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The Seminar will continue for now to convene virtually using Zoom. In order to attend, you must be subscribed to our mailing list. The Zoom link will be distributed in advance of the session. To subscribe, please email Dr Dan Larsen (drl37@cam.ac.uk) with a brief indication of your affiliation or interest in the Seminar. On any technical queries, please email Dr Dan Larsen.

Seminars are not recorded.

5-30 pm BST Friday 7 October:

Tim Potier (Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tuft's University), 'The West's Future Policy to Russia and Ukraine, and the Role of Intelligence'

Professor Potier will ask two questions: What might peace look like in Ukraine, and how do you solve a problem like Russia? Professor Tim Potier has been living in and working on the countries of the former Soviet Union for nearly 30 years. During the past five years he was living in Moscow and working in the Department of International Law at the prestigious Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO-University). He left Russia almost one month after the 24 February invasion of Ukraine. He has recently been appointed Senior Fellow in the Center for International Law and Governance at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. A former member of Corpus Christi College, he was a Visiting Professor at the College in 2022 following his departure from Russia. During this time, he was working at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law as a Visiting Fellow.

5-30 pm BST Friday 14 October:

Dr Daniela Richterova (KCL), 'Hunting Traitors: Anatomy of a Cold War Kidnapping Campaign'

Throughout the Cold War, Soviet Bloc states were frequently accused of assassinating or kidnapping their political dissidents abroad. Nevertheless, due to limited documentary

evidence, we know little about the decision-making processes that enabled these 'sharp measures' and about how and why such top-secret foreign policies were planned and executed. Thanks to declassified documents from Czech archives, we can now get an insider look into Czechoslovakia's kidnapping campaigns in the 1950s and 1960s. By doing so, we explore how domestic political changes and shifts in Prague's relationship with Moscow impacted the use of this highly controversial tool. By zooming in on these well documented operations, we are able to better understand the dilemmas medium powers face when targeting 'traitors' and running high-risk covert operations on enemy territory.

Dr Daniela Richterova is Senior Lecturer in Intelligence Studies at the Department of War Studies, KCL. Her research and teaching focuses on Cold War intelligence history as well as contemporary issues related to intelligence liaison, counterterrorism intelligence, and intelligence analysis. She is currently completing a monograph which explores communist Czechoslovakia's relationship with violent Middle Eastern non-state actors - including the PLO and Carlos the Jackal (Georgetown University Press).

5-30 pm BST Friday 21 October:

Christopher Andrew (Corpus Christi College, Cambridge), 'The 60th Anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis: Intelligence and Preparations for the Possible End of World History' (illustrated)

As MI5 DG at the time of the missile crisis, Sir Roger Hollis (later wrongly accused of being a Soviet agent) knew that if a Third World War began, he was likely to end his days with the prime minister, War Cabinet, and senior intelligence and defence staff in a large underground bunker, successively codenamed BURLINGTON and TURNSTILE, in the Cotswolds. Professor Andrew's presentation will include detailed photos of the interior of the bunker. Though optimistically intended 'to act as the seat of government', in a Third World War it would probably have provided no more than a short-lived underground refuge for the remnants of British government while Britain was obliterated above them. This presentation will assess the role of intelligence in helping to prevent thermonuclear war.

Christopher Andrew's latest book (with Julius Green) is the paperback edition of *Stars and Spies: Intelligence Operations and the Entertainment Business*, published by Vintage on 13 October

5-30 pm BST Friday 28 October:

Matthew Brazil, 'Chinese Communist Espionage'

Matt Brazil is co-author with Peter Mattis, a previous speaker at the Seminar, of *Chinese Espionage: An Intelligence Primer*, the first comprehensive study based mainly on Chinese language sources of how Beijing's spy agencies developed from the Chinese Revolution to the present day. His most recent publication is 'China is Spying on Western Europe. Here's How to Fight It', *National Review*, 18 September 2022.

5-30 pm GMT Friday 4 November:

John Ranelagh, 'Intelligence Operations in Ireland 1919-21'

Marking the 100th anniversary of Michael Collins' death, this talk will examine Michael Collins' Intelligence apparatus and the British counteraction during the Irish War of Independence, culminating in Bloody Sunday in November 1920.

Dr John Ranelagh is a co-Convener of the Intelligence Seminar. He has written two books about the CIA and produced a BBC television history of the agency, has recently completed a forthcoming history of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and is currently preparing the fourth edition of the Cambridge Short History of Ireland.

Tony Craig (Staffordshire University), 'The Northern Ireland Information Service in Washington DC in the later years of The Troubles'

Tony Craig is an Associate Professor in the School of Justice, Security and Sustainability at the University of Staffordshire. His research primarily focuses on the contemporary security history of Britain and Ireland, including studies of political intelligence during both the Northern Ireland Troubles and throughout Britain's end of empire.

5-30 pm GMT Friday 11 November:

Jonathan Haslam (Corpus Christi College, Cambridge), 'Death in the Jungle: Havana, Moscow, Tanya and El Che, 1967'

From 1959 Che Guevara was the second most important figure in the Cuban régime under Fidel Castro. He built a command economy on the back of extensive Soviet, Czech and East German aid. The installation of ballistic missiles by Nikita Khrushchev in 1962 and their abrupt unilateral removal under threat from John Kennedy, condemned by Havana, showed the price paid. Cuba's only hope of independence lay in the creation of "many Vietnams" in Latin America. The mainspring was launched from Cuba into Bolivia (1966-67) as the epicentre of operations in the hemisphere. But the Bolivian communist party backed out, agent Tanya (Soviet intelligence) was sloppy, French operative Michel Debray was captured, and from him CIA discovered the presence of 'El Che'. It executed Guevara and cut off his hands for finger print identification. CIA then spread the damaging myth that the entire expedition was Che's personal endeavour; that Castro had left him to fight and perish unsupported in the jungle. Moscow was totally unsympathetic. The independence of Fidel's revolution died with him.

Jonathan Haslam's most recent book is *The Spectre of War. International Communism and the Origins of World War II* (Princeton University Press, 2021). The manuscript on the first decade of the Cuban revolution is awaiting approval. He now has a contract with Head of Zeus for a book on the roots of Putin's war against Ukraine from 1991.

5-30 pm GMT Friday 18 November:

Danny Orbach, 'West German Intelligence, KGB Mole Heinz Felfe, and the Peculiar Character of Mole Exposure Scandals'

The early history of the postwar, West German foreign intelligence service is replete with accounts of former Nazi security organization personnel who were recruited by the newly

founded service thanks to their professional experience, connections and anti-Soviet credentials only to later be exposed as Soviet moles, double agents or freelance intelligence peddlers. This talk will focus on the desperate attempts of West German intelligence leaders to mitigate such scandals, exposing themselves and their organization to dangerous blowbacks. By doing so, we will show that the reaction of a secret service to impending exposure of moles can be even more harmful than the moles' actual activity. The talk is based on the presenter's book, *Fugitives: A History of Nazi Mercenaries during the Cold War*.

Danny Orbach is an associate professor in the History and Asian Studies Departments at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He has published extensively on the modern history of Japan, Germany and the Middle East, focusing on military coups d'état, political assassinations, disobedience of officers, military adventurers, intelligence and espionage in the Cold War, irregular warfare, and the dynamics of unsanctioned military massacres. Among his books: *The Plots against Hitler* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/Head of Zeus), *Curse on this Country: The Rebellious Army of Imperial Japan* (Cornell University Press) and *Fugitives: A History of Nazi Adventurers during the Cold War* (Pegasus/Hurst).

5-30 pm GMT Friday 25 November:

Neil Kent (Scott Polar Institute), 'Belarus: Is it a failing state?'

This talk will consider Belarus's historic past, a land divided amongst its neighbours, with a plethora of religious confessions. The focus will then shift to the Lukashenko era and how its unique identity developed over that period, and the talk will conclude with what has happened since its failed democratic revolution and current risks to its very existence as an independent state.