

## ABSTRACT

The development of secret services in the 20th century has been described as a transition "from espionage to intelligence". Until the First World War intelligence organizations were primarily oriented towards the acquisition of military and diplomatic secrets. But in the course of the Cold War, these services developed into "gigantic machines for storing and producing knowledge". Besides, they approached science: Through the recruitment of researchers, the digitalization of the intelligence collection, and the networking with "think tanks", at least the Anglo-American services of the 1970s appeared "less of a 'cloak and dagger' affair and more like a branch of the social sciences".

From a historical perspective, the interpretative paradigm of increasingly knowledge-oriented secret services seems to correspond with the overall trend towards the scientification of the social and political. However, the extent to which the services participated in this scientification and how their information processing practices changed has not yet been systematically explored. Therefore, the workshop approaches intelligence services as places of knowledge production. It intends to explore what added value the application of scientific and knowledge-historical perspectives can have for researching intelligence services. The overall aim is to embed intelligence services in historiographical approaches that aim to historicize "information" or "knowledge societies".

### Conveners:

- PD Dr. Rüdiger Bergien, ZZF Potsdam
- Prof. Dr. Debora Gerstenberger, FU Berlin
- Christopher Kirchberg, Ruhr-Universität Bochum

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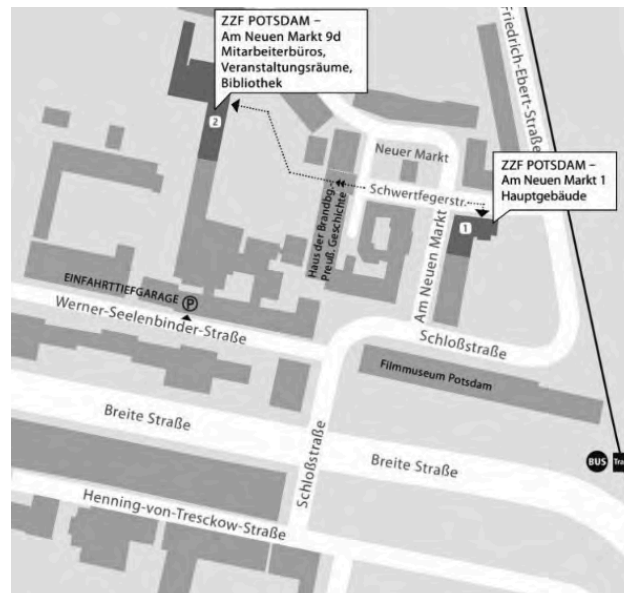
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## WORKSHOP

JUNE 28–JUNE 29, 2019 · ZZF POTSDAM



## THE KNOWLEDGE OF INTELLIGENCE

Scientification, Data Processing and Information Transfer in Secret Services, 1945–1990



Woman working at an IBM 360/85 console of the NSA, 1971  
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## June 28, 2019

12.00 REGISTRATION

13.00 **Debora Gerstenberger/Rüdiger Bergien:**  
Introduction

13.30 **Panel 1: From “Need to Know” to “Need to Share”?** Inter-Service Knowledge Transfer

**Ananda Simões Fernandes, Porto Alegre:**  
Knowledge Circulation and Shared Information between the Brazilian and Uruguayan intelligence services under National Security

**David Schaefer, London:**  
Intelligence Liaison and Professionalism: Shared Secrets and Knowledge in Cold War Australia

14.15 COFFEE BREAK

14.30 **Sascha Gunold, Potsdam:**  
The Hidden Nukes: Inter-Service Knowledge Transfer About Soviet Nuclear Weapons Storages in East Germany

**Jens Wegener, Philadelphia:**  
Enhancing or Obscuring Patterns? Intelligence Services and the Circulation of Computer Knowledge within the Transatlantic Alliance, 1964-1980

Discussant: Michael Wala, Bochum

16.00 COFFEE BREAK

16.30 **Panel 2: Becoming a Part of Information Society?**  
The Digitalization and its Impacts

**Franciszek Dąbrowski, Warschau:**  
Data storage and indexing systems: Information circuits in the Communist Security Police in Poland, 1950s-1989

**Marcelo Vianna, Osório:**  
From Darkness to Explicit Control: Brazilian Informatics under the National Security Doctrine, 1977-1984

**Christopher Kirchberg, Bochum:**  
Between Advanced Information Gathering and New Blind Spots: The Impact of Data Processing in the West German Domestic Intelligence Service, 1965-1985

Discussant: Rüdiger Bergien, Potsdam

18.15 END · DINNER

## June 29, 2019

9.30 **Panel 3: Creating Images of Societies and Enemies:**  
Intelligence Knowledge as a Resource of State Power

**Andreas Lutsch, Würzburg:**  
On the Evolution of Analysis and Policy Relations in the U.S. Intelligence Community during the Cold War

**Marcel Schmeer, Bochum:**  
Popularizing Domestic Intelligence? The Annual Reports on the Protection of the Constitution: Between Security Communication, Transparency and Public Relations

**Lukas Nyffenegger, Zürich:**  
Surveillance and transfer of Power:  
The Disenfranchisement of Swiss Citizens and the Government's Monopoly of the Production and Organisation of Knowledge in the Late 70s.

Discussant: Gerhard Sälder, Berlin

11.15 COFFEE BREAK

11.45 **Panel 4: Towards “Social Sciences Branches”?**  
Professionalization and Scientification of Intelligence Collection and Analysis

**Thomas Wolf, Potsdam:**  
'Brain Trust': Cooperation between West German 'Ostforschung' and the Gehlen Organization, 1946-1956

**Jane Lezina, Potsdam:**  
Scientific-Technical Progress and the KGB: Attempts of the Soviet Political Police to Improve its Technological and Academic Base in the 1970s and 1980s

**Samantha Viz Quadrat, Niterói:**  
The Serviço Nacional de Informações (SNI) during the Brazilian dictatorship: The Professionalization of Agents in the 1970s

Discussant: Jan C. Behrends, Potsdam

13.15 **Constantin Goschler/Jens Gieseke:**  
Conference Resume

14.00: SNACK · END OF CONFERENCE

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