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By definition secret, intelligence is still a normal part of political life. Throughout history, governments, political parties and private interest groups have collected intelligence to gain an advantage. It is perceived as important for the survival of a state, but also a problematic field with opportunities for misuse and abuse.

The Need to Know conferences aim to stimulate research and discussions on the history of intelligence, with a special focus on the Cold War. A core focus is to explore new information and new interpretations following the opening of archives in East and West.

The aim of this year’s conference is to look at the intelligence legacy of World War II and the manner in which the intelligence communities of East and West adapted to the tensions of the early Cold War.

The conference language is English.

The conference is organised by the King’s Intelligence and Security Group (<https://kisg.co.uk/>), Department of War Studies, King’s College London; together with the 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; Norwegian Aviation Museum” Estonian International Center for Defence and Security and in partnership with the *International Journal of Intelligence, Security, and Public Affairs*.

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- Carolina Andrade (Adviser & Researcher at Igarapé Institute): Intelligence Systems in Latin America during the Cold War: A history from declassified archives
- Aleksandra Gasztold (University of Warsaw), Przemysław Gasztold (Institute of National Remembrance): Women, Femininity and Intelligence

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