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International Conference “Need to Know IX: Intelligence and major political change” – Tallinn, 28–29 November 2019



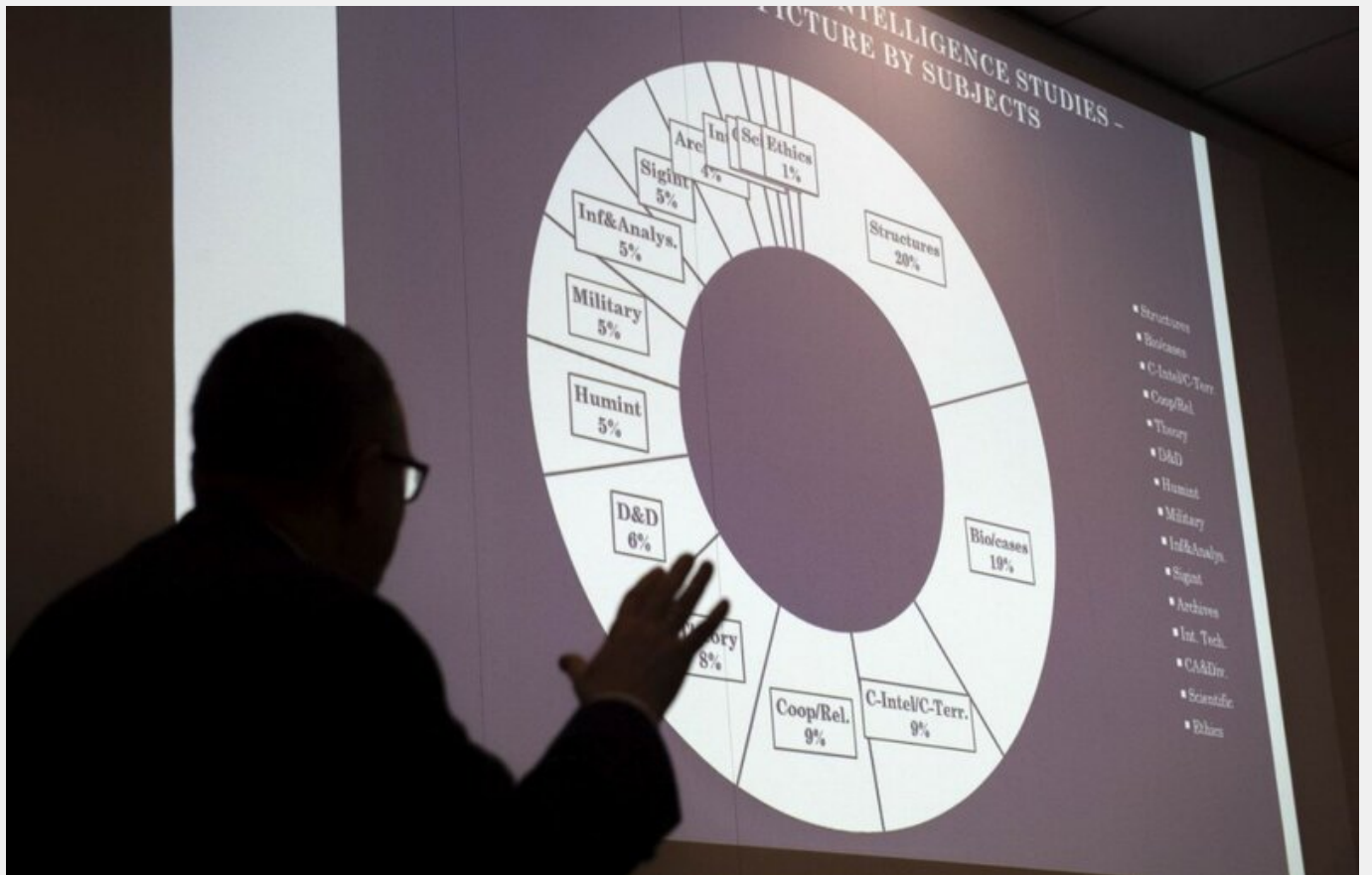






















On 28-29 November 2019, the international scientific conference 'Need

to Know IX: Intelligence and major political change' was held in Tallinn (Estonia). The conference was opened by the Deputy President of the Institute of National Remembrance Jan Baster, Ivo Jurvee from the International Center for Defense and Security in Estonia, Erik Kulavig from the University of Southern Denmark, the Danish Ambassador to Estonia Kristina Miskowiak Beckvard and the Polish Ambassador to Estonia Grzegorz Kozłowski.

The event is organized jointly by the Institute of National Remembrance and the Center for Cold War Studies of the University of Southern Denmark. This year, it was also organized by the International Center for Defense and Security (Estonia), the Norwegian Aviation Museum and the King's College of London (United Kingdom).

The very idea of organizing this type of conference stems directly from our common European and global experience, namely, the 20th century. In short, from the era of criminal totalitarianism, Nazi and communist, but also the ubiquitous and omniscient special services, including intelligence – the services of the German Third Reich and the Soviet Union, as well as those guarding the values of the free world.

The key issue was the global circulation of materials related to secret services from the IPN Archive and from similar collections stored by our partner institutions in countries such as Germany, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. As far as the IPN is concerned, this task, and maybe even an obligation, results directly from the provisions of the Act on the Institute of National Remembrance

adopted

in 1998 by the Sejm of the Republic of Poland.

The Need to Know annual conference on intelligence and counterintelligence enables researchers from countries that once constituted the "free world" of the West and from countries that were once enslaved or directly occupied by the Third German Reich and the Soviet Union to meet. From the very beginning, the second goal was also to create a group of colleagues and friends, intelligence researchers from around the world - to create the possibility of "networking."

Processes of political change and intelligence services are often interrelated. In popular culture, conspiracy theory of the hidden hand of secret services thrives, but what is the reality? The ninth Need to Know focuses on intelligence services ability to predict or even promote political change at home or abroad.

Conference-language is English.

The conference is organized by the the International Centre for Defense and Security, Institute of National Remembrance - Commission for the Prosecution of Crimes against the Polish Nation, the Center for Cold War Studies of the University of Southern Denmark, the King's College London, and the Norwegian Aviation Museum.

## **Program**

# **Need to Know IX: Intelligence and Major Political Change**

**Tallinn, Estonia, 28-29 November 2019**

**[need2know.net](http://need2know.net)**

**28 November 2019**

## **Venue:**

Majandus-ja Kommunikatsiooniministeerium (Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications) - Suur-Ameerika 1, 10122, Tallinn

9:00 – 9:30     **Introduction:** Ivo Juurvee (International Centre for Defense and Security)

## **Opening Speeches:**

Jüri Luik, Estonian Minister of Defence

Kristina Miskowiak Beckvard – Danish Ambassador to Estonia

Grzegorz Kozłowski - Polish Ambassador to Estonia

Erik Kulavig (University of Southern Denmark)

Jan Baster (Deputy President of Institute of National Remembrance)

## **Commentators:**

Erik Kulavig (University of Southern Denmark)

Jacek Tebinka (University of Gdansk)

## **I. Intelligence and Major Political Change**

**Chair: Michael Goodman** (King's College London)

9:30-9:45      **Lavly Perling** (Prosecutor General of Estonia): On Estonian recent experience in countering foreign espionage

9:45-10:00      **Michael Herman** (Oxford University): Intelligence Lessons of the Cold War

10:00- 10:15      **Mark Kramer** (Harvard University): The Soviet Intelligence Services and the Impact of the 1989 Upheavals in East Central Europe

10:15-10:30      **Władysław Bułhak** (Institute of National Remembrance): Transformation of intelligence services after the end of the Cold War and the Birth of the European School of Intelligence Studies

10:30-11:00      **Discussion**

11:00-11:15      **Coffee break**

## **II. 1924: Soviet Hybrid Warfare?**

**Chair: Michael Fredholm** (The Swedish Law and Informatics Research Institute)

11:15-11:30      **Ivo Juurvee** (ICDS): Planning and Execution of the

## Coup d'état Attempt in Estonia

11:30-11:45 **Tomasz Gajownik** (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn): The Communist Coup in Estonia in 1924 in a Papers of the Polish Military Attache in Rewel. The Case Study of Soviet`s Foreign Politics in the 1920s

11:45-12:00 **Igor Cașu** (State University of Moldova): Tatarbuniar Rebellion in Romanian Bessarabia (1924): an Operation of Soviet Secret Services or a Modern Jacquerie?

12:00-12:30 **Discussion**

12:30-14:00 **Lunch**

## III. West German Intelligence Services' Transformation

**Chair:** Aleksandra Gasztold (Warsaw University)

14:00-14:15 **Thomas Wegener Friis** (University of Southern Denmark): Dealing with the devil. Nordic relations with the BND

14:15-14:30 **Bodo Hechelhammer** (BND): "Dieser Dilettanten-Verein" - public criticism of intelligence

14:30-14:45 **Agilolf Kesselring** (Finnish National Defense University): From Cold Peace to Total War – How the Federal German Intelligence Service would have mobilized

14:45-15:00 **Helmut Müller-Enbergs** (University of Southern



Denmark): West Germany and the dissolution of the GDR

15:00-15:30    **Discussion**

15:30-16:00    **Coffee break**

#### **IV. New Archival Releases and Interpretations from East and West**

**Chair:** Karl Kleve (Norwegian Aviation Museum)

16:00-16:15    **Joe Maiolo** (King's College London): The US intelligence failure in Pearl Harbor?

16:15-16:30    **Michael Goodman** (King's College London): The new opening from the British archives

16:30-16:45    **Polly Corrigan** (King's College London): The background of the opening of the Ukrainian intelligence archives

16:45-17:00    **Rafał Leśkiewicz** (Institute of National Remembrance): The background of the opening of the Polish intelligence archives.

17:00-17:30    **Discussion**

**29 November 2019**

**Commentators:**

Paul Maddrell (Loughborough University)

Witold Bagieński (Institute of National Remembrance)

## **V. Transformation of Europe and Rise of Communism**

**Chair:** Bernd Schaefer (George Washington University)

9:00-9:15      **Kevin Riehle** (National Intelligence University):

Escaping Two Dictators: Czechoslovakian Intelligence Defectors from the New Communist Regime, 1948-1949

9:15-9:30      **Dieter Bacher** (Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für

Kriegsfolgenforschung): Social unrest or “attempted red revolution”?

The Austrian general strikes 1950 and the role of Soviet secret services and occupation as seen by British intelligence in Austria

9:30-9:45      **Cees Wiebes** (Netherlands): Nests of Communist

Spies? The Polish Legation in the Hague and the Dutch Embassy in Budapest

9:45-10:00      **Przemysław Gasztold** (Institute of National

Remembrance): Spies and Diplomats: Polish-Dutch Intelligence Rivalry

10:00-10:30      **Discussion**

10:30-10:45      **Coffee break**

## **VI. Dictatorships in Crises**

**Chair:** Anna Piekarska (Museum of Polish History)

10:45-11:00      **Sofia Tzamarelou** (Brunel University London): Post-

dictatorship intelligence reform in Southern Europe

11:00-11:15    **Miroslaw Sikora** (Institute of National Remembrance):  
Line "G". Reaction of OECD countries to economic transformations in  
Poland through the lens of civil intelligence service in the 80s.

11:15-11:30    **Marek Hańderek** (Institute of National  
Remembrance): Between threat and inspiration. Polish intelligence  
station in Beijing reports on Chinese authorities and pro-democracy  
demonstrators attitudes towards the "Solidarity" Movement in the late  
1980s

11:30-12:00    **Discussion**

12:00-13:30    **Lunch**

## **VII. 1989: the Major Political Change**

**Chair:**            Robin Libert (Belgian Intelligence Studies Centre,  
RUSRA-KUIAD)

13:30-13:45    **Nadia Boyadjieva** (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences):  
Bulgarian Intelligence services and Political Changes in the Eastern  
Bloc in 1989

13:45-14:00    **Daniel Běloušek** (Ministry of Defence of the Czech  
Republic): The Response of the State Security apparatus in November  
1989 - an attempt of self-preservation

14:00-14:15 **Kristina Burinskaitė** (The Genocide and Resistance Research of Lithuania): Why KGB missed soviet regime collapse in Lithuania?

14:15-14:45 **Discussion**

14:45-15:15 **Coffee break**

## **VIII. Beyond the Cold War**

**Chair:** Phil Gurski (Borealis Threat and Risk Consult)

15:15-15:30 **Danny Pronk** (Netherlands Institute of International Relations): Witness to Change. The Domestic Security Service and the Global 1980s

15:30-15:45 **Tomasz Kozłowski** (Institute of National Remembrance): Why can't we be friends? Establishing a relationship between Polish and American intelligence agencies in the context of political transformation

15:45-16:00 **Constant Hijzen** (Leiden University): Terrorism during the Holiday from History: how Western Security Services Dealt with Terrorism between 1989 and 2001

16:00-16:30 **Discussion**

16:30-16:45 **Meeting with Joseph Gilling - the editor on the Digital Resources team at Routledge, Taylor & Francis**

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