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FWF-Project „The Austrian Section of SOE. Policy, Missions, Personal, Memory”

Workshop

**Intelligence, Exile, Resistance**

Allied Secret Services and their activities towards Austria 1940-1946

Friday, 19th of December 2008

Bruno-Kreisky-Forum Vienna

# Programme

**9:00**

## **Address of Welcome**

Prof. Dr. Walter Manoschek (Department of Government, University of Vienna)

## **Chair of Conference**

Mag. Maria Fritsche (University of Portsmouth, GB)

## **1. The british „Special Operations Executive“ (SOE) and Austria**

9:10

*Austria and the History of Britain's Special Operations Executive*

Dr. Roderick Bailey (Imperial War Museum, GB)

9:40

*The political process in the field of intelligence: The Austrian Section of SOE, the Exiles and the Foreign Office*

Mag. Peter Pirker (Department of Government, University of Vienna)

10.10 – 10.30 Discussion

Coffee break

## **2. Operations into Austria**

10:50 – 11:20

*The SOE and OSS missions into Austria from Slovenia and north-east Italy*

Dr. Gorazd Bajc (Science and Research Centre of the Republic of Slovenia, Koper/Capodistria)

11:20 – 11:50

*Attempts by OSS Missions to Infiltrate Austria via Slovenia*

Dr. Blaž Torkar (Military Museum of Slovenian Armed Forces, Ljubljana)

11:50 – 12:10 Discussion

## **Lunch Break**

13:30-14:00

*Operation Duval. SOE-agents in Austria, the Gestapo and the Life after*

Mag. Peter Pirker (Department of Government, University of Vienna)

14:00 – 14:30

*NKVD-SOE Cooperation and Austria 1941-45*

Dr. Barry Mc Loughlin (University of Vienna)

14.30 – 14:50 Discussion

Coffee Break

### **3. Intelligence and the Early Cold War**

15:10 – 15:40

*The U.S. intelligence services COI/OSS/SSU and Austria 1941-1946*

Univ. Prof. Dr. Siegfried Beer (Austrian Center for Intelligence, Propaganda and Security Studies, University of Graz)

15:40 – 16:10

*Life after SOE: Peter Wilkinson's path from Clowder to the Cold War*

Dr. Robert Knight (University of Loughborough)

### **Final Discussion and Prospects of Research**

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## Participants

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PhD from Edinburgh University on SOE operations in the occupied Balkans. In 2003 he was appointed to run a major project to acquire new material for the Imperial War Museum's SOE collections. Author of "The Wildest Province. SOE in the land of the Eagle" (2008), Edited and compiled "Forgotten Voices of the Secret War. An Inside History of Special Operations During the Second World War" (2008). Several journal and chapter contributions on the history of SOE.

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Researcher at the Science and Research Centre of Koper, University of Primorska; Assistant professor at the Faculty of Humanities Koper, University of Primorska. His researches are focused on the history of the intelligence, the diplomacy, the italo-jugoslav/slovene relations and the legal status of the slovene minority in Italy. Author of three books, editor of several scientific monographs and collections of papers.

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Head of Austrian Center for Intelligence, Propaganda, Security Studies (ACIPSS) at the University of Graz. Editor of the Journal for Intelligence, Propaganda and Security Studies (JIPSS). Published several books, journal and chapter contributions on International Relations in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, Anglo-american History, Intelligence Services in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and on Austria in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

### Mag.a Maria Fritsche

Studied History, Political Science, Gender Studies and Film History at the universities of Vienna, Bern und Portsmouth. She has just completed her PhD thesis on the 'Reconstruction of Masculinities in Post-war Austrian Cinema 1945-1955'. Author of "Entziehungen. Österreichische Deserteure und Selbstverstümmelter in der Deutschen Wehrmacht" (2004). She has published widely on Nazi military justice and the persecution of unruly soldiers during World War II, memory culture in Austria, the construction of national identity, the subjects of masculinity and film history.

### Dr. Robert Knight

Senior Lecturer in International History, University of Loughborough. Author of "Ich bin dafür, die Sache in die Länge zu ziehen": die Wortprotokolle der österreichischen Bundesregierung von 1945 bis 1952, (1988). Several journal and chapter contributions on British-Austrian History, Denazification and the Carinthian Slovenes.

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Professor for Political Science at the Department of Government, University of Vienna. Author of "Holokaust u Srbiji. Vojna okupaciona politika i uništavanje Jevreja 1941-1942" (2007), Co-Editor of "The Discursive Construction of History. Remembering the Wehrmacht's War of Annihilation (2008), Editor of "Opfer der NS-Militärjustiz" (2003).

### Dr. Barry McLoughlin

MA (1980) from University, College Dublin; Ph.D. (1990) Vienna University. Part-time lecturer Department of History, University of Vienna. Research interests: History of Communism and Stalinism; Stalinist Terror; Soviet espionage; the Irish revolution 1916-1923.

### Mag. Peter Pirker

Researcher for the FWF-project "The Austrian Section of Britain's Wartime Secret Service SOE" at the Department of Government, University of Vienna. He is currently doing his PhD at the University of Vienna. Editor of "Patrick Martin-Smith: Widerstand vom Himmel. Österreich-Einsätze des britischen Geheimdienstes SOE im Jahr 1944 (2004), Eric Sanders: Emigration ins Leben (2008). Author of journal and chapter contributions.

### Blaž Torkar

Curator at the Military Museum of Slovenian Armed Forces, Ljubljana. He is doing his PhD in History at University of Primorska, Koper. Research interests: SOE in Slovenia, OSS missions in Slovenia.