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- Intelligence services ability to foresee major changes domestically
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- Plans and covert action to promote major changes
- Intelligence failures with respect to analyze historical events
- Intelligence services ability to adapt to a changing political environment (for instance in the 1990's)
- Governments' ability to control or reconstruct intelligence organizations after political change.

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Furthermore, papers looking at how Western Intelligence Services were able or unable to foresee and promote political changes in the former Warsaw Pact Countries and the Soviet Union during and after the Cold War, are especially welcome.

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