

Call for papers

# International Conference

## For the Homeland or the Party? East-West Intelligence Rivalry During the World War II and Cold War

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**Date:** 3–5 November 2026

**Venue:** Liechtenstein Palace, Prague (U Sovových mlýnů 506/4)

**Languages:** Czech, Slovak, English

**Participation:** In-person / online

**Presentation length:** 20 minutes

Marking the **75th anniversary of the establishment of the Intelligence Service and the separation of the Main Intelligence Directorate from the Ministry of National Defence in 1951**, the conference will focus on **Czechoslovak Military Intelligence at the Critical Crossroads of the 20th Century (1938–1992)**.

The aim of the conference is to present new research on the **activities of Czechoslovak military intelligence officers** during this turbulent period, exploring both their successes and their failures. It will also address the organizational **development of military intelligence** and counterintelligence, their personnel structures, and the influence of ruling political parties on their work, as well as their cooperation and personal contacts with allied intelligence services.

In addition, the conference will examine **intelligence rivalry between major powers and superpowers on the international stage**. The programme will include thematic panels followed by discussions with leading experts, as well as accompanying events. Selected contributions will be published in a conference volume.

**Proposed thematic areas:**

- The Homeland in Danger (1938–1939)
- The Struggle for Lost Freedom (1939–1945)
- The Road to Unfreedom (1945–1948)
- The Violent Consolidation of Power (1948–1951)
- A Cracked Pillar of the Regime (1951–1968)
- (Un)fulfilled Hopes for the End of One-Party Rule (1968–1989)
- The Road to Democracy (1989–1992)
- Intelligence Rivalry during the Cold War: (Non-)Military Intelligence Operations in a Bipolar World (1945–1991)
- The Use of New Technologies in SIGINT (1945–1991)

Please submit applications by **31 August 2026** using the form provided [HERE](#)

The organizer reserves the right to select participants.