

The Secret State

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Summary :

While the history of spying can be traced back to ancient times, intelligence and surveillance are two socio-political practices closely linked to the emergence of the modern state at the end of the 19th century. This Secret State, whose representations have been shaped by literature, cinema and TV series (from *La Chartreuse de Parme* to *Carrie Mathison* and *James Bond*), has developed bureaucratic organizations and professional communities, and has relied on technological innovations to optimize its internal and external security. Since the end of the Cold War, it has adapted to the need for transparency ("Public Intelligence") by adopting mechanisms to control its actions. Using the conceptual tools of sociology, history and ethnology, this course aims to go beyond the traditional legends and approaches to the world of Intelligence, which are usually devoted to the figures of 'heroes' and traitors, 'coups d'éclat' and failures. The intellectual challenge is to reflect on how intelligence and surveillance have become techniques of power in both democratic and dictatorial regimes.

The course will be assessed in the form of an individual paper and a security report (based on OSINT's methodology).

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For a complete bibliographie, see <https://www.intelligence-college-europe.org/the-ice-bibliography-on-intelligence/?lang=fr>

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Professional Skills

- Team Work
- Written Communication
- Investigation
- Research and Analysis
- Critical Thinking

Course Validation

- ▶ There will be two formal written assignments
 - ▶ One analytical exercise with a return expected for October 23. It will be worth 30% of the marks
 - ▶ A strategic paper on a security issue based on OSINT tools and methodology (2 students / topic). Return expected for December 6. It will account for 70% of the marks