

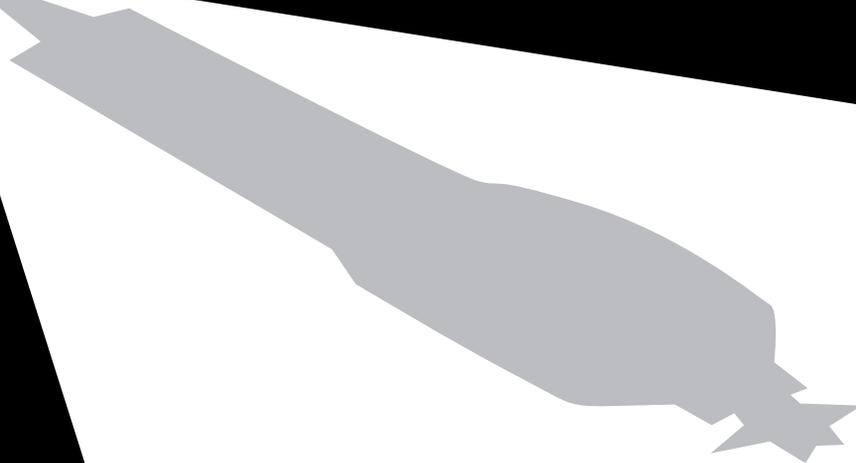
NEED-TO-KNOW XIII

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**Need to Know XIII and the 2024 IIHA Annual  
Conference: Intelligence in Central and Eastern  
Europe (Intermarium) and the Soviet (Russian)  
Factor**

Warsaw, October 14–16, 2024

The President Lech Kaczyński Central History Point  
107 Marszałkowska street, Warsaw



# 14 October 2024

16.00–17.30 **Young Researchers Forum**

**Chair:** Jacek Tebinka (University of Gdańsk)

**Suzanne Freemann** (Massachusetts Institute of Technology):  
Soviet KGB during the Contemporary War in Ukraine: Insights  
Gained from a Broader Archival Approach

**Jesper Jørgensen** (University of Southern Denmark):  
Intelligence and Activism in the Short 20th Century

**Mary Barton** (University of Washington): Intelligence and  
Proliferation of Small Arms in the 1920s

**Matteo Giurco** (University of Florence): No One, and One  
Hundred Thous. The Arduous Pursuit for the History of Italian  
Intelligence Services

18.00–19.00 **Annual meeting IIHA (members only, there is a possibility  
to join IIHA during the conference)**

# 15 October 2024

- 8.00–9.00 **Registration**
- 9.00–9.30 **Introduction**
- 9.30–11.15 **Panel I: Russian/Soviet Intelligence and East-Central Europe**
- Chair:** Bernd Schaefer (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars)
- 9.30–9.45 **Władysław Buthak** (Institute of National Remembrance),  
**Thomas Wegener Friis** (University of Southern Denmark):  
Russian/Soviet Espionage in Interwar. Past and Present
- 9.45–10.00 **Tomas Sniegon** (Lund University): The Ideology of Chekism'  
in the Soviet Union (and Post-Soviet Russia)
- 10.00–10.15 **Mark Kramer** (Harvard University): The Soviet KGB and Moscow's  
Concerns about Western Attempts to Undermine the USSR
- 10.15–10.30 **Elena Grossfeld** (King's College London): Bio-gees and Combat  
Mosquitoes – the Revival of KGB's Strategic Narratives
- 10.30–10.45 **Barak Bouks, Shlomo Shpiro** (Bar-Illan University): Russian  
and Iranian Intelligence Influence Operations in the Ukraine  
and Gaza Wars
- 11.15–11.30 **Coffee break**

11.30–13.00 **Panel II: Soviet/Russian Intelligence and Counterintelligence Operations in the Region**

**Chair:** Sylwia Szyk (Institute of National Remembrance)

11.30–11.45 **Magdolna Baráth** (Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security): A Failed Attempt to Build a Hungarian-Soviet Intelligence Network in South-Eastern Europe in the Late 1940s

11.45–12.00 **Kevin Riehle** (Brunel University London): The KGB's Use of Austria as a Facilitation Venue for Illegals Operations

12.00–12.15 **Tomasz Kozłowski** (Institute of National Remembrance): From Reshuffle to Coup d'État. KGB Plan to Overthrow the First Secretary of the Polish Communist Party in 1981

12.15–12.30 **Douglas Selvage** (German Federal Archive): Active Measures in Service of Empire: the KGB, its fraternal Organs, and the Intermarium, 1966–1989

13.00–14.15 **Lunch break**

14.15–15.45 **Panel III: The Communist Intelligence Community**

**Chair:** Henry Plater-Zyberk (The Russian/Ukrainian Security Digest)

14.15–14.30 **János Kemény** (National University of Public Service in Budapest): The Hungarian (Communist) Intelligence Looking Eastwards through the West

14.30–14.45 **Przemysław Gasztold** (Institute of National Remembrance): No Longer Friends, Not Yet Enemies? The Relationship Between Polish and Soviet Military Intelligence, 1989–1990

- 14.45–15.00 **Paul Maddrell** (Loughborough University): Big Brother, Little Brother: the Stasi and the MGB/KGB, 1950–1989
- 15.00–15.15 **Nadia Boyadiyeva** (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences): Bulgaria’s Intelligence Connections with the Soviet KGB and GRU
- 15.45–16.00 **Coffee break**
- 16.00–17.15 **Panel IV: Lessons in Counterintelligence**
- Chair:** Shlomo Shpiro (Bar-Illan University)
- 16.00–16.15 **Dieter Bacher** (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on the Consequences of War): Dealing an “OUCH”. CIC Activities against Soviet Intelligence in Cold War Austria, 1953–1957
- 16.15–16.30 **Benjamin B. Fischer** (former CIA chief historian): Master of the Spy Game: Rem Krasilnikov and the Destruction of CIA Moscow Station
- 16.30–16.45 **Ines Reich, Enrico Heitzer** (Brandenburg Memorials Foundation): All spies? On Persecution Practices of the Soviet Secret Services in the Years after WWII Using the Example of Soviet Military Counterintelligence in Potsdam and Soviet Special Camp No 7/No 1 in Weesow and Sachsenhausen, 1945–1950

# 16 October 2024

9.00–10.40 **Panel V: Intelligence in Intermarium in Interwar Period**

**Chair:** Wolfgang Krieger (University of Marburg)

9.00–9.15 **Andrejs Gusachenko** (University of Latvia): Interaction Between Secret Services and Russian Anti-Bolsheviks in Latvia in the First Half 1920s

9.15–9.30 **Igor Kopõtin** (Estonian Military Academy): Bureau Cellarius: the Abwehr in the Eastern Baltic on the eve of the Second World War

9.30–9.45 **Juho Kotakallio** (University of Helsinki): Observing Soviet Russia on the Shores of the Baltic Sea. The Anglo-Finnish Intelligence Cooperation, 1918–1939

9.45–10.00 **Tilman Lüdke** (Arnold Bergstraesser Institut) Near and Middle East, Soviet Muslim Nationalists in Poland and Beyond: Coveted by Hostile Parties

10.40–11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00–12.15 **Panel VI: Intelligence and Counterintelligence Operations against Soviet/Russian Intelligence and Russian State and Community**

**Chair:** Charlotte Backerra (University of Göttingen)

11.00–11.15 **Aiga Bērziņa-Kite** (University of Latvia): Political Police of Republic of Latvia: Introduction of Civilian Counterintelligence, 1919–1924

- 11.15–11.30 **Mika Sounpää** (University of Turku): State Police Counterintelligence Practices and Surveillance of the Russian Émigré Community in Finland, 1939–1944
- 11.30–11.45 **Richard Skaife** (Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) British Army): German Planning and Intelligence Limitations – Operation Barbarossa
- 12.15–13.30 **Lunch break**
- 13.00–15.00 **Panel VII: Soviet/Russian Intelligence Operations in Border Regions (Cases)**
- Chair:** Peer Henrik Hansen (Museum Langeland)
- 13.30–13.45 **Zi Yang** (Nanyang Technological University): Stalin’s Spies Versus Stalin’s Pawn. The Rise and Recoil of Soviet Influence in Interwar Xinjiang
- 13.45–14.00 **Aleksandar Životić** (Belgrade University): Soviet Military Intelligence and the Kingdom of Yugoslavia, 1934–1941
- 14.00–14.15 **Marek Hańderek** (Institute of National Remembrance): The Role of Polish Intelligence in Soviet Intelligence Assessment of the Situation in People's China during the Cultural Revolution
- 14.15–14.30 **Catalin Costea** (University of Bucharest): The Soviet Union Military Intelligence (GRU) Activities and its Role in Romanian Revolution
- 15.00–16.00 **End of the conference and the presentation of the next conference venue and idea**



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