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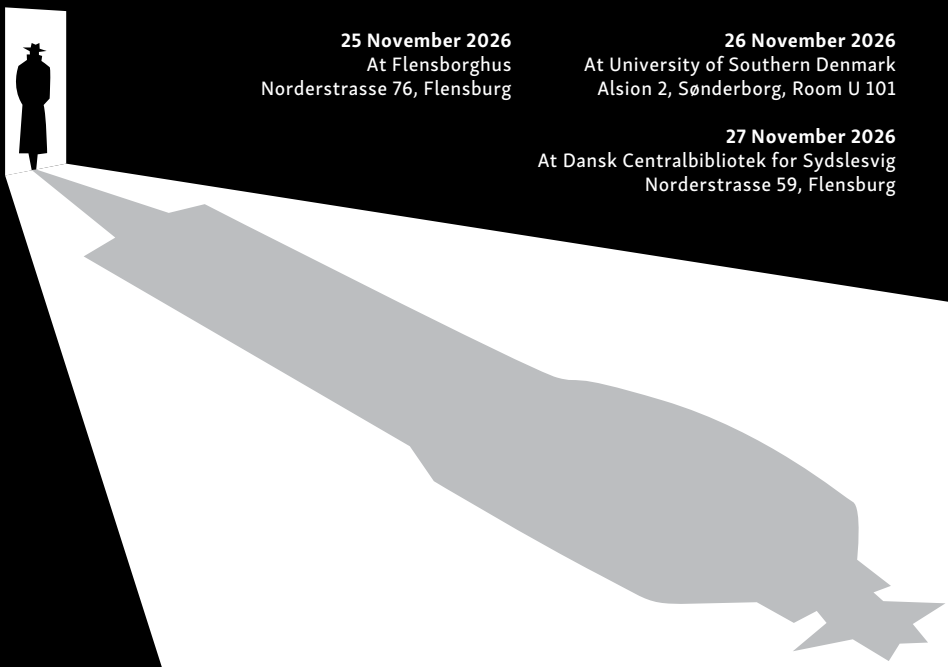
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Need to Know XV:
Intelligence and Minorities

25 November 2026
At Flensborghus
Norderstrasse 76, Flensburg

26 November 2026
At University of Southern Denmark
Alsion 2, Sønderborg, Room U 101

27 November 2026
At Dansk Centralbibliotek for Sydslesvig
Norderstrasse 59, Flensburg



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16.00–18.30 **Young Researchers Table**

16.00–18.30 **Chair:** Thomas Wegener Friis, Denmark, SDU

16.00–16.15 **Charifa Amharar**, Marocco, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Fès, A Minority Under Surveillance: The Early Muslim Community of Mecca as an Intelligence Target, 610–622.

16.15–16.30 **Jokin de Carlos Sola**, Spain, Leiden University, From Diaspora to Intelligence Asset: The Basque Diaspora and the CIA in Latin America during the Early Cold War

16.30–16.45 **Raíssa Alonso**, Brazil, University of São Paulo (USP), Watching the Other Germany: Surveillance Networks and the Transnational Repression of German Anti-Nazi Exiles in the Americas (1933–1945)

16.45–17.00 **Axel Grimmeißen**, Germany, formerly University of Augsburg, The Middle East in Germany. The history of the cooperation between the BND and the Mossad and contemporary cooperation

17.00–17.15 **Sandra Araújo**, Portugal, Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal's Counterinsurgency Intelligence and the Securitisation of Sunni Muslim Communities in Colonial Mozambique, 1961–1974

17.15–17.30 **Ellen Beindorf**, Denmark, SDU, British Intelligence in Schleswig 1945–1955

17.30–17.45 **Philip Onyekachukwu Egbule**, University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State, Nigeria, The Igbo under Surveillance: Intelligence and Minority Politics during and after the Nigerian–Biafran War

17.45–18.30 **Discussion**

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Conference Opening

9.00–9.30 **Registration and Official Opening of the Conference**
Vice Rector of the SDU – Anne Skorkjær Binderkrantz
President of the IPN – Karol Polejowski
Chargé d'affaires of the Republic of Poland – Ewa Debska
Director of the Danish Central Library in Flensburg – Jens M. Henriksen

I Opening Panel: Intelligence and Minorities

9.30–11.00 **Chair**: Władysław Bułhak, Poland, IPN

9.30–9.45 **Ebony Nilsson**, Australia, Australian Catholic University, Enemy aliens' in a liberal peace: Cold War Australia's surveillance of minorities.

9.45–10.00 **Przemysław Gasztold**, Poland, IPN, Refugees and emigrants in communist Poland as a potential intelligence asset for the Polish services.

10.00–10.15 **Murat Döleker**, Turkey, Ministry of National Education, Board of Education, Ankara, Voices from Closed Archives: The KGB and Muslim Nationalist Intelligentsia in Soviet Central Asia, 1985–1990.

10.15–11.00 **Discussion**

11.00–11.30 **Coffee Break**

II Panel: Intelligence and Minorities in the pivotal regions and moments in History

11.30–13.00 **Chair**: Małgorzata Praczyk, Poland, Adam Mieckiewicz University of Poznań

11.30–11.45 **Christopher K. Tong**, USA, University of Maryland, Political Minorities after the Chinese Civil War: Suspicion and Counterintelligence across the Taiwan Strait since 1949.

11.45–12.00 **Dieter Bacher**, Austria, Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Kriegsfolgenforschung/Uni. Of Graz, "Pivot point. Hungarian and Czech minorities in early Cold War Austria and their significance for US and British positive intelligence ".

12.00–12.15 **Jacek Tebinka**, Poland, University of Gdańsk, Polish Minority Section of Special Operations Executive. Successes and failures in France and Belgium.

12.15–12.30 **Matteo Giurco**, Italy, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Borderline loyalty: The Divisione Affari Riservati and the Surveillance of the Slovene Minority on Italy's Cold War eastern border, 1945–1975.

12.30–13.00 **Discussion**

13.00–14.00 **Lunch Break**

III. Panel: Intelligence, minorities and exiles

14.00–15.30 **Chair**: Elżbieta Pietrzyk-Dąbrowska, Poland, IPN

14.00–14.15 **Christopher L. Gunn**, USA, Coastal Carolina University, The MHBK, Hungarian Exiles, and the Intelligence Frontier, 1945–1956

14.15–14.30 **Oğuz Şahbaz**, Turkey, Department of International Relations, Recep Tayyip Erdogan University, Rize, From "Patriotic Emigration" to "Patriotic Diaspora": The Evolution of Soviet and Russian Intelligence Practices toward Émigré Communities.

14.30–14.45 **János Kemény**, Hungary, Ludovika University of Public Service in Budapest, Recruiting in the Diaspora: The Example of the Conrad Spy Ring.

14.45–15.00 **Václav Šipla**, Czech Republic, University of West Bohemia in Pilsen, Watching "Our" Communists: Czechoslovak Exile Intelligence and the Communist Threat in London (1940–1945).

15.00–15.15 **Ante Batistic / Lucija Zadro**, Croatia, Dr. Franco Tudman Defense and Security University: Under the Lens: Croatian Dissident Bruno Bušić and the Yugoslav State Security Apparatus

15.15–15.45 **Discussion**

15.45–16.15 **Coffee Break**

IV. Panel: Answering the Jewish Question in the former Soviet Bloc.

16.15–17.00 **Chair**: Thomas Wegener Friis, Denmark, SDU

16.00–16.15 **Pál István**, Hungary, Eötvös Loránd University, The experiment that drowned in the Dead See. The futile endeavor to recruit agents among Israeli Hungarians by the State Security Intelligence of Hungary, 1957–1967

16.15–16.30 **Władysław Bułhak**, Poland, IPN, The main opponent's tool. World Jewish organisations as targets for Polish civilian intelligence (Department I) operations in the 1970s and 1980s.

16.30–16.45 **Douglas Selvage**, Germany, independent scholar, From the Eichmann Trial to the Collapse of Communism: Soviet-Bloc Active Measures, Anti-Zionism, and Antisemitism.

16.45–17.00 **Paul Maddrell**, United Kingdom, Loughborough University, The Stasi and Punks, Skinheads and the Far Right in the GDR in the 1980s

17.00–17.30 **Discussion**

18.30 **Reception at Museum Sønderjylland in Sønderborg, hosted by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland (Presenters only)**

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V. Intelligence and Minorities in the Danish-German Borderlands.

9.00–10.30 Chair: Consul General Annette Lind

9.00–9.15 **Jon Thulstrup**, Denmark, SDU, German Minority and Intelligence during and after WW II

9.15–9.30 **Helmut Müller-Enbergs**, Germany/Denmark, SDU, Intelligence in Flensburg

9.30–9.45 **Mogens Rostgaard Nissen**, Germany, DCBIB, the minority and the trouble with the British occupation.

9.45–10.00 **Bodo Hechelhammer**, Germany, SDU, The confusing story of the Org. Gehlen/BND in Schleswig

10.00–10.30 **Discussion**

10.30–11.00 **Coffee Break**

VI. How to Study Intelligence and Minorit ies Problems? Source Analysis, Research Questions and Intelligence Studies Methodology.

11.00–12.15 **Chair**: Klaus Tolstrup Petersen, Germany, DCBIB

11.00–11.15 **Adam Kuź**, Poland, Pomeranian University, The Intelligence Securitization Threshold: When Does a Minority Become an Intelligence Target.

11.15–11.30 **Melissa M. Aigilo**, Papua New Guinea, Intelligence, Securitisation and State Coercion: Intelligence-Led Policing, Tribal Violence and Community Security in Papua New Guinea

11.30–11.45 **Daniel Běloušek**, Czech Republic, Ministry of Defence, Registration of the Population of Jewish Origin in Czechoslovakia as Part of the State Security Operation 'Pavouk' (Spider).

11.45–12.15 **Discussion**

12.15–13.00 **Lunch Break**

VII. Panel: Case Studies

13.00–14.00 **Chair**: Martin Faber, Universität Freiburg

13.00–13.15 **Zenobia S. Homan**, United Kingdom, King's College London, Which threats count? Verification of chemical weapons claims in Palestine.

13.15–13.30 **Nuri Korkmaz**, Turkey, Bursa Technical University, Who is the Fifth Column? The Agency of Bulgarian Intelligence Among the Turkish Minority in Bulgaria During the Communist Rule.

13.30–13.45 **Elnur Ismayil**, Turkey, Istanbul Medeniyet University, From Minority to Intelligence Target: The Azerbaijani Minority and the Securitization of Azerbaijan–Iran Relations.

13.45–14.00

14.00–15.00 **Discussion And Wrap up**



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