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# Vikings in Vietnam. Norwegian Captains and CIA Clandestine Operations in North Vietnam.

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*Introduction:*

**Vittorio Emanuele Parsi**, ASERI director

In a little-known episode of the Vietnam War, the CIA hired Norwegian skippers to command fast patrol boats to land South Vietnamese commandos and combat swimmers on the coasts of North Vietnam. This talk explores the causes and consequences of this Norwegian connection, an intriguing episode of the early stages of the Vietnam War. For political reasons, this is still a sensitive subject in Norway, and very few people are aware of it, on either side of the Atlantic. The Norwegian support to the U.S. effort in Vietnam was substantiated both with the supply of naval units and with the participation of sailors hired as civilian commanders.

**Alessandro Giorgi**, Italian military historian and author. His focus is centred on World War II, Vietnam and Clandestine Operations in the Cold War. After studies in History and Literature at the Nazareth College in Rochester (New York), and military service in the 11th Infantry Battalion "Casale", Italian Army, he graduated in Economy at the Università Luigi Bocconi in Milan. Having followed a sales and marketing career, he has worked for several multi-national corporations.

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**The presentation will be held in English.**

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