

International Scientific Conference
“Technology in the Service of Eastern Bloc State Security Organs”
9 June 2026, Warsaw

Program

9:00-9:15 – Opening of the conference – Deputy President of the Institute of National Remembrance **Karol Polejowski, PhD, DSc**, Director of the IPN’s Archive **Marzena Kruk**

Panel I – Operational Technique and Intelligence

Moderator: **Magdalena Dźwigał** (IPN’s Archive, Poland)

9:15-9:35 – **Witold Bagiński, PhD** (IPN’s Archive, Poland) – Technical Equipment Used by Polish Foreign Intelligence During the Cold War

9:35-9:55 – **Peter Rendek** (The Security Services Archive, ABS, Czech Republic) – Czechoslovak Security Forces: Insights into Multiple Domains. An overview of the activities of Scientific and Technical intelligence, the internal computer systems of the State Security Service, and a brief look at Pharmacology and Poisons

9:55-10:15 – **Irina Tsukerman** (The Washington Outsider Center for Information Warfare, USA) – Technology as Control: Eastern Bloc Security Cooperation in Monitoring Dissidents, Émigrés, and Foreign Intelligence

10:15-10:35 – **Zaur Gouliev** (University College Dublin, Ireland) – Baku by Wire: Communications, Intelligence, and Influence on the Soviet-Iranian Frontier

10:35-10:50 – Discussion

10:50-11:10 – Coffee break

Panel II – Operational Technique During the Cold War

Moderator: **Grzegorz Wołk, PhD** (IPN’s Office of Historical Research, Poland)

11:10-11:30 – **Germina Ana Nagat, PhD** (The National Council for the Study of the Securitate Archive, CNSAS, Romania) – On Means and Ends of Political Police in Communist Romania

11:30-11:50 – **Kristina Burinskaitė, PhD** (Genocide and Resistance Research Centre of Lithuania, Lithuania) – Secret war against unarmed anti-Soviet movement: usage of secret operational methods

11:50-12:10 – **Paweł Skubisz, PhD** (IPN’s Office of Historical Research, Poland) – Arsenał tajnych gadżetów? Materiały i środki stosowane przez wywiad amerykański w działalności wywiadowczej na terenie PRL (1956–1990) w perspektywie SB / Arsenal of Secret Gadgets? Materials and Means Used by American Intelligence in Operations in the Polish People’s Republic (1956–1990) from the Perspective of the Security Service

12:10-12:40 – **Tomasz Krok, PhD** (IPN’s Branch Office of Historical Research in Warsaw, Poland), **Zbigniew Łagosz, PhD** (AGH University of Science and Technology

in Krakow) – The Apparatus of Repression and Psychotronics: State-Sanctioned Activity or the Search for Tools for the Creation of a Super-Agent?

12:40-13:00 – Discussion

13:00-13:40 – Lunch break

Panel III – Technical Equipment and its Use

Moderator: **Dawid Chomej** (IPN's Archive, Poland)

13:40-14:00 – **Detlev Vreisleben, Dipl.-Ing.** (Private Researcher, Germany) – The Photographic Techniques Used by the Stasi

14:00-14:20 – **Murat Döleker, PhD** (Ministry of National Education, Turkey) – Technological Integration in KGB External Observation Operations: Evidence from the Lithuanian Archives

14:20-14:40 – **Oğuz Şahbaz, PhD** (Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University, Rize, Turkey) - KGB Information Systems: Cybernetics, Counterintelligence, and the Automation of State Security

14:40-15:00 – **Monika Komaniecka-Łyp, PhD** (IPN's Branch Office of Historical Research in Cracow, Poland) – Specjalistyczny sprzęt operacyjny Służby Bezpieczeństwa PRL, jego produkcja w MSW oraz we współpracy ze służbami krajów bloku wschodniego w latach 1956–1989 / Specialized Operational Equipment of the Security Service of the Polish People's Republic: Production at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Cooperation with Eastern Bloc Security Services, 1956–1989

15:00-15:20 – **Witold Sobócki** (IPN' Branch Office of National Education in Poznań, Poland) – Urządzenie szyfrujące DUDEK. Powstanie urządzenia i jego wdrożenie w Ministerstwie Spraw Wewnętrznych PRL (1964–1970) / The DUDEK Encryption Device: Its Development and Implementation at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Polish People's Republic (1964–1970)

15:20-15:30 – Discussion

15:30-15:40 – Coffee break

Panel IV – Communications and Operational Technology in the Military

Moderator: **Paweł Sztama** (IPN's Office of Historical Research, Poland)

15:40-16:00 – **Daniel Povolny, PhD** (Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, ÚSTR, Czech Republic) – Technical Development and Tactics of Spatial Interception Operations by the StB in the 1950s and 1960s

16:00-16:20 – **Bartosz Kapuściak, PhD** (Museum of Cursed Soldiers and Political Prisoners of the Polish People's Republic in Warsaw, Poland) – Wynalazki i patenty wywiadu i kontrwywiadu Sił Zbrojnych PRL w latach 60. i 70. XX w. / Inventions and Patents of the Intelligence and Counterintelligence Services of the Polish People's Republic Armed Forces in the 1960s and 1970s

16:20-16:40 – Radosław Peterman (IPN's Office of Historical Research, Poland) – Systemy informatyczne w rozpoznaniu wojskowym / IT Systems in Military Intelligence

16:40-17:00 – Radosław Poboży (IPN's Archive, Poland) – Sprzęt filmowo-telewizyjny w Ministerstwie Spraw Wewnętrznych jako narzędzie działań operacyjnych / Film and Television Equipment of the Ministry of Internal Affairs as a Tool for Operational Activities

17:00-17:20 – Paweł Tomasik (IPN's Archive, Poland) – Technika w działaniach służb specjalnych w filmie fabularnym z okresu PRL (wybrane przykłady) / Techniques Used in the Operations of the Security Service in Feature Films from the Era of the Polish People's Republic (Selected Examples)

17:20-17:30 – Discussion, summary and closing remarks of the conference