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PROGRAM

JUNE 1, TUESDAY

10:00–10:15 (CET)

OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

10:00–10:05 OPENING REMARKS
Csaba BÉKÉS, Professor, Director, Cold War History Research Center at Corvinus University of Budapest and the Centre for Social Sciences

10:05–10:15 OPENING SPEECH
László CSICSMANN, Vice-rector, Corvinus University of Budapest

10:15–11:15
KEYNOTE SPEECH

Mark KRAMER, Director of Cold War studies at Harvard University and senior fellow at Harvard’s Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies

Post-Cold War Trends in the Study of the Cold War

11:15–12:50

PANEL 1
THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA IN THE COLD WAR

Chair: Dániel VÉKONY (Corvinus University of Budapest)

Hasan GÖNDER (University of Szeged, Doctoral School of History, PhD candidate)
Negative effects of the Cold War on Turkey: The End of Village Institutes and Reform Studies

Faruh KUZIEV (Central European University, Vienna, History Department, PhD candidate)
Muslim scientists, Muslim soldiers, and Muslim Muslims: The Cold War Generations of Sharora (the 1950s–1990s)
Tibor PINTÉR (University of Szeged, Hungary, Doctoral School of SZTE–ÁJTK, PhD student)
Somalia's neighborhood policy during the Cold War

Buyisile NTAKA (Corvinus University of Budapest, International Security Studies, PhD Candidate)
The Soviet Union and Liberation Movements in Southern Africa: The Case of the ANC in South Africa from 1960–1990

Discussion

12:55–14:10

PANEL 2
NUCLEAR HISTORY AND INTELLIGENCE

Chair: Péter MARTON (Corvinus University of Budapest)

Péter TAKÁCS (University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary, Doctoral School of Public Administration, PhD student)
Cold War Trends in the Nuclear Age: Hannah Arendt's Concept Typology on the Issue of Total War and Political Revolution

Hannah KUNZE (Columbia University, USA, European Institute, Dual BA)
The Demise of the Family Unit: Parenting and Alcoholism in the Soviet Union in the Early Cold War Years

Carol Louise ASHBY (Sciences Po, France and Columbia University, USA, Political Science Major Dual BA)
Swinging Spies: Sexticipation during the Sexual Revolution in New York and Washington D.C. in the 1970s

Discussion

14:15–15:30

PANEL 3
CULTURAL ASPECTS OF THE COLD WAR

Chair: Victoria PHILLIPS, Lecturer in History, Columbia University, USA – LSE, UK
Clara LEVRERO (Columbia University, USA, Barnard College, BA in History)
American–Italian Music Cultural Diplomacy: Gian Carlo Menotti and the Spoleto Festival

Ruby GURALNIK DAWES (Columbia University, USA, Barnard College, Intellectual History, Art History, BA)
Red Art Termites and the Conspiracy of Modernism: Donderoism and Paradoxes of the Early Cold War

Veronika JONSSON (Columbia University, USA, International and World History, MA/MSc)
American Culture for Export: The 1959 "Ballets: U.S.A." Tour in Iceland

JUNE 2, WEDNESDAY

10:00–11:55

PANEL 4
EAST-CENTRAL EUROPE IN THE COLD WAR

Chair: Csaba BÉKÉS (Professor, Director, Cold War History Research Center at Corvinus University of Budapest and the Centre for Social Sciences)

Sabine NACHBAUR (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research into Consequences of War, Graz, Austria, PhD candidate)
Czechoslovak Intelligence in Austria from the Perspective of Austrian Authorities during the Early Cold War, 1948–1960

Bartosz GROMKO (Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski University, Warsaw, Poland, PhD candidate)
Radio Varsavia – the Voice of the Italian Communists from beyond the Iron Curtain

Jitka DRAHOTSKA (University of Aberdeen, UK, Department of History, BA)
The Winter after the Spring: Emotions in the Transitional Period between the Prague Spring and the Advent of Normalization in Czechoslovakia through the Self-immolation of Jan Palach
Karol CHWASTEK (University of Silesia, Katowice, Poland, Silesian Freedom and Solidarity Centre, PhD candidate)
For Dignity, Resistance against Martial Law in Poland in December 1981

Andrei OLTENAU (Babes–Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania, Faculty of History and Philosophy, UBB Master)
"The Most Favored Nation!" Misinterpreted by Western states: Ceausescu, a Failed Hope of Relaxation (1975–1985)

12:00–13:35

PANEL 5
THE NEUTRALS IN THE COLD WAR

Chair: Barnabás VAJDA (University Selye János, Komárno, Slovakia)

Anna STEINER (University of Graz – Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on Consequences of War)
The Road to Helsinki: Neutral Austria in Soviet Foreign Policy Strategy, 1969–1975

James P. BROWN (Northumbria University, UK, Department of Humanities, PhD Candidate)
Cold War Dissidents and their Transnational Supporters in Britain, America and the USSR: 1964–1991

Rosa Florence GEOGHEGAN (Columbia University, USA, European Studies, Dual BA)
Neutrality, Geography and Sovereignty: An Examination of Cold War Neutrality in Three Small European States: Ireland, Austria and Finland.

Christian NEUBACHER (Columbia University, USA, Master Candidate, European History, Politics, and Society, MA)
The Magnificent Magyars: Hungarian–Soviet Relations through Football Diplomacy

Discussion

13:40–14:55

PANEL 6
U.S. DIPLOMACY IN THE COLD WAR

Chair: Anita SZŰCS (Corvinus University of Budapest)
Anna GRUTZA (Central European University, Vienna, Comparative History, PhD Candidate)
Radio Free Europe and the Cold War Agency Crisis: US Cold War Scientists and Fact-Makers in the Trap of Pure Objectivity and Purified Reasons

Zsolt MÁTÉ (University of Pécs, Hungary, PhD candidate)
The 1956 Hungarian Revolution in View of the Communication of American Diplomacy

Murat IPLICKI (Bilkent University, Turkey, Department of History, American Studies, PhD candidate)
They Were Meant to be Together: Forging U.S.–Turkish Alliance through Business Diplomacy and Foreign Direct Investments between 1945–1960

Discussion

15:00–16:15

PANEL 7

CHINA AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA IN THE COLD WAR

Chair: Tamás MATURA (Corvinus University of Budapest)

Holly MCKENZIE (LSE, UK – Peking University, China, International Affairs, Double MSc)

Rhe-Anne TAN (Columbia University, USA, – Sciences Po, France, Economy & Society Political Science, BA)
Screening the Cold War in Southeast Asia: US Cultural Diplomacy and Postcolonial Counter-Narratives

Yuwei Corrine FU (London School of Economics, UK, History of International Relations)

Discussion
16:20–17:55

PANEL 8

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE POST COLD WAR ERA

Chair: Beáta PARAGI (Corvinus University of Budapest)

Simon SZILVÁSI (Corvinus University of Budapest, International Relations and Security Studies, PhD Candidate – Antall József Knowledge Centre, Research Fellow)
Mikhail Gorbachev’s Speech in Murmansk and its implications on the Post-Cold War Arctic cooperation

Jeff HAWN (London School of Economics, UK, International History, PhD candidate)
Why the United States Foreign Policy Establishment Came to See Boris Yeltsin as the Key to Russian Democracy?

Murat DEREGÖZÜ (Corvinus University of Budapest, PhD candidate)
Post-Cold War Geopolitics of Turkey

Neli KIRILOVA (Corvinus University of Budapest, International Relations and Security Studies, PhD Candidate – European Security and Defence College, & PhD Fellow, CSDP/CFSP)
The Black Sea Regional Competition–Cooperation in Post-Cold War Russia – Turkey – NATO – EU Relations

Discussion

CLOSING REMARKS

Csaba BÉKÉS, Professor, Director, Cold War History Research Center at Corvinus University of Budapest and the Centre for Social Sciences