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THURSDAY MAY 2

6:30-8:30 PM: Reception and Book Talk Featuring Professor Hope M. Harrison,
The George Washington University

Location: 1957 E Street, NW, Suite 503, Conference Room

FRIDAY MAY 3

All Friday Sessions Take Place in the Lindner Commons (Room 602), The Elliott School of International Affairs, 1957 E Street, NW.

Breakfast will be provided at the Hotel.

10:00-10:30AM: Opening Remarks and Introductions

10:30 AM-12:00 PM: Europe and the Soviet Union

Panel Chair: Salim Yaqub, University of California, Santa Barbara

William Whitworth, Northeastern University, “The Ungrateful Germans: Anti-Rearmament Activism as a Cornerstone of U.S.-West German Relations, 1950-52.”

Liliane Stadler, University of Oxford, “The Transfer of Soviet Prisoners of War from Afghanistan to Switzerland, 1982-1984.”

Aleksandra Komornicka, European University Institute, “‘The Unity of Europe is inevitable’: Poland and the European Economic Community in the 1970s.”

Commentators: Hope M. Harrison, The George Washington University and Luc Brunet, The London School of Economics

12:00-1:00 PM: Lunch

1:00-3:00 PM: The Two Koreas and the Cold War

Panel Chair: Gregg Brazinsky, The George Washington University

John Grisafi, The University of Pennsylvania, “‘Nothing Less Than a Religious War’: The Genesis of the Religious Cold War in Korea.”

Hannah Ontiveros, Duke University, “Empire of Pacifism: Quaker Aid to South Korea in the 1950s.”

Natalia Matveeva, SOAS University of London. “Diplomacy among Comrades: North Korea’s relations with the Eastern bloc and engagement of the Third World, 1960-1964, in the context of the Sino-Soviet split.”

Katherine Yang, The George Washington University, “*Kisaeng* Tourism: The Politics of Pleasure in the 1970s South Korea.”

Commentators: Justine Guichard, The George Washington University and James F. Person, The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies

3:00-3:30 PM: Coffee Break

3:30-5:00 PM: The Cold War in Asia

Panel Chair: Eric Arnesen, The George Washington University

Hao Chen, University of Cambridge, “Resisting Bandung? Taiwan’s Struggle for Representational Legitimacy in the Formation of the Asian Peoples’ Anti-Communist League, 1954-1957.”

William Chou, Ohio State University, “Japan as a Totem: Japan’s Industrial Challenge in the American Consciousness in the Malaise Era, 1970-1985.”

Katrin Heilmann, King’s College London, “Chinese Responses to Nuclear Weapons Testing.”

Commentators: Gregg Brazinsky, The George Washington University and James Hershberg, The George Washington University

Attendees will be responsible for their own dinners.

SATURDAY MAY 4

All Saturday Sessions Take Place at the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Room, Room 702, The Gelman Library, 2130 H Street, NW.

Breakfast will be provided at the Hotel.

10:30-12:00 PM: Christianity and the Middle and Near East

Chair: Luc Brunet, The London School of Economics

Matthew Frakes, The University of Virginia, “Act of War: Reagan, Thatcher, and Counterterrorism Strategy during the American Bombing of Libya, 1986.”

Gregory Graves, The George Washington University, “The Cyprus Crisis: the Turkish Invasion and the First Ceasefire.”

Amy Fallas, University of California, Santa Barbara, “‘For the Life of the World:’ Christian Activism and the Ecumenical Student Movement in the Global Sixties.”

Commentators: Eric Arnesen, The George Washington University and Salim Yaqub, University of California, Santa Barbara

12:00-1:00 PM: Lunch

1:00-2:30 PM: The Cold War Around the World

Tenny Widya Kristiana, Waseda University, “The Cuban Missile Crisis: An Analysis from Harian Rakyat Articles.”

Molly Avery, The London School of Economics, “The Pinochet dictatorship and Central America: Chilean foreign policy in El Salvador during the Carter years, 1977-1981.”

Heidi Morefield, Johns Hopkins University, “Transplanting Technology: Dr. DeBaakey and the Work of Medical Diplomacy in Cold War China and the USSR.”

Commentators: Bradley Simpson, The University of Connecticut; Eric Arnesen, The George Washington University; James Hershberg, The George Washington University

2:30-3:00 PM: Coffee Break

3:00-4:30 PM: Africa and the Cold War

Chair: Eric Arnesen, The George Washington University

Mattie Webb, University of California, Santa Barbara, “Agents of Social Change? Ford, General Motors & the Sullivan Principles in Apartheid South Africa (1977-1986).”

Augusta Dell’Omo, University of Texas, Austin, “A Dark Nation Born in A Day: Trinity Broadcasting Network Defies the American Political Establishment, 1980-1995.”

Robin Möser, University of Leipzig, “‘The Major Prize’: The end of Apartheid South Africa’s nuclear weapons project, Accession to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the end of the Cold War in the Southern African region, 1988-1991.”

Commentators: Nemata Blyden, The George Washington University and James Hershberg, The George Washington University

6:30 PM: Dinner

Location: RIS Restaurant, 2275 L St NW, Washington, DC 20037

