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# Embassies in Crisis

**British Academy, London**

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**Convenors**

**Dr Rogelia Pastor-Castro - Prof Martin Thomas - Prof Richard Toye**



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- 9.10-9.20 Welcoming remarks: **Martin Thomas**
- 9.20-10.40 **Chair: James Ellison (Queen Mary University of London)**  
Panel I **Richard Smith**, *Keeping the Flag Flying: John Reeves and the British Consulate in Macau, 1941-45*  
**Rogelia Pastor-Castro**, *The British Embassy in Paris and the Fall of France*  
**Karine Varley**, *'Imprisoned in the Vatican': Neutrality and the Challenges Facing the French Embassy to the Holy See, 1940-1944*
- 10.40-11.00 **Refreshment break**
- 11.00-12.00 **Chair: Patrick Salmon (Foreign & Commonwealth Office)**  
Panel II **Jane Marriott**, Director of the UK's Joint International Counter Terrorism Unit, former Ambassador to Yemen  
**Simon Smith**, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, former Ambassador to Ukraine
- 12.00-12.45 **Lunch – Mall Room**
- 12.45-13.45 **Chair: Geoffrey Swain (University of Glasgow)**  
Panel III **Mary Heimann**, *The Mindszenty Affair and the U.S. Embassy in Budapest*  
**David Schriffl**, *Cold War Crises: Austrian diplomatic representations in Czechoslovakia from the early 1950s to the late 1960s*
- 13.45-14.15 **Refreshment break**
- 14.15-15.00 **Chair: Martin Thomas (University of Exeter)**  
Panel IV **Eric Hepburn**, Head of Security & DSO Foreign & Commonwealth Office  
**Nicola Mockridge**, Head of Policy Innovation and Communications, Crisis Management Department, Foreign & Commonwealth Office
- 15.00-15.20 **Refreshment break**
- 15.20-16.50 **Chair: Richard Toye (University of Exeter)**  
Panel V **Alex Ferguson**, *The U.S. Embassy in Saigon and the Crisis at Dien Bien Phu, 1954*  
**Lorena De Vita**, *'Such a relationship should be a two-way street': The First German Embassy in Israel between Crises and Opportunities, 1966-1967*  
**Isabella Ginor and Gideon Remez**, *Hook, line and sinker: The British Embassy in Cairo and the supposed 'expulsion of Soviet advisers' from Egypt, 1972*
- 16.50 Concluding remarks: **Rogelia Pastor-Castro, Martin Thomas and Richard Toye**