Welcome or welcome back to the intelligence seminar series. As in previous years the Lent Term Seminar will provide a forum for distinguished visiting speakers, the innovative intelligence research in progress in Cambridge and discussion. There is usually time in the latter part of each Seminar for members, if they wish, to mention newly-declassified documents in the archives and other recent discoveries. The seminar venue remains the New Combination Room at Corpus Christi College (entry via C staircase, New Court). The seminar commences promptly at 5.30 pm. The porters’ lodge at Corpus will provide further directions in case of need. If you have any problems please contact Peter Martland at spm14@cam.ac.uk.

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Friday 15th January 2016
Stewart Purvis & Jeff Hulbert will speak about their new book on Guy Burgess drawing on the recently released government files.

Friday 22nd January 2016
Sir Richard Dearlove, former Master of Pembroke College and Chief of SIS will speak about ‘Defence and Intelligence cooperation with France: a historical perspective’.

Friday 29th January 2016
Dr John Ash, Lieutenant Commander J S Ash BA, MPhil Royal Navy (ret.), Institute Associate, Scott Polar Institute and Dr. Grant Kopec, Visiting Research Associate, Cambridge University Department of Engineering and Managing Director, Foreseer Ltd will speak about ‘Environmental stress, national security and intelligence’.

Friday 5th February 2016 Please note that this seminar will commence at 2.00 pm
Dr Aaron Rapport (Fellow, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge) will speak about ‘Suez, 1956’. Because there will be a College feast on the evening of the 5th February our usual venue is not available. However we are meeting in the Harley-Mason room in the New Court. Turn right at the Corpus Porters’ Lodge.
Friday 12th February 2016
Alexander Korobko (Russian writer and film-maker): 'The DNA of Putin's Russia' (The presentation will include a short film on the assassination in London of Alexander Litvinenko, who visited the Seminar not long before his death)

Friday 19th February 2016
Peter Hennessy (Lord Hennessy of Lympsfield) and James Jinks will speak about Britain’s nuclear submarine deterrent which is the subject of a new book *The silent deep: the royal navy submarine service since 1945*

Friday 26th February 2016
Sir Simon Fraser KCMG (Permanent-Undersecretary at the FCO and Head of the Diplomatic Service: 2010-2015) will speak about "The National Security Council and the role of intelligence agencies in making foreign policy".

Sir Simon says: “I want to talk about how the NSC has worked over the last five years and how David Cameron uses it, drawing on examples such as Libya and Syria. And within that I want to look in particular at whether the composition of the Council and the creation of the National Security Secretariat is giving the Agencies too strong a voice in the policy process."

Thursday 3rd to Saturday 6th March 2016
The Easter Rising 1916: a three day centenary conference entitled ‘The Easter 1916 Rising in a global perspective’ will be held at Churchill College, Cambridge to mark this pivotal event. Further details to follow.

Friday 11th March 2016
Study Group on Intelligence [Please note change of time & Whitehall location]
11 am (coffee) for 11-30 to 3-30 pm: joint meeting (including lunch) with British Study Group on Intelligence at the Royal United Services Institute, Whitehall (not far from the MOD).

*Further details will be circulated.*