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THE PRIVATE COLD WAR IN WESTERN EUROPE

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THE FIRST WORLD WAR IN AND AFTER 2018?

On 26 April 201, CegeSoma organises a seminar about the future perspectives of WWI research. What will happen with ongoing projects after 2018? How can all the efforts gathered on the theme turned into a lasting process? We invite you to reflect with us during a series of interactive workshops (read further in Dutch) [\[MORE INFO\]](#) (http://www.cegesoma.be/cms/index_nl.php?article=3128&pag0nbr=25&pagofs=0)

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On August 1st 1975, 35 states, including the largest powers, Canada and practically all European countries, signed the Helsinki Accords. This agreements were not binding, as they did not have treaty status, but served as the groundwork for the later Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), established under the Paris Charter. They were also an attempt to improve relations between the Communist bloc and the West.

Absence of Belgium

In the 1980s, the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights (IHF) was an important NGO. It acted in favour of human rights on the basis of the Helsinki Accords. Strangely, the NGO did not include a Belgian branch. This absence and its impact on the human rights question in the Belgian context will be at the core of the conference, as well as the members and the strategies implemented in favour of human rights during these years.



1 August 1975, signatories of the Helsinki Agreements.

Bart De Sutter holds a PhD in history (*U Antwerpen*). His thesis tackled the relationships between human right NGOs. He is currently working on the role played by American philanthropic foundations in the issues of peace and human rights.

Practical information

- Conference by Bart De Sutter: The Struggle for Human Rights During the Cold War (in Dutch)
- When?: Wednesday **9 March 2016 at 14:30**
- Where?: In the Conference room of CegeSoma, Square de l'Aviation 29, 1070 Brussels
- Attendance is free, please subscribe at ambar.geerts@cegesoma.be

The Private Cold War in Western Europe

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From Julien Lahaut to Private Anti-Communist Associations

A comprehensive historical investigation has recently shed light on the murder of Belgian communist leader Julien Lahaut in August 1950. The research revealed the implication of an anti-communist network organised by former propaganda leader and resistant André Moyén. The crime, unprecedented in Belgian history, was set against a Cold War background. The investigation also exposed significant links between Moyén's network and different Belgian financial, political, judiciary and military milieus.

The discussion's starting point will be the convergence between these conclusions and a new trend in international research on the Cold War. This research reveals the importance of private entities involved in anti-communist activities and the transnational features of some of these organisations. Indeed, the Moyén network was far from isolated, as hundreds of anti-Soviet associations were active in this ideological struggle since the end of WWII.

Clandestine Organisations and Unofficial Private-Public Collaborations

The conference will focus on research comprising the first decades of the Cold War (1940s and 1950s) until decolonization, in order to analyse clandestine private organisations and private-public collaborations, as well as grey areas between those two spheres. It will also discuss the specific question of the connection between private groups and those which were clandestine but nevertheless supported by official entities, also generically called "stay behind" networks. As these relationships bring about important questions in the context of Western democracies, they have been the object of renewed interest.

The programme will also feature the issue of research perspectives and available sources in Belgium for the benefit of younger researchers.

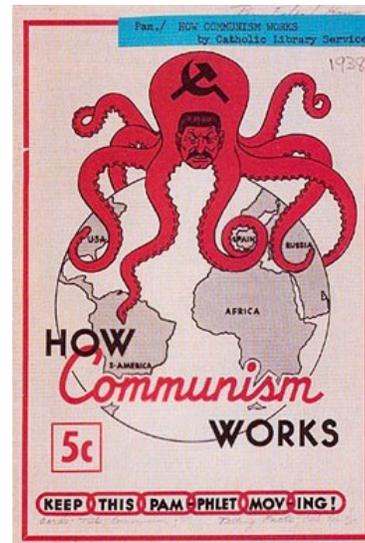
Partners

The Private Cold War in Western Europe is a joint initiative by CegeSoma.arch and several of its "Justice & Populations" PAI partners (UCL, ERM and *Humboldt Universität*), as well as two institutions specifically dedicated to the study of intelligence services: The Belgian Intelligence Studies Centre (BISC), and The Netherlands Intelligence Studies Association (NISA).

The full programme is available [here](#) .

Practical information

- Venue: CegeSoma.arch, Square de l'Aviation, 29, 1070 Bruxelles
- Time: 9:15 - 16:00
- Subscription compulsory at cegesoma@cegesoma.be before 17 March 2016
- Subscription fee: 20€ (including conference map) to be deposited to BE12 6792 0045 0092 (BIC: PCHQBEBB) (Algemeen Rijksarchief CegeSoma - Ruisbroekstraat 2 - 1000 Brussel).
- For more information: cegesoma@cegesoma.be or [Mélanie Bost](mailto:Mélanie.Bost): 02.556.92.31
- The language of the conference will be English, except the round table (French-Dutch)



De Eerste Wereldoorlog in 2018 en daarna!?

Op **26 april 2016** co-organiseert CegeSoma een studiedag rond de toekomstperspectieven voor het onderzoek over de Eerste Wereldoorlog. Wat zal er gebeuren met het lopende onderzoek na november 2018 ? Hoe kan alle inzet rond WO I na 2018 duurzaam verankerd worden ? We nodigen u uit hierover mee na te denken via interactieve workshops.

Eerst stellen jonge onderzoekers hun lopende onderzoek voor. Daarna organiseren we zes parallelle workshops om na te denken over de concrete valorisering van onderzoek. De dag wordt afgesloten met een panelgesprek tussen Antoon Vrints (UGent) en Piet Chielens (In Flanders Fields Museum).

Praktische informatie

- De studiedag vindt plaats in het Boudewijngebouw (Boudewijnlaan 30) te Brussel.
- De taal van die studiedag is Nederlands.
- Inschrijven is verplicht en kost 25 euro (lunch inbegrepen).
- U vindt het volledige programma met alle praktische informatie hier : <http://www.faronet.be/kalender/de-eerste-wereldoorlog-in-2018-en-daarna> .
- U kan zich ook rechtstreeks inschrijven via deze site.



Terugkeer van de Belgische vluchtelingen uit Nederland na de val van Antwerpen. Het spoorwegverkeer was ontreederd, zodat men niet verder geraakte dan Merksem, van waaruit men dan te voet verder moest. (Foto CegeSoma, collectie Mary Deloy, nr. 56531)

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