

The Cambridge Five and the Soviet Intelligence Offensive against Great Britain, 1917-1991.

Start date 13 May 2016**End date** 15 May 2016**Venue** Madingley Hall
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Cambridge**Tutor** Dr David Burke**Course code** 1516NRX131**Director of Programmes** Emma Jennings**For further information on this course, please contact** Clare Kerr, Public Programmes Coordinator
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Tutor biography

David Burke has until recently been teaching on the University of Cambridge undergraduate course, The Rise of the Secret World: Government and Intelligence Communities since c.1900. He gained his PhD from the University of Greenwich on the Russian Political Emigration to Britain, 1884 – 1920. He has since taught intelligence history at the universities of Cambridge and Salford. His recent book *The Lawn Road Flats. Spies, Writers and Artists* has been favourably reviewed in *The Sunday Times* and the *Daily Express*; while his first book based on a series of interviews with the atom bomb spy, Melita Norwood, *The Spy Who Came in From the Co-op*, was favourably reviewed in *The Guardian*, *The Times Higher Education Supplement* and the US journal the *Weekly Standard*. He is currently working on a history of Russian espionage in Britain, 1891-1991 entitled *Family Secrets. From Agent Mozart to Red Sonya*.

Course programme

Friday

Please plan to arrive between 16:30 and 18:30. You can meet other course members in the bar which opens at 18:15. Tea and coffee making facilities are available in the study bedrooms.

19:00	Dinner
20:30 – 22:00	The October Revolution 1917 and Lenin's First Secret Agent in Britain.
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Saturday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	The Underground British Communist Party and Soviet Espionage, 1920-1934
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	The Cambridge Spies (1) Guy Burgess, Donald Maclean and Kim Philby.
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Free
16:00	Tea
16:30 – 18:00	The Cambridge Spies (2) Anthony Blunt and John Cairncross.
18:00 – 18:30	Free
18:00	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	Red Sonya, Klaus Fuchs, Melita Norwood, Alan Nunn May and the Atom Bomb Spies.
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Sunday

07:30 Breakfast

09:00 – 10:30 **George Blake and Gordon Lonsdale.**

10:30 Coffee

11:00 – 12:30 **Endgame. The Expulsion of the Diplomats, The End of The Party and The Mitrokhin Archive.**

12:45 Lunch

The course will disperse after lunch

Course syllabus

Aims:

Five of the most successful spies in history, the Cambridge Five continue to generate both interest and controversy. The Soviet intelligence offensive against Great Britain, however, was much greater than a concentration on the Five allows. The aim of this course is to put the Five in perspective in order to examine why, how and where Soviet espionage took place. Ben Macintyre's recent biography of Philby concentrates on the rather louche behaviour and spying activities of upper class Englishmen wedded to treason. This course looks at the true nature of Soviet espionage in Britain which operated across all classes and posed a significant threat to the security of this country.

Content:

This course opens with the October Revolution of 1917 and the setting-up of early intelligence networks in Britain by communist sympathisers alongside British intelligence's attempts to disrupt them. Following the formation of a Communist Party in Britain in 1920 the spying game became more sophisticated culminating in the recruitment of the Cambridge Five in 1934. The Soviets, however, ran parallel organisations and successfully recruited a number of middle and working class spies working in key military and scientific industries, including the Tube Alloys project, codename for the atomic bomb project. The role of Red Sonya as controller of the atomic bomb spies Klaus Fuchs, Melita Norwood, and Alan Nunn May was crucial to the Soviet's success. The careers of the Cold War spies Gordon Blake and Gordon Lonsdale are examined in the light of changed perceptions of communism and the loss of ideological certainty. With the collapse of the Soviet Union and the disappearance of Britain's communist party the endgame came with the revelations of the Mitrokhin Archive and the scramble by Russian intelligence to salvage those networks that had not been 'outed', and what was left of the KGB.

Presentation of the course:

Power point presentation followed by class discussion.

Outcomes:

As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate a good understanding of the nature of Soviet intelligence's overseas operations.
- Develop an appreciation of the motivations of those who were recruited to spy for the Soviet Union and the Soviet Union's recruitment strategies.
- Discuss the conflicting interpretations of espionage as a legitimate form of intelligence-gathering or evidence of treason.
- Determine the role of bias and preconceived opinion in formulating popular perceptions of spies.

Reading and resources list

Listed below are a number of texts that might be of interest for future reference, but do not need to be bought (or consulted) for the course.

Author	Title	Publisher and date
Andrew, C.*	Defence Of The Realm	Penguin 2009
Andrew, C.	Mitrokhin Archive	Penguin 1999
Andrew, C.	KGB	Penguin 1990
Blake, G.	No Other Choice	SimonSchuster 1990
Borovik, G.	The Philby Files	Little, Brown 1994
Burke, D.	Lawn Road Flats	Boydell 2014
Burke, D.*	Spy Who Came In From The Co-op	Boydell 2008
Cairncross, J.*	The Enigma Spy	Century 1997
Carter, M.*	Anthony Blunt	Macmillan 2001
Cecil, Robert*	A Divided Life. Donald Maclean	Bodley Head 1988
Damaskin & Elliott	Kitty Harris. Spy with 17 Names	St Ermins Press 2001
Hamrick S. J.	Deceiving the Deceived	Yale Univ. Press 2004
Haslam, J.	Near and Distant Neighbours	Oxf. Univ. Press 2015
Hermiston, R.*	The Greatest Traitor, George Blake	Aurum Press, 2014
Holloway, D.	Stalin and The Bomb	Yale Univ. Press 1994
Holzman, M.	Donald and Melinda MacLean	Chelmsford 2014
Holzman, M.	Guy Burgess	Chelmsford 2013
Hyde, H. M.	The Atom Bomb Spies	Hamish 1980
Knightley, P.	Philby	Deutsch 1988
Lonsdale, G.	Spy	Mayflower 1965
Lownie, A.*	Stalin's Englishman. Guy Burgess	Hodder 2015
Macintyre, B.	A Spy Among Friends	Bloomsbury 2014
Milne, Tim.*	Kim Philby	Biteback 2015
Modin, Y.	My Five Cambridge Friends	Headline 1994

Paige, B, et al.	Philby	Deutsch 1968
Penrose & Freeman	Conspiracy of Silence. Secret Life of Blunt	Farrar 1987
Philby, K.*	My Silent War	Grove Press 1968
Philby, R.	The Private Life Of Kim Philby	St Ermins Press 1999
Purvis & Hulbert.	Guy Burgess	Biteback 2016
Randle & Pottle.	The Blake Escape	Harrap 1989
Trevor-Roper, Hugh	The Philby Affair	William Kimber 1968
West & Tsarev	The Crown Jewels	Harper Collins 1998
Werner, Ruth	Sonya's Report	Chatto&Windus 1991
Williams, R. C.	Klaus Fuchs. Atom Spy	Harvard 1987

Website addresses

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