writing the Official History of the Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND), Germany's Intelligence Service"



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**1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

**Panel Session G**

**Forum (TI 160) Intelligence Theory, Culture, and Institutional Development**

Chair: Mallory Needleman, American University

*Counter-what? Understanding a Fundamental Dilemma in Counterintelligence through the Evolution of British Military Counterintelligence Doctrine, 1905-2020*

Philip H J Davies, Brunel Centre for Intelligence and Security Studies

*'Later on, I fear': Revisiting the Failed Plan for a Canadian SIS*

Timothy Sayle, University of Toronto

*Chinese Korean War POWs: Cryptography with Chinese Characteristics*

Greg Nedved, Center for Cryptologic History

**3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Closing Ceremony**

**Forum (TI 160) Remarks on the state of Intelligence History**

John Ferris, University of Calgary

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- Academic courses booked via Registrar's Office. After RO's deadlines, spaces can be filled with one-time requests.
- Gallery & Atrium can be booked
- Open, public spaces (not bookable)
- Washroom

## Area Map

