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This term the Seminar will 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 with a brief note including your affiliation and interest in the Seminar. On any technical queries, please email Dr Dan Larsen.

5-30 pm Friday 9 October:

Sir David Omand (former Director of GCHQ, Visiting Professor KCL, Honorary Fellow, Corpus Christi College): 'How Spies Think: 10 Lessons in Intelligence'

A preview of Sir David's forthcoming book to be published by Viking later this month

5-30 pm Friday 16 October:

Dr Dan Larsen (Trinity College): 'A US 'Official Secrets Act'? A New Look at the Espionage Act of 1917'

Dan Larsen's next book, *Plotting for Peace: American Peacemakers, British Codebreakers, and Britain at War, 1914-1917* will be published by CUP in January 2021

5-30 pm Friday 23 October:

Edmund Fitton-Brown will discuss his work as Coordinator of UN sanctions on ISIL, Al-Qaida and the Taliban

He heads the UN equivalent of the UK's JTAC, specifically for these groups. For its most recent published report, see: <https://www.undocs.org/S/2020/415>

5-30 pm Friday 30 October:

Dr Thomas Maguire (KCL): 'Informing the Influencers: intelligence, propaganda and covert action during the Cold War'

Thomas Maguire's next book, *The intelligence-propaganda nexus: British and American covert action in Cold War Southeast Asia* will be published next year by OUP

5-30 pm Friday 6 November:

Prof Eunan O'Halpin (Trinity College Dublin): 'British intelligence and Ireland, 1919-1925'

Prof Halpin has just had new books published, which will inform the background of his talk: *The Dead*

of the Irish Revolution and Kevin Barry: An Irish Rebel in Life and Death.

5-30 pm Friday 13 November:

Dr Daniela Richterova (Brunel University, London): 'Banking on Military Assistance: Czechoslovakia's Struggle for Influence and Profit in the Third World'

The talk explores Czechoslovakia's ambitious Cold War military assistance program to countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Driven by the desire to obtain political influence and hard currency, the program involved the delivery of arms, military technology, and training to select clients. However, Czechoslovakia faced many challenges, as the country struggled to offer quality training to Third World partners and to control foreign soldiers who often challenged military discipline and social order. Tune in to hear more about how Prague was annoyed with unruly Cuban pilots, how it feared 'nosy' Egyptian soldiers, and why it was forced to train Indonesian pilots suffering from airsickness.

5-30 pm Friday 20 November:

Prof Christopher Andrew (Corpus Christi College, Cambridge): 'The Rise of Women Intelligence Officers: From Jane Sissmore and the 'Barmy Breezies' to Gina Haspel and Rachel Noble' (illustrated)

Until two years ago no woman had ever become head of a US intelligence agency. Today, the three top jobs in CIA are all held by women. Within the Five Eyes, two of the five heads of the SIGINT agencies are now also female. The little-studied gender revolution in Western (but not Russian and Chinese) intelligence has its long-term origins in WW1 with Jane Sissmore and the 'Barmy Breezies' in MI5.

5-30 pm Friday 27 November:

Dr Molly Pucci (Trinity College Dublin): 'Security Empire: The Communist Secret Police and the Making of the Eastern Bloc'

Molly Pucci will discuss her new book, *Security Empire, the Secret Police in Communist Eastern Europe* (Yale University Press, 2020). This book examines the history of early secret police forces in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and East Germany in the aftermath of the Second World War. Pucci delves into the ways their origins diverged from the original Soviet model based on differing interpretations of communism and local histories. She also illuminates the difference between veteran agents who fought in foreign wars and younger, more radical agents who combatted "enemies of communism" in the Stalinist terror in Eastern Europe.

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