

**International Intelligence
History Association (IIHA)
2026 Annual Conference**

in conjunction with

**Georgetown University's
Kalaris Conference**

**ALLIES / AND
ADVERSARIES**

**U.S.-EUROPEAN
INTELLIGENCE
RELATIONS**

**Washington DC
29 September – 01 October 2026**



Day 1

Tuesday, 29 September 2026

YOUNG RESEARCHERS FORUM AT THE SPY MUSEUM

12.00 p.m. Arrival and Registration

1.00–3.00 p.m. **Introduction**

Mark Jacobsen, *Spy Museum*

Shlomo Shpiro, *Bar Ilan-University, Chairman IIHA*

Forum 1 Student Forum

Chair: Thomas Wegener Friis,
University of Southern Denmark, Odense

Arjun Venkatesh, *Georgetown University*

LBJ intervention in the DR

Julian Schirnding Yach, *Georgetown University*

Operation Eagle Claw – Iran

Brendan Ehrhart, *Georgetown University*

First Gulf War

Julian Tan, *Georgetown University*

Chinese intervention Korean War

Ryan Sarafoglu, *Georgetown University*

Soviet invasion Afghanistan

CC Mesa, *Georgetown University*

Bay of Pigs

3.00–3.30 p.m. **Break**

3.30–4.30 p.m. **Forum 2 Ph.D. Forum**

Chair: Wolfgang Krieger, *University of Marburg*

Ana M. Florea, *National University of Political Studies
and Public Administration (SNSPA), Bucharest*

Allies and Adversaries – U.S.-European Intelligence Relations.

Oliver Drewes, *University of Trier*

Intelligence Analysis in Comparison – Bureaucratic influences on analytical strength

Ante Batistić/Lucija Zadro, *Dr. Franjo Tuđman Defense and Security University, Zagreb*

Under the Lens: Croatian Dissident Bruno Bušić and the Yugoslav State Security Apparatus

4.30–5.00 p.m.

Break

5.00–6.00 p.m.

Forum 3 Ph.D. ForumChair: Charlotte Backerra, *University of Klagenfurt*Saoud Al-Eshaq, *Oxford***From the Shah to the Supreme Leader: Continuities in Iran's Intelligence Community**Luca Bracciali, *Leiden University***Beyond Failure: Evaluating the Accuracy of British Military Intelligence During Operation Market Garden**Ellen Beindorf, *University of Southern Denmark***British Intelligence in Schleswig-Holstein 1945–1955**

6.00 p.m.-

Conference get-together:

At the Bar of the Hilton Washington DC National Mall

Day 2

Wednesday, 30 September 2026

AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

9.30 a.m.

Arrival and Registration

10.00–10.30 a.m.

Greetings and OpeningHeidi Urben, *Georgetown University*Shlomo Shpiro, *Bar Ilan-University, Chairman IIHA*Thomas Boghardt, *Washington*

10.30–12.00 p.m.

Panel I

Chair: Gordan Akrap,

*Franjo Tuđman Defense and Security University*Anna Mazurkiewicz, *University of Gdansk***Making Friends: Ethnic Networks and the Social History of U.S. Intelligence in Poland, 1917–1989**Thomas Boghardt, *Washington***U.S. Intelligence and the Berlin Crisis, 1958–1961**Christopher Gunn, *Coastal Carolina University***Stay Behind or Roll Back: U.S. Covert Operations in Austria and Hungary, 1945–1948**Dieter Bacher, *Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for the Remembrance of War***The United States and the Establishment of Austrian civilian intelligence**

- 12.00–1.00 p.m. **Lunch Break**
Possibility of having lunch at the Georgetown Campus
- 1.00–2.00 p.m. **IIHA Membership Meeting**
- 2.00–4.00 p.m. **Panel II**
Chair: Mark Jacobsen, *Spy Museum*
Władysław Bułhak, *IPN/University of Warsaw*
The conspiracy to murder Polish doctors in the United States?
Susan M. Perlman, *Holocaust Museum & Georgetown University*
Letters from Vichy: US Intelligence and France's Collaborationist Regime
Ljuba Dornik Šubelj, *Ljubljana*
Missions Halyard and Ranger: the role of George Kraigher in World War II
Nicholas Reynolds, *Washington*
No Straight Line: How American Intelligence Grew and Formed Alliances in World War II
Kevin C. Ruffner, *Washington*
A War Crime without a Body: How a U.S. Army War Crimes Investigation Unfolded in Early Cold War Berlin
- 4.00–4.30 p.m. **Coffee Break**
- 4.30–5.30 p.m. **Keynote Speech**
Mike Dempsey, *Washington*

Day 3 Thursday, 1 October
AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

- 9.30–10.30 a.m. **Panel III**
Chair: Thomas Boghardt, *Washington*
Stephen Long, *Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University*
Just One Strand in the Whole Fabric: Demystifying Kim Philby's Role in Undermining Anglo-American Covert Action in Albania
Niccolò Petrelli, *Roma Tre University*
Beyond Patron and Client: Hegemony, Resistance, and the Evolution of US-Italian Intelligence Relations in the Cold War
Marek Hańderek, *IPN/University of Krakow*
Jack Bjoze and the Polish Military Intelligence Spy Network in the New York Area in the Late 1940s and Early 1950s

10.30–11.00 a.m. **Coffee Break**

11.00–12.30 p.m. **Panel IV**

Chair: Matt Millard, *Air University*

Charlotte Backerra, *University of Klagenfurt*

Imperial-American Intelligence Relations in the Age of Revolution

Jokin de Carlos-Sola, *Leiden*

Intelligence and Espionage in Europe after the 1830 Revolution

Mark Stout, *International Spy Museum*

American Intelligence Liaison with European Services during World War I

Michael Wala, *Ruhr University*

Friendly Visits and Espionage: Reichswehr Covert Operations in the United States, 1922–1935

12.30–2.00 p.m. **Lunch Break**

Possibility of having lunch at the Georgetown Campus

2.00–4.00 p.m. **Panel V**

Chair: Susan Perlman,

US Holocaust Memorial Museum & Georgetown University

Mensut Ademi, *AAB College in Prishtina*

Transatlantic Intelligence Cooperation in Preventing Organized Crime and Extremism: Case Study Western Balkans

Tomasz Kozłowski, *Institute of National Remembrance*

From Adversaries to Partners: The CIA and the Transformation of Polish Intelligence, 1988–1995

Shlomo Shpiro, *Bar-Ilan University*

Transatlantic Counterintelligence Cooperation – the US, the UK and Israel

Ronan Mainprize, *Stockholm School of Economics*

Lobbies, Whips, and Turkeys: American-Israeli Intelligence Diplomacy in 1967

Irina Tsukerman, *The Washington Outsider*

Reassessing Trust: Saudi–Russian Intelligence Ties and the Fragility of Transatlantic Assumptions

4.00 p.m.

Final Remarks and End of the Conference

Start Career Fair