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RESEARCH HUB *for*  
SCANDINAVIAN INTELLIGENCE STUDIES

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## Intelligence Legitimacy in Theory and Practice 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2024

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From Scandinavian perspectives, this conference addresses questions that are central to contemporary intelligence services and practices:

- How can intelligence legitimacy be understood, built, maintained, and restored?
- What are important future areas of focus in Scandinavian intelligence studies?
- What relationships may constructively be established between intelligence studies and practice and how?

**Venue:** Carlsberg Museum and Business Centre, Valby Langgade 1, Copenhagen



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# INTELHUB Conference: Intelligence Legitimacy in Theory and Practice

Over the past decades, a series of intelligence scandals in the Western world has led to public scrutiny of the legitimacy of intelligence services. Observers are advocating for improved means to ensure their legitimacy, such as increasing transparency and enhancing accountability mechanisms.

Furthermore, the changing democratic context and the evolving role of intelligence services raise more profound questions about the institution and practices of intelligence and how such legitimacy is built, maintained, and restored to help stabilize the pillars of Western democracies.

With this conference we wish to pave the way for studies on how intelligence services can set about creating, maintaining, or restoring legitimacy in other contexts with a specific attention to the Scandinavian culture characterized by a high degree of social cohesion and trust.

## Program

8.30	<b>Arrival and registration</b>
8.45-9.00	<b>Welcome</b> , Kira Vrist Rønn <i>Head of INTELHUB</i>
9.00-9.30	<b>Keynote: Invisible Legitimacy – a framework for understanding intelligence legitimacy</b> <b>Adam Diderichsen</b> , <i>researcher at INTELHUB, University of Southern Denmark.</i> <i>Chair: Kira Vrist Rønn</i>
9.30-9.45	<b>Coffee</b>
9.45-11.00	<b>Panel 1: Scandinavian Intelligence Studies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Hedvig Ôrdén</b>, <i>University of Lund &amp; Swedish Institute of International Affairs</i></li><li>• <b>Tom Røseth</b>, <i>Head of the Ukraine-program, Norwegian Defence University College</i></li><li>• <b>Karen Lund Petersen</b>, <i>Danish Security and Intelligence Service</i></li></ul> <i>Chair: Melanie Sofia Hartvigsen</i>
11.00-11.15	<b>Coffee</b>
11.15-12.00	<b>Keynote: Legitimacy of Dutch intelligence</b> <i>Associate Professor Eleni Braat, Utrecht University</i> <i>Chair: Adam Diderichsen</i>
12.00-13.00	<b>Lunch</b>
13.00-13.45	<b>Watching the Jackals: Cold War Czechoslovakia and Middle Eastern Spies, Terrorists and Revolutionaries</b> <i>Associate Professor and Deputy Director of the King's Centre for the Study of Intelligence Daniela Richterova</i> <i>Chair: Kira Vrist Rønn</i>
13.45-14.00	<b>Coffee</b>
14.00-15.30	<b>Panel 2: Academic Outreach in Scandinavia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Kristin Ven Bruusgaard</b>, <i>Director of the Norwegian Intelligence School</i></li><li>• <b>Tony Ingesson</b>, <i>University of Lund</i></li><li>• <b>Maya Mynster Christensen</b>, <i>Royal Danish Defence College</i></li></ul> <i>Chair: Tallat R. Shakoor</i>
15.30	<b>Final remarks</b> , Kira Vrist Rønn
- 16.30	<b>Reception</b>