



# The CSi Conference 2022

*Intelligence & National Security in a Changing World*

22nd and 23rd July 2022  
at Magdalene College Cambridge

# *Conference Schedule*

## **Friday 22nd July**

*9.30: Registration and Coffee*

**10.00: Welcome remarks: An overview of emerging Intelligence and Security challenges since 2019**

**Chair: Sir David Omand**

**10.15 - 11.30: Panel 1: Challenges to Democracy: Hostile Foreign Influence & Disinformation**

**Discussants: Belén Carrasco Rodriguez, Carl Miller, Sir David Omand**

**Chair: Dr. Tom Maguire**

*11.30 – 12.00: - Refreshments*

**12.00 – 13.15: Keynote Session 1: The Great Powers Today - FIX**

**Discussants:**

**Chair: Professor Brendan Simms**

*12.45-13.45: - Lunch*

**14.15 – 15.15: Panel 2: The Baltics**

**Discussants: Dr. Anna Mazurkiewicz, Dr. Mingaile Jurkute**

**Chair: Professor Brendan Simms**

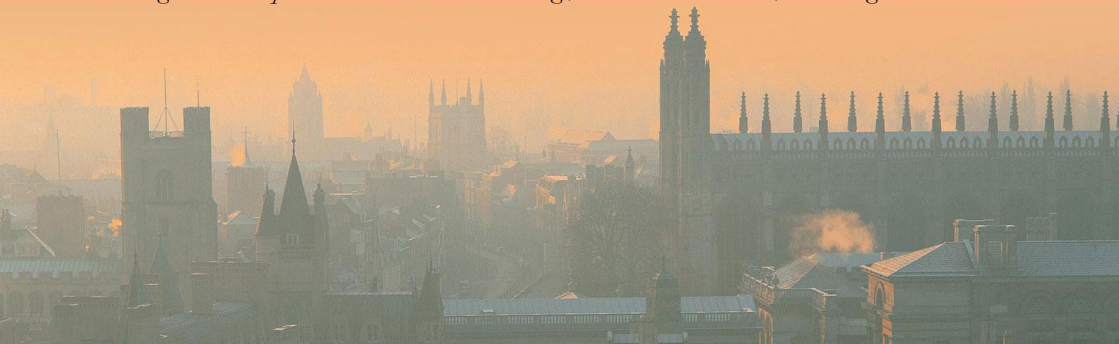
*15.15 – 15.45: Refreshments*

**15.45 - 17.00: Panel 3: China is Building a ‘World-class Navy’—what are the implications?**

**Speaker: CAPT Bill Hamblet, US Navy (Ret.) and CAPT Jim Fanel, US Navy (Ret.)**

**Chair: LCDR Joseph M. Hatfield**

*Evening : 19.30: Optional drinks at Fort St. George, Midsummer Common, Cambridge CB4 1HA*



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## **Saturday 23rd July**

*9.00 - 9.30: Coffee and refreshments*

**9.30 - 11.00: Panel 1: Russia**

**Discussants: Sir Tony Brenton, Dr. Tracey German, Dr. Maxine David**

**Chair: Dr David Gioe**

*11.00 – 11.30: - Refreshments*

**11.30 – 13.00: Whose Failure? The role of intelligence and military strategy in Russia's war against Ukraine**

**Discussants: Andrei Soldatov, Irina Borogan, Patrick Bury**

**Chair: Dr. Daniela Richterova**

*13.00 - 14.00: - Lunch*

**14.00 – 15.15: Conversation: Professor Gioe and Will Hurd, former CIA officer and Republican Congressman**

*15.15 – 15.45: Refreshments*

**15.45 - 17.15: Keynote: Xi Jinping's ambitions for China and its impact on Chinese foreign relations**

**Chair: Angus Knowles-Cutler**

**Speaker: Charles Parton**

**17.00 - 17.15: Closing Remarks:**

**Dr David Gioe**

**Dr Michael Goodman**

*Evening : 19.00 - 19.30: Drinks and Conference Dinner; Magdalene College*



# Speakers

## **Professor Sir David Omand GCB**

After a distinguished government career in defence, security and intelligence, David Omand is now one of the leading figures in shaping public debate on national security. He was the first appointee, in 2002, to the re-vamped post of UK Security and Intelligence Coordinator, responsible for the UK's national counter-terrorism strategy and 'homeland security'. He spent much of his earlier career in the Ministry of Defence, including as Director of the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), Deputy Secretary for Policy, Under Secretary in charge of the defence programme, and Principal Private Secretary to the Secretary of State. He also served for three years in Brussels as Defence Counsellor to NATO and for seven years on the UK's Joint Intelligence Committee. He is currently Visiting Professor at the War Studies Department, King's College, London.

## **Will Hurd**

Will Hurd is currently a managing director at Allen & Company and former member of Congress, cybersecurity executive, and undercover officer in the CIA. For almost two decades he's been involved in the most pressing national security issues challenging the country whether it was in the back-alleys of dangerous places, boardrooms of top international businesses or halls of Congress. After stopping terrorists, preventing Russian spies from stealing our secrets, and putting nuclear weapons proliferators out of business, Will helped build a cybersecurity company that prepared businesses for the next domain of conflict – cyberspace. While in Congress, Texas Monthly and Politico Magazine called Will “The Future of the GOP,” because he put good policy over good politics at a time when America was often consumed with what divides us rather than what unites us. He was able to get more legislation signed into law in three terms than most congressmen do in three decades – substantive legislation like a national strategy for Artificial Intelligence. Will is a native of San Antonio and earned a Computer Science degree from Texas A&M University. Additionally, he is growing the US transatlantic partnership with Europe as a trustee of the German Marshall Fund, an OpenAI board member, and most recently served as a fellow at the University of Chicago Institute of Politics. He is also the author of American Reboot: An Idealist's Guide to Getting Big Things Done, released in March 2022.



### **Belen Carrasco Rodriguez**

Belén Carrasco Rodríguez is a Senior Investigator at the Centre for Information Resilience (CIR), specializing in malign influence operations and digital threats. As part of CIR's Eyes on Russia project and with partners like Bellingcat, she is informing policymakers and journalists about Russian information operations during the Ukraine war. Previously, Belén was an Associate Director at open-source intelligence consultancy Neon Century and worked at the NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence on hybrid warfare and developed NATO StratCom COE's doctrine on Information Laundering. She still advises COE's research on an ad hoc basis, mapping hostile information influence campaigns targeting NATO members and allied nations. Belén holds an MA in Intelligence and International Security from King's College London and a Law and Political Science degree from Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

### **Carl Miller**

Carl Miller is the Research Director of the Centre for the Analysis of Social Media (CASM) at UK think tank Demos. He is interested in how social media is changing society, and how researching it can inform important decisions. This includes: digital politics and digital democracy; cybercrime, and the hacking community; information warfare and online disinformation; and fake news, digital and citizen journalism. He researches and writes widely on these issues, including for Wired, New Scientist, the Sunday Times, the Telegraph and the Guardian. He is a Visiting Research Fellow at King's College London. His first book is *The Death of the Gods: The New Global Power Grab*. An examination of the new centres of power and control in the twenty-first century, it was published by Penguin RandomHouse in August 2018.

### **CAPT Jim Fanel, US Navy (Ret.)**

CAPT James Fanell is former Director of Intelligence, U.S. Pacific Fleet. In his nearly 30-year career in naval intelligence, CAPT Fanell focused primarily on Indo-Pacific security issues, including during his tenure as China Senior Intelligence Officer at the Office of Naval Intelligence.

### **CAPT Bill Hamblet, US Navy (Ret.)**

CAPT Bill Hamblet is the Executive Vice President for Periodicals and Membership at the U.S. Naval Institute and Editor-in-Chief of *Proceedings* magazine. He is a 1987 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy who served 29 years on active duty as a naval intelligence officer. From 2004-2006 he served as head of the China Division at the Joint Intelligence Operations Center in the Pacific.



## **Dr Patrick Bury**

Dr Patrick Bury is a Senior Lecturer in Defence and Security at the University of Bath. A UKRI Future Leaders Fellow, he currently facilitates an international counterterrorism capacity building programme. Previously, he was an air assault officer in the British Army, and a NATO and private security analyst. He has regularly provided international media with analysis of the war in Ukraine.

## **Irina Borogan**

Irina Borogan is a Non-resident Senior Fellow with CEPA. Irina is a Russian investigative journalist, co-founder, and deputy editor of Agentura.ru, a watchdog of the Russian secret services' activities. Borogan reported on terrorist attacks in Russia, including hostage takings in Moscow and Beslan. In 1999, Borogan covered the NATO bombing in Yugoslavia and in 2006 she covered the Lebanon War and tensions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. She chronicled the Kremlin's campaign to gain control of civil society and strengthen the government's police services under the pretext of fighting extremism. She is a co-author with Andrei Soldatov of *The New Nobility. The Restoration of Russia's Security State and the Enduring Legacy of the KGB* (PublicAffairs, 2010), *The Red Web: The Kremlin's Wars on the Internet* (PublicAffairs, 2015) and *The Compatriots: The Brutal and Chaotic History of Russia's Exiles, Émigrés, and Agents Abroad* (PublicAffairs, 2019).

## **Andrei Soldatov**

Andrei Soldatov is a Non-resident Senior fellow with CEPA. He is a Russian investigative journalist, co-founder, and editor of Agentura.ru, a watchdog of the Russian secret services' activities. He has been covering security services and terrorism issues since 1999. In October 2012 Agentura.Ru, Privacy International, and Citizen Lab launched the joint project 'Russia's Surveillance State' with Soldatov as a head of the project, to undertake research and investigation into surveillance practices in Russia, including the trade in and use of surveillance technologies. The project's research over surveillance measures introduced by the Russian authorities at the 2014 Winter Olympics and was run by the Guardian as a frontpage story. He is co-author with Irina Borogan of *The New Nobility. The Restoration of Russia's Security State and the Enduring Legacy of the KGB* (PublicAffairs, 2010), *The Red Web: The Struggle Between Russia's Digital Dictators, and the New Online Revolutionaries* (PublicAffairs, 2015), and *The Compatriots: The Brutal and Chaotic History of Russia's Exiles, Émigrés, and Agents Abroad* (PublicAffairs, 2019).



### **Dr Maxine David**

Dr Maxine David is a Lecturer in European Studies at Leiden University and Research Fellow at the Global Europe Centre, University of Kent, UK. She is a Foreign Policy analyst, specialising in Russian and EU foreign policy. She has co-edited and contributed to a number of special issues and edited collections on EU-Russia relations and is currently working on a monograph for Palgrave: *The Triumph of Agency in Russia's Foreign Policy*.

### **Dr. Anna Mazurkiewicz**

Anna Mazurkiewicz is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of History, University of Gdansk and the current President of the Polish American Historical Association (2017-2018). She has published three books: on the American responses to elections of 1947 and 1989 in Poland, and on the role of the political exiles from East Central Europe in American Cold War politics (1948-1954). Her scholarly interests are: the United States after World War II; U.S.-Polish diplomatic relations; media system in the United States; U.S. policy towards the countries of East Central Europe; political activity of refugees from East Central Europe in the United States after World War II; political emigration from East Central Europe in 1945-1989. Mazurkiewicz was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Notre Dame, Central European University (Budapest), Kosciuszko Foundation Scholar at the University of Minnesota and at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

### **Dr. Mingailė Jurkute**

Mingailė Jurkute is an academic based at Vilnius University, Lithuania. She has written on Lithuanian intelligence operations and insurgent movements during and after the World War Two period.

### **Sir Tony Brenton**

Tony Brenton is a distinguished British diplomat and writer on international issues. He joined the British Diplomatic Service in 1975 and, in the course of a 33 year career, served in the Arab world, the European Union, Russia and the USA, dealing with such issues as the Arab/Israel dispute, global climate change, international energy policy, and the Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq wars. He was a senior official at the British Embassy in Washington DC following 9/11 and at the time of the Iraq war and served as British Ambassador in Moscow 2004-2008 during one of the most difficult periods in modern British/Russian relations. He is Director of the Russia British Chamber of Commerce and a Fellow of Wolfson College, Cambridge.



### **Angus Knowles-Cutler**

Angus Knowles-Cutler served as vice chairman of Deloitte and London office managing partner. He chaired the firm's China-Europe practice and has a wide network of business and government connections in China. Angus chairs a number of UK public and private sector organisations and writes on technology, automation and the future of work, with an emphasis on global competition. He is an advisory board member of the Cambridge Security Initiative.

### **Dr Thomas Maguire**

Dr Thomas Maguire is an Assistant Professor of Intelligence and Security in the Institute of Security and Global Affairs, Leiden University, and Visiting Fellow with the King's Intelligence and Security Group in the Department of War Studies, King's College London (KCL). Tom's research streams are two-fold. Firstly, he is examining interactions between intelligence and propaganda in international politics, especially through covert action as a foreign policy tool. This forms the basis for a forthcoming book with Oxford University Press, *The intelligence-propaganda nexus: British and American covert action in Cold War Southeast Asia* (2022). Secondly, he is exploring the politics and impacts of international security cooperation, in particular security assistance relationships between states in Africa and Asia and the United Kingdom and their post-colonial legacies during the Cold War and so-called Global War on Terror.

### **Professor Brendan Simms**

Simms is a Professor of the History of International Relations in the Department of Politics and International Studies at the University of Cambridge. Professor Simms lectures on the History of European Geopolitics and supervises MPhil and PhD theses for both POLIS and the Faculty of History, dealing primarily with German and British history in its international context and the history of humanitarian intervention.

### **Charles Parton OBE**

Charlie Parton spent 22 years of his 37-year diplomatic career working in or on China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. In his final posting he was seconded to the EU Delegation in Beijing, where, as First Counsellor until late 2016, he focussed on Chinese politics and internal developments, and advised the EU and Member States on how China's politics might affect their interests. He has also worked in Afghanistan, Cyprus, Libya and Mali. In 2017 he set up his own consultancy, China Ink, and was chosen as the UK Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee Special Adviser on China; he returned to Beijing for 4 months as Adviser to the British Embassy to cover the Communist Party's 19th Congress. He is a trustee of Chinadialogue, an NGO which focuses on China's environmental issues.





### **Dr Tracey German**

Dr Tracey German is a Reader in the Defence Studies Department at King's College London. Her research focuses on Russian foreign and security policies, particularly Russia's use of force in the post-Soviet space, conflict and security in the Caucasus and Caspian regions, and the impact of NATO/EU enlargement on Russia's relations with its neighbours. She is currently researching Russian views of the changing character of conflict. She speaks Russian and has travelled extensively across the post-Soviet area.

### **Dr David Gioe**

Dr David Gioe is Assistant Professor of History at the US Military Academy at West Point, where he also serves as History Fellow for the Army Cyber Institute. David is Director of Studies for the Cambridge Security Initiative and co-convenor of its International Security and Intelligence program. He holds a PhD in Politics and International Studies from the University of Cambridge. Before starting his academic career, David spent a decade as an intelligence officer, beginning with appointment in 2001 as a Presidential Management Fellow in the FBI National Security Division and later transferred to CIA's Directorate of Operations. He remains a senior officer in the US Navy Reserve.

### **Professor Michael Goodman**

Professor Michael S. Goodman is Professor of 'Intelligence and International Affairs' in the Department of War Studies and Dean of Research Impact, King's College London. He is also Visiting Professor at the Norwegian Defence Intelligence School and at Sciences Po in Paris. From September 2019 he will be Head of the Department of War Studies. He has published widely in the field of intelligence history, including *The Official History of the Joint Intelligence Committee, Volume I: From the Approach of the Second World War to the Suez Crisis* (Routledge, 2015), which was chosen as one of *The Spectator's* books of the year. He is series editor for 'Intelligence, Surveillance and Secret Warfare' for Edinburgh University Press; and is a member of the editorial boards for five journals. He has recently finished a secondment to the Cabinet Office, where he has been the Official Historian of the Joint Intelligence Committee: Volume II will be published in 2020.

