



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR INTELLIGENCE EDUCATION
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

PRACTICAL INTELLIGENCE EDUCATION

8-10 September 2026 – Brunel University of London, UK



CALL FOR PROPOSALS



Brunel Centre for Intelligence
and Security Studies



About the Conference

The International Association for Intelligence Education (IAFIE) Europe is delighted to announce its 2026 Annual Conference: “Practical Intelligence Education,” taking place on 8-10 September 2026, hosted by the Brunel Centre for Intelligence and Security Studies (BCISS) at Brunel University of London.

The 2026 conference will be an opportunity to focus on pedagogical innovation, share best-practices, and highlight the value of practical teaching.

The conference will feature two thematic tracks:

Track 1 Theme: The Role and Value of Practical Exercises in Intelligence Education and Training

This track welcomes contributions that examine the use of practical exercises in intelligence education. This can include papers and panels that reflect on the effectiveness, design, and application of practical exercises. Proposals may also include the delivery of live, interactive exercises at the conference, offering the opportunity for attendees to experience them first-hand.

Track 2 Theme: Where is the State of the Art and Where Do We Need to Go Next?

This track invites proposals for panels and papers that showcase the latest developments in intelligence studies and explore future directions for the field. The aim is to encourage innovative, future-oriented thinking—even if the approaches have not yet been fully tested. Submissions may present tentative or preliminary research, as well as forward-looking and moderately speculative ideas about emerging challenges and opportunities.

The Program Committee will review proposals for the following:

Standard Papers

Proposals for standard papers require a title (max. 30 words), an abstract (max. 200 words), and at least one author. The Program Committee will review them and group them into panels.

Fully Formed Panels

Panel proposals consist of 3 to 5 papers grouped together into a cohesive group. Panel submissions require a title (max. 30 words), a panel abstract (max. 200 words), the names of a chair and discussant, and abstracts for each of the 3 to 5 papers.

Roundtable Discussions

Roundtables are designed for discussion of a topic and do not require submitted papers. They require a title (max. 30 words) and an abstract (max. 200 words), and 4 to 5 named participants.



Training/practical demonstrations

Submissions for practical exercises or interactive scenario/wargame-based demonstrations require a title (max. 30 words) and an abstract (max. 200 words) that describes the exercise and the space requirements.

IAFIE and IAFIE Europe

IAFIE is a global organization dedicated to advancing the intelligence profession and fostering collaboration between intelligence professionals and academics. IAFIE Europe furthers IAFIE's goals by building on the diverse models and rich experiences found across the continent. While its core focus is on intelligence education and training, IAFIE also serves as a platform for sharing ideas and information across related disciplines. IAFIE develops and promotes standards, theories, curricula, methodologies, and best practices in intelligence education and training. Through its global chapter network, international conferences, and other communication channels, it disseminates open-source knowledge to its members.

Brunel Centre for Intelligence and Security Studies

The Brunel Centre for Intelligence and Security Studies (BCISS) is the UK's first formally constituted research centre established to study intelligence agencies and their role in government. They pride themselves on consistently producing innovative, world-class and high-impact research that has contributed as much to the professional practice of UK and allied intelligence organisations as to scholarly understanding of those organisations. Their academics bring a powerful combination of academic research on, and first-hand engagement with, the intelligence profession in both government and the private sector on both sides of the Atlantic and the English Channel, and in Asia. You can find out more here: <https://www.brunel.ac.uk/research/Centres/Intelligence-and-Security-Studies>

Visa Requirements

The vast majority of our conference delegates will find access to the United Kingdom to be low-friction, requiring only an Electronic Travel Authorisation. However, others may require a visa. You can find out more details here: <https://www.gov.uk/eta>

We hope you agree that the IAFIE Europe Annual Conference in 2026 combines important topics in intelligence education with a world-class location conveniently located near world-renowned sites.

We look forward to meeting you in London!



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Key Dates

Submission of proposals by:

31 January 2026

Notification of acceptance by:

28 February 2026

Conference registration will open on:

1 March 2026

Submissions

Please submit your proposal according to the guidelines above to:

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General Information

Please see our [website](#) for more information

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