

Network of Junior Researchers in Intelligence History (NJRIH)

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After the 17th annual conference of the IIHA, there was a meeting of junior researchers in the field of intelligence history. The participants, ranking from MA students to post-docs from all over Germany, stated unanimously that research in intelligence history still lacks a basis in study programs or institutional research efforts. Quite often, people interested in intelligence history have to overcome uninformed critics or are seen as merely “James Bond”-historians. Some of these problems are due to the fact that there is no widely acknowledged theoretical or methodological foundation for research in Germany.

For the promotion of intelligence history and the improvement of research, the junior researchers will organise a mailing list with further details (i.e. field of studies) of all participants. For the next years, more meetings such as this are planned, whenever possible in co-operation with conferences of the IIHA or other conferences. A formalization of the network seems plausible and eligible in the near future.

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