

Lies, Conspiracy and Propaganda

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The histories of Europe and Asia are studded with conspiracies and rumours of conspiracy. The idea of powerful forces working behind the scenes to shape events and to conceal their power from the public has deep roots both in historical evidence and in popular imagination. From the Protocols of the Elders of Zion in Europe to the death of Lin Biao in China and the Gestapu coup in Indonesia, the combination of fragmentary information, political interest, and fertile imagination have given rise to a vast range of conspiracy theories.

This conference will examine conspiracies, real and imagined, along with the lies and propaganda, used on the one hand to conceal reality and on the other to create suspicion and mistrust. Prospective contributions are invited on relevant topics including:

- specific and/or comparative studies of the conduct and effects of conspiracies in Europe and/or Asia (including Australia)
- efforts to create the suspicion of conspiracies where none existed
- the public and media appetite for conspiracy theories
- the historiographical treatment of conspiracies

Note that proposed titles with 200-400 word abstract should be submitted by 14 December 2003. <

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