

Meeting Summary:

Network of Junior Researchers in Intelligence History (NJRIH) /
Nachwuchsnetzwerk Intelligence-Forschung, Marburg, 19 June 2011

After the 17th annual conference of the IIHA from 17 to 19 June 2011 in Marburg/Germany, junior researchers in the field of intelligence history came together to discuss developments in their field. The participants, ranging from MA students to post-docs from all over Germany, stated unanimously that research in intelligence history still lacks a basis in study programs or institutional research efforts. Quite often, people interested in intelligence history have to overcome uninformed critics or are seen as merely “James Bond”-historians. Some of these problems are due to the fact that there is no widely acknowledged theoretical or methodological foundation for research in Germany.

For the promotion of intelligence history and the improvement of research, the junior researchers agreed to organise a mailing list with further details (i.e. field of studies) of all participants. For the next years, more similar meetings are planned, whenever possible in co-operation with conferences of the AGN/IIHA or other conferences. A formalisation of the network seems plausible and desirable in the near future.

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