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THURSDAY, APRIL 28—HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING 6020

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm — Reception, Orientation, and Dinner

( Including a presentation on Cold War film, “Revising Red Dawn,” by Kenneth Hough of the UC Santa Barbara Engineering Department)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29—HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING 6020

8:30 am – 9:00 am — Continental Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:45 am — Session One — From South Asia to South America

Chair: Salim Yaqub, University of California, Santa Barbara

Tom Wilkinson, London School of Economics
“India’s Communist Student Internationalism, 1936–1969”
Comment: Dana Kornberg, UC Santa Barbara

Vitor Sion, Paulista State University, São Paulo, Brazil
“The Role of Brazil and the United States in South American Regime Changes from 1964 to 1974”
Comment: Thomas Field, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Paula O’Donnell, University of Texas, Austin
“‘Historical, Juridical, and Geographical’ Truths: The Origins of Argentine Territorial Nationalism in the Malvinas/Falklands War”
Comment: Thomas Field, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

11:00 am – 12:45 pm — Session Two — High Frontiers

Chair: Elizabeth Ingleson, London School of Economics

Sarah Nelson, Southern Methodist University
“Unmaking Information Freedom: The United States, the ‘Third World,’ and the Cold War Politics of Information Provision at the Early United Nations”
Comment: Lisa Parks, UC Santa Barbara

Stephen Buono, Stanford University
“The Interplanetary School of IR”
Comment: Patrick McCray, UC Santa Barbara

Breanna Lohman, University of Toronto
“Early Warning Signs: Nuclear Defense Infrastructure and the Collapse of Texas Tower 4”
Comment: Henry Maar, California State University, Northridge
12:45 pm – 1:45 pm—Lunch

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm—Keynote Address by Kathryn Statler, University of San Diego
   “Allies First: Maintaining the Franco-American Alliance Through Women and (Cold) War”

3:15 pm – 5:00 pm — Session Three — European Theaters
   Chair: Henry Maar, California State University, Northridge
   Audrius Rickus, University of Virginia
   Comment: Hugh Wilford, California State University, Long Beach

   Steven Westlake, University of Bristol
   “Beyond Cold War Broadcasting: Overseas Development, the BBC World Service, and the
   Comment: Hugh Wilford, California State University, Long Beach

   Matthew Kovac, University of California, Berkeley
   “Globalizing the Troubles: Northern Ireland as Cold War Battlefield, 1956–1987”
   Comment: Enda Duffy, UC Santa Barbara

6:00 pm — Dinner at the home of Salim Yaqub

SATURDAY, APRIL 29—HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING 6020

8:45 – 9:15 am — Continental Breakfast

9:15 am – 11:00 am — Session Four — Persia/Panama/PRC
   Chair: Xiaowei Zheng, UC Santa Barbara

   Arash Azizi, New York University
   “Iranians and the Vietnam War: Cold Warrior Enmities and Anticolonial Solidarities”
   Comment: Kathryn Statler, University of San Diego

   Maxime Minne, George Washington University
   “Exploiting Every Possible Weakness: The Long Road Toward the Ratification of the Panama
   Canal Treaties”
   Comment: Salim Yaqub, UC Santa Barbara

   Alexandra Noi, UC Santa Barbara
   “From Ape to New Socialist Man: On the Origins of Thought Reform and Forced Labor
   Camps in China”
   Comment: Elizabeth Ingleson, London School of Economics
11:15 am – 1:00 pm — Session Five — Americans at Home and Abroad

Chair: Henry Maar, California State University, Northridge

Neil Johnson, UC Santa Barbara
“A Competition in Brains’: Manpower Policy and the Political Economy of the Cold War”
Comment: Christopher Endy, California State University, Los Angeles

Amanda Schumaker, California State University, San Diego
“Gendered Diplomacy and Camouflaged Propaganda: The Committee of Correspondence, 1952–1969”
Comment: Lisa Jacobson, UC Santa Barbara

Jennifer Chochinov, King’s College London
“‘True Patriots and Democrats’: Affinitive World Citizenship and the University of California’s Education Abroad Program”
Comment: Lisa Jacobson, UC Santa Barbara

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm — Lunch

2:00 pm – 3:45 pm — Session Six — Special Segment on Russia and Ukraine

Remarks by Tsuyoshi Hasegawa, UC Santa Barbara

Panel discussion:

James Altman, UC Santa Barbara
Alexandra Noi, UC Santa Barbara
Yevgeniy Runkevich, UC Santa Barbara
Sergey Salushchev, UC Santa Barbara
Ablay Stambeyev, UC Santa Barbara
Elena Aronova (moderator), UC Santa Barbara

4:00 pm – 5:20 pm — General conversation, “Cold War Studies in the Time of COVID”
led by Christopher Endy, Cal State Los Angeles, and Mattie Webb, UC Santa Barbara

5:20 pm – 5:30 pm — Closing remarks