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POLICE INTELLIGENCE, FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL, 1750-PRESENT

This conference examines the many faces and roles of police intelligence in practices of law enforcement and crime control, in line with new approaches in the history of bureaucracy and information management and, above all, in the history of the police and policing. It addresses the largely unexplored questions of the production and uses of police intelligence, the institutions and tools involved, its contents, and how all these elements have changed over time, from the late eighteenth century – when modern police systems and a transregional security culture focused on political surveillance started to develop – to the present day – a time of unprecedented use of information and communication technologies in policing. The conference examines these developments on a global scale, analysing transnational information exchange and circulation of knowledge and intelligence techniques, and how they play out at regional and local levels. “Intelligence” is not merely situated in its traditional context of high-level political policing and criminal investigation, but also in everyday practices of ‘street-level policing’, outside the strict political and judicial spheres, in both exceptional and ordinary contexts. Thus, several papers discuss aspects of ‘grass roots’ intelligence and its sources – citizens, but also the procedures behind it, such as complaints, testimonies, neighbourhood enquiries – in the context of local surveillance practices.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

POLICE INTELLIGENCE

1750 - PRESENT

UCLouvain
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BRUSSELS
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conference programme.

PROGRAMME:

THURSDAY
25 JANUARY
ROOM P02

9^{h00} / 9^{h15} WELCOME COFFEE

9^{h15} / 9^{h30} INTRODUCTION

9^{h30} / 10^{h30} KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE (1)

(Chair: **Xavier Rousseaux, UCLouvain**)

- **Guus Meershoek**
(Twente University/Dutch Police Academy)
'Modernizing criminal investigation in Amsterdam. The emergence of the concept of modus operandi'
- **Philippe Hebeisen**
(Université de Neuchâtel/Centre d'histoire du XIXe siècle, Paris 1-Sorbonne Université)
'Learning, using and transmitting (new) police techniques: Neuchâtel and Switzerland at the turn of the 20th Century'

10^{h30} / 10^{h45} COFFEE BREAK

10^{h45} / 12^{h15} KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE (2)

(Chair: **Antoine Renglet, UCLouvain**)

- **Marco Cicchini**
(Université de Genève)
'Urban legibility and police intelligence during the Enlightenment: reassessing Guillotte'
- **Andrew Brown**
(Independent Scholar)
'Who was British State built to notice? George Bakewell in Victorian England's "Society of Strangers"'
- **Amélie Gaillat**
(Mary Immaculate College, Limerick)
'The evolution of the use of informants as part of information gathering practices in France, England, and Ireland at the end of the 19th century'

12^{h15} / 13^{h30} LUNCH

13^{h30} / 15^{h00} RACES, GENDER AND SEXUALITIES

(Chair: **Nathalie Tousignant, UCLouvain**)

- **Catherine Denys**
(Université de Lille)
'« Noté de police » in the Île-de-France (Mauritius) : Police Intelligence in the French Ancien Régime Colonial Context'
- **Romain Jaouen**
(Science Po Paris, CHSP)
'Intelligence-led policing at the 20th century's midpoint? The case of vice-squad work and homosexuality in Paris'
- **Herbert Reinke**
(Independent Scholar)
'Reader's Digest and Police Intelligence? The (Re-) Rise and Fall of Data Collections on "Gipsies" in the Federal Republic (early 1950s to 2000)'

15^{h00} / 15^{h15} COFFEE BREAK

15^{h15} / 16^{h45} MOBILITIES AND MIGRATIONS

(Chair: **Margo De Koster, Ghent University**)

- **Torsten Feys**
(Flanders Marine Institute)
'Migrants without past or without future? International inquiries about newcomers' antecedents 1860-1914'
- **Sarah Frenking**
(Erfurt Universität)
'Border (Crossing) Intelligence. Practices and Perceptions of Police Inspectors at the French-German Border around 1900'
- **Laura Di Fiore**
(Università Degli Studi di Napoli)
'Following the Exiles. Police Intelligence in the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies in the 1850s.'

FRIDAY
26 JANUARY
ROOM P61

9^{h30} / 10^{h30} IMPERIAL CIRCULATIONS AND IMPERIAL LEGACIES

(Chair: **Xavier Rousseaux, UCLouvain**)

- **Arda Akinc**
(Universidad de Salamanca)
'Threats, Practices and Integration to the European Security Culture: The Modernization of Policing and Surveillance in the Ottoman Capital Istanbul during the Rein of Abdulhamid (1867-1909)'
- **Maggie Freeman**
(Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
'The Arab Legion and the Architecture of Policing in Jordan (1921-1946)'
- **Laura M. Calkins**
(Texas Tech University)
'Beyond Breaking the Black Market: Rice Rationing in Postwar Singapore and the Internationalization of Police Intelligence Work.'

10^{h30} / 11^{h00} COFFEE BREAK

11^{h00} / 12^{h30} POLITICAL THREATS AND POLITICAL TRANSITIONS

(Chair: **Nico Wouters, CegeSoma, State Archives**)

- **Jonathan Daly**
(University of Illinois at Chicago)
'Intelligence, the Russian Security Police, and the Threat of Revolution'
- **Corneliu Pintilescu**
(George Baritiu History Institute of the Romanian Academy Cluj-Napoca)
'From Anarchist to communist Danger": Policing the Radical Left and Developing the Transnational Collaboration of the Siguranța (1908-1924)'
- **Maïté Van Vyve**
(Ghent University)
'Bombs, Bullets, and Borders: Cooperation Between the Belgian Intelligence Services, Local Police and Russian Ochranka in Their Hunt for the Anarchist Abraham Hartenstein (1909)'

12^{h30} / 13^{h45} LUNCH

13^{h45} / 15^{h45} TECHNIQUES, ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT

(Chair: **Michaël Amara, State Archives**)

- **Jonas Champion**
(Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières)
'Information Sources or Intelligent Documents? Exploring the History of Policing in Twentieth Century Quebec Through Police Activity Reports'
- **Anja Johansen**
(University of Dundee)
'Policing the police: Gathering, archiving and use of citizens' complaints as intelligence for managerial knowledge in Berlin and Paris, 1890-1914'
- **Hjørdis Birgitte Ellefsen**
(Norwegian Police University College)
& **Heidi Mork Lomell**
(University of Oslo)
'Intelligence policing before ILP? A Norwegian case study'
- **Achilleas Fotakis**
(National and Kapoistrian University of Athens)
'People, papers and statistical tables. Information sources in the Greek police forces, 19th-20th century'

15^{h45} / 16^{h00} COFFEE BREAK

16^{h00} / 16^{h30} CONCLUSION

David Churchill (University of Leeds)