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A review of Competitive Intelligence as a discipline

This is a special issue of JISIB where the discipline is allowed to reflect on itself. Included are three articles that aim to take a new, critical look at the discipline of Competitive Intelligence and its equivalents in other cultures. Degerstedt rethinks the whole discipline of CI and IS, as seen from a larger sociological and technical perspective, which in many ways resembles ideas of Social Intelligence introduced by Stevan Dedijer. Solberg Søilen bases his reflections about the scientific standing of intelligence in business around a survey with two questions: What is unique for CI and IS as disciplines and what analyses are unique for CI and IS? The article by Hoppe was presented at the ECIS conference in Stockholm in 2009 and was submitted to the new journal of JISIB in 2011. The article is a call for a new research agenda for the study of intelligence in business. The author wants to move away from a narrow perspective on practice to pursue a broader understanding of intelligence as a discipline.

Finally, as always, we would first of like to thank the authors for their contributions to this issue of JISIB.

On behalf of the Editorial Board,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Klaus Solberg Søilen'.

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