



**CAMBRIDGE INTELLIGENCE SEMINAR:
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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 (drl37@cam.ac.uk) with a very brief indication of your affiliation or interest in the Seminar. On any technical queries, please email Dr Dan Larsen.

5-30 pm Friday 30 April

Simon Heffer: 'The View from Belgrave Square: Chips Channon's inside view of the Abdication'

This presentation expands on the revelations on the Abdication in Professor Heffer's recent bestselling edition of the 'Chips' Channon Diaries.

Tim Schmalz: 'The King and His Viennese Minister: Edward's Relationship with Austria before and after the Abdication'

Anglo-Austrian relations in the mid-1930s has often been placed in the shadow of 'appeasement' narratives, yet the repeated presence of Edward in Austria throughout the 1930s was interpreted by British diplomats in Vienna and international observers alike as anything but.

5-30 pm Friday 7 May

Christopher Andrew and Daniela Richterova: 'Intelligence Agencies' use of Twitter and other social media: Towards a global comparison (illustrated)'

There have been notable developments even since the start of this academic year on issues ranging from recruitment of LGBT+ and minority intelligence personnel to the Duke of Edinburgh's support for SIS/MI6. There remain, however, major differences as well as some continuities in the use of social media by the world's intelligence agencies.

5-30 pm Friday 14 May

Rebecca Turkington: 'New Research and Policy Directions on Women, Gender, and Terrorism'



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Women have perpetrated and supported political violence throughout history, yet the security and criminal justice sectors continue to overlook and underestimate the consequences of their participation. At the same time, counterterrorism and CVE policies have distinctly gendered effects on target populations that can exacerbate existing inequalities and undermine women's human rights. Institutionalizing a focus on women and gender is critical to effectively addressing the evolving threat landscape—from the return of women ISIS affiliates to gender in the alt-right and rising misogynist extremism. This discussion will review recent scholarship on emerging trends and suggest a research agenda to respond to new areas of policy focus.

Rebecca Turkington is a Gates Cambridge Scholar and PhD student in History at Cambridge University. She previously worked on gender, security, and foreign policy as Assistant Director of Women and Foreign Policy Program at the Council on Foreign Relations, and at the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace, and Security.

5-30 pm 21 May

Alan Judd, 'Fact and Fiction in British Intelligence from Christopher Marlowe to post-Brexit MI6'

Alan Judd's latest book, *A Fine Madness: A novel inspired by the life and death of Christopher Marlowe* (Simon & Schuster), was *Sunday Times* novel of the month. This remarkable novel uses the reliable historical evidence on Marlowe's career as the basis for an imaginatively plausible reconstruction of what remains unknown about his life and death as a spy. Marlowe, Corpus alumnus and the first playwright spy, is hon. founder of the Seminar. Judd's Thoroughgood novels (in the latest of which Thoroughgood becomes C) are widely considered the best so far published on SIS/MI6 today. His non-fiction books include the path-breaking, *The Quest for Mansfield Cumming and the Founding of the Secret Service*.

5-30 pm Friday, 28 May

Brendan Simms, 'Hitler and the United States'

Nearly eighty years ago, Adolf Hitler declared war on the United States, sealing the fate of the Third Reich. This decision has puzzled many, and has often been attributed to faulty intelligence and a mistaken understanding of America. In fact, Hitler understood the power of the US very well, and his decision to take the plunge, though disastrous, was not simply born of stupidity and insouciance.

Brendan Simms is the Director of the Center for Geopolitics, Cambridge. He is the author of [*Hitler: Only the World Was Enough*](#) (Penguin 2019) and (with Charlie Laderman) of the forthcoming [*Hitler's American Gamble: Pearl Harbour and Germany's March to Global War*](#).

Dr Dan Larsen will also offer remarks comparing the United States' entry into the Second World War in 1941 with its earlier entry into the First, in 1917. His new book, [*Plotting for Peace: American Peacemakers, British Codebreakers, and Britain at War, 1914-1917*](#)



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(Cambridge University Press, 2021), places the United States at the centre of British decision-making prior to the US entry into the war.