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The Journal of European and American Intelligence Studies (JEAIS) is an all-inclusive academic platform that allows junior and senior scholars and practitioners from both the public and private sectors, to share their knowledge, ideas and approach to intelligence studies. By crafting each journal issue through a rigorous and highly selective screening process of potential contributors and an exhaustive review process, the JEAIS mission is three-fold: to provide an equal opportunity for academics and practitioners of intelligence to discuss and challenge ideas, to address existent knowledge gaps by creating new knowledge, and to shape future new debates in intelligence beyond traditional communities of research.

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Editor's Note

Talking about cooperation in international politics in general, and about international cooperation in intelligence in particular is like trying to see through a frosted glass: while we are able to perceive shapes, details will remain hidden in a blurred light. This is maybe the main reason intelligence cooperation represents an area that fascinates scholars. Yet, research remains rather limited to archival resources and prospective approaches based in theoretical constructions, as the present-day practice of intelligence cooperation is and will continue to be a tradecraft behind closed doors, and beyond written agreements and convergent politics. Why? Simply because the business of sharing is not just about the current information trade needs, but also about building long-term ties between partners that encompass strategic approaches on the future. In addition, informal communication, personal connections, and ad hoc arrangements represent the unwritten, discrete side of intelligence cooperation that remains undocumented and therefore impossible to quantify.

The current issue of the *Journal of European and American Intelligence Studies* (JEAIS) gathers four articles on intelligence cooperation meant to add up to the literature on intelligence sharing, as well as stress the need for continued dialogue and reflection in and on this area. While much of this research will continue to build upon work in the archives or theoretical constructions, the value of such work consists in providing practitioners with frames of reference against which they can weight their cooperation models, strategies, and objectives. The four articles were chosen to point at four themes that we considered representatives for the discourse and practice of intelligence cooperation as we will soon start the 2020s decade.

This special issue is an invitation to our readers, intelligence academics and practitioners to reflect upon, to share their experience and discuss their views on the role of intelligence cooperation in the world of international politics and security.

Sincerely,

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