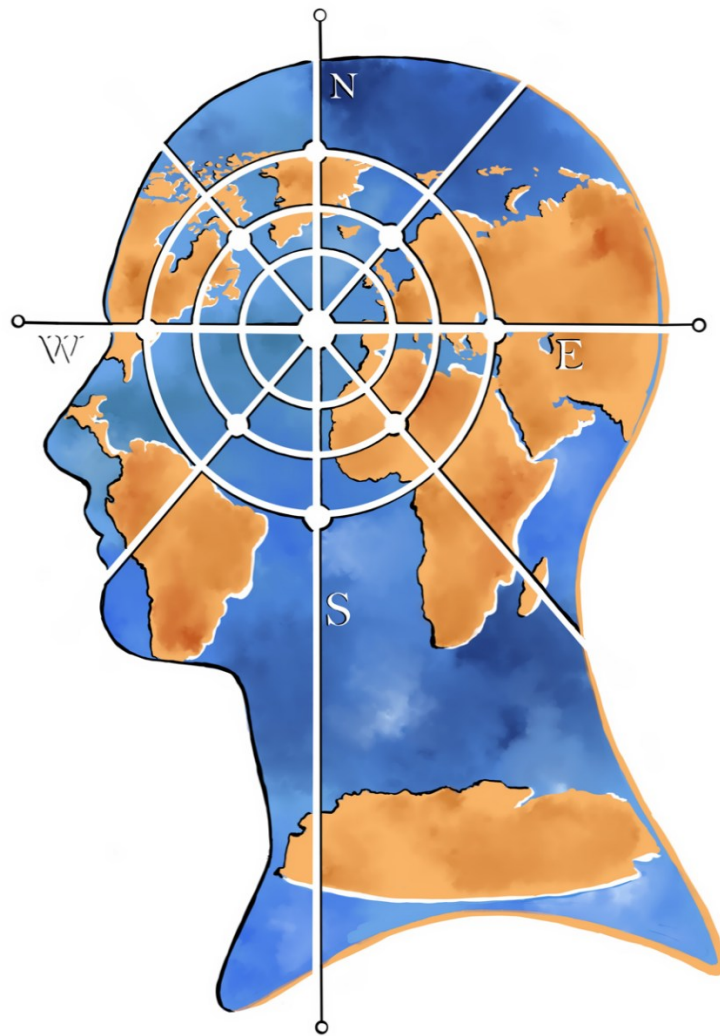


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Editor's Note

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Welcome to Volume 9, Issue 1, of the *Journal of European and American Intelligence Studies (JEAIS)*. This issue brings together a diverse and timely collection of articles examining intelligence analysis, intelligence cooperation, democratic accountability, professional education, and organizational adaptation under conditions of uncertainty. The value of this volume lies not only in the breadth of its subject matter, but also in the way its contributions illuminate the increasingly interdisciplinary character of intelligence studies. The collection of articles in this volume move across theory, method, policy, education, and applied sectoral analysis—demonstrating that intelligence cannot be understood narrowly as a state function or professional practice alone. Rather, it is a field shaped by—among other things—analytical rigor, institutional trust, ethical contestation, geopolitical realignment, and the capacity of organizations to adapt under pressure. Taken together, the contributions speak to a central concern in contemporary intelligence studies: how intelligence institutions, analysts, educators, and partner organizations can remain effective when political, technological, strategic, and ethical environments are increasingly fluid.

The issue opens with Yakov Ben-Haim's "Dilemmas of Robustness, Opportuneness and Informativeness: Implications for Intelligence Analysis", a theoretically rich contribution that applies info-gap decision theory to the work of intelligence analysts. Ben-Haim examines the tension between the informativeness of intelligence assertions and their reliability, showing how claims that provide greater decision advantage may also become more vulnerable to uncertainty. The article further develops the concept of "opportuneness", emphasizing that uncertainty may not only threaten judgments but also create possibilities for sharper and more useful intelligence assessments. A hypothetical example concerning the possibility of a Chinese invasion of Taiwan demonstrates the operational relevance of these concepts.

Minas Lyristis's "Intelligence Sharing in a Multipolar Middle East: The European Union-Saudi-China Triangle" shifts attention to the geopolitical consequences of Saudi Arabia's increasingly autonomous foreign policy. As Riyadh deepens ties with China and recalibrates relations with Iran, Western intelligence services face new dilemmas in

managing sensitive cooperation with a partner no longer easily understood through traditional alliance categories. The article calls for more flexible models of intelligence sharing that preserve source protection while recognizing the multipolar realities of Gulf security.

Methodological innovation is at the center of Charalampos ‘Bobby’ Paraskevopoulos’s “Whistleblowing Across Time: A Hybrid Methodology for Comparative Case Analysis in Intelligence Studies.” The article proposes a framework that integrates established academic methods with Structured Analytical Techniques from intelligence practice. By treating bias and error management as core elements of research design rather than afterthoughts, the article offers a replicable model for studying contested intelligence phenomena under conditions of secrecy, uncertainty, and politicization.

Jonathan Smith’s “Academic Centers as Drivers of Student Professionalization in Intelligence Education” examines the growing role of academic centers in intelligence education. Drawing on a cross-national dataset, the article compares US-based centers, which tend to emphasize experiential learning and entry-level career preparation, with non-US centers, which more often prioritize research, policy engagement, and communities of practice. The result is an important contribution to understanding how institutional structures shape professional identity formation in intelligence studies.

Eirini-Anna Lagonika and Stella Lagonika’s “The Impact of Geopolitical Security, Energy-Security Intelligence, and Financial Performance on the LNG Shipping Sector” extends the scope of our issue into organizational and energy-security intelligence. Using panel data from 2016 to 2024, the authors examine how organizational intelligence affects the financial performance of LNG shipping firms during periods marked by pandemic disruption, war, and energy crisis. Their findings suggest that firms with stronger intelligence capacities are better positioned to adapt and compete during geopolitical volatility.

The issue concludes with Paraskevopoulos’s “The Snowden Shockwave: Intelligence Leaks, Democratic Resilience, and the Limits of Reform,” which revisits the political, legal, and security consequences of the 2013 Snowden disclosures. The article argues that the scale and downstream effects of the leaks place them closer to strategic betrayal than principled whistleblowing, while also acknowledging their role in accelerating global debates over privacy and surveillance. Its findings underscore the persistent structural tension between intelligence imperatives and democratic accountability.

Across these articles, a common theme emerges: intelligence is not merely a function of information collection or analytic tradecraft, but a field shaped by uncertainty, institutional trust, political legitimacy, professional formation, and strategic adaptation. This issue invites readers to consider how intelligence studies can better connect theory and practice while remaining attentive to the ethical and institutional pressures that define the field.

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