2023
International Graduate Student Conference on the Cold War

Hosted by:
London School of Economics and Social Science (LSE)

Location: SAL.B.07 (was 32.L.B.07, building recently renamed), Sir Arthur Lewis Building (“SAL” on the map) London School of Economics and Social Science.

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For those staying in the booked accommodation, the hotel is The Strand Palace, 372 Strand, London WC2R 0JJ

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The London School of Economics Department of International History

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THURSDAY - May 11

4:00pm – 6:00pm: Conference Reception (drinks and snacks service in conference room SAL.B.07)

6:00pm – 8:30pm: International History department Annual Lecture (featuring Ada Ferrer), including post-Annual Lecture reception (Wolfson Theatre, New Academic Building, “NAB” on the map, LSE)

8pm/8.30pm: Dinner for faculty with Prof. Ada Ferrer – Brasserie Blanc (Chancery Lane) (119 Chancery Ln, London WC2A 1PP)

FRIDAY - May 12

9:00am – 9.30am: Breakfast (in conference room SAL.B.07)

9:30am – 11am: Cold War Frontlines
Chair: Nigel Ashton (LSE)
• Lorenzo Bernardini (University of Pisa), “A West Berlin of the Middle East. The MNF in Beirut between Cold War rhetoric and regional realities (1982-84).”
Discussants: Matthew Jones (LSE) and Salim Yaqub (UCSB)

11:00am – 11.15am: Coffee Break

11:15am – 12:45pm: Asia’s Contexts
Chair: Hope Harrison (GWU)
• Shatrunjay Mall (University of Wisconsin), “Post-War Pan-Asian Internationalism in Japan and India (1945-1960).”
• Liye Hong (GWU), “Chinese Romanian relations in the Cold War.”
• Chia-Li (Leo) Chu University of Cambridge Seeds for the Free World: The Geopolitics of Agricultural Science in Taiwan and Southeast Asia, 1960-89
Discussants: Qingfei Yin (LSE) and James Hershberg (GWU)

12:45pm – 1:45pm: Lunch (in conference room SAL.B.07)

1:45pm – 3.15pm: Intellectual and Social Intersections
Chair: Salim Yaqub (UCSB)
• Addie Jensen (UCSB), “‘Backlash Blues’: The Civil Rights Movement, Black Power, and Black American GIs During the Vietnam War.”
Discussants: Tanya Harmer and Piers Ludlow (LSE).

3:15pm – 3.30pm: Coffee Break

3.30pm – 5:00pm: Outlines of Cold War Studies: Past, Present, and the Future (Panellists TBD)

6:30 PM: Full Conference Dinner – The Ship Tavern (12 Gate St, London WC2A 3HP)

SATURDAY - May 13

9:00 - 9.30 AM: Breakfast (in conference room SAL.B.07)

9:30am – 11am: Late Cold War Transitions
Chair: Vladislav Zubok (LSE)
• Claude Ewert (University of Cambridge), “Change and Continuity for the EC from the end of the Cold War to the post-Soviet Space .”
• Mattie Webb (UCSB), “A Matter of Principle’: Early 1970s Corporate America, the South African Worker, and African Americans in Foreign Affairs.”
Discussants: Piers Ludlow and Svetozar Rajak (LSE)

11am – 11.15am: Coffee

11.15am – 12.45pm: African Theatres
Chair: Steve Brady (GWU)
• Emma Orchardson (University of Warwick), “The hawks and the doves: Kamuzu Banda’s anti-communism, 1964-68.”
• Chloe Mayoux (LSE), “Nigerian and British attitudes to France’s Saharan nuclear tests during African decolonisation (1959-60).”
Discussants: Luc-Andre Brunet (Open University) and Natalia Telepneva (University of Strathclyde)

12:45pm – 1.45pm: Lunch (in conference room SAL.B.07)

1:45pm – 3:15 pm: Gender, Family, Refugees in Cold War Mirrors
Chair: Tanya Harmer (LSE)
• Fionntan O’Hara (LSE), “Utilising the Cold War to gain international support: refugees in Honduras during the 1980s”
• Natali Francine Cinelli Moreira (Kings College London and University of Sao Paulo) “Typical Communist-manipulated propaganda’: Anglo-American efforts against the 1975 World Congress for International Women’s Year in East-Berlin”.
• Bianca Trifoi  (GWU), “‘Our Society is for our Kids and Descendants’: Families, Childrearing, and the North Korean State in the 1950s-60s.”
Discussants: Vladislav Zubok (LSE) and Hope Harrison (GWU)

Guests have time to make their way home or time to chat and de-brief from the conference

6:30pm: Dinner for organisers of conference – Boulevard Brasserie (40 Wellington St, London WC2E 7BD)