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Please Note: With the exception of the Reception, which will take place in the Sigur Center for Asian Studies (Elliott School Suite 503), the entire conference will take place in the Lindner Commons on the sixth floor of the Elliott School (1957 E. Street, NW).

THURSDAY APRIL 21

6:30-8:30 PM: Reception and Book Talk Featuring Salim Yaqub, UCSB

FRIDAY APRIL 22

8:30-9:00 AM: Breakfast

9:00-9:15 AM: Opening Remarks

Ambassador Reuben E. Brigety II, Dean of the Elliott School for International Affairs

9:15-11:00 AM: Euromissiles and the Cold War in Europe

Panel Chair: Gregg Brazinsky, GWU

Anthony Eames, Georgetown University, "Who were the 'Genuine Disarmers?' The United Kingdom and the Transnational Dimensions of the Euromissile Crisis."

Susan Colbourn, University of Toronto, "Canadian Perceptions of the Euromissile Crisis."

Iulian Toader, University of Bucharest, "Romania's Westpolitik and the European Security Issue: A Reconsideration (1969-1975)."

Commentator: Piers Ludlow, LSE

11:00-11:15 AM: Coffee Break

11:15 AM-1:00 PM: Africa and the "Third World"

Panel Chair: Salim Yaqub, UCSB

Bethany Sharpe, University of Kentucky, "Casualty of Cold War Childhood: Biafran Babies and US Humanitarian Efforts in the Nigeria-Biafran War."

Brandon Kirk Williams, University of California, Berkeley, "The Beep Heard Round the World? Reevaluating the Space Race from the Perspective of the Global South."

Sabina Widmer, University of Lausanne, "Challenges of Neutrality in a Cold War Conflict: Switzerland, the ICRC and the Angolan War."

Commentators: Melani McAlister, GWU; Paul Williams, GWU, Gregg Brazinsky, GWU

1:00-2:00 PM: Lunch

2:00-3:45 PM: The Cold War in Latin America

Panel Chair: Piers Ludlow, LSE

Emily Snyder, Yale University, “Andrew St. George and Caribbean Reverberations of the Cuban Revolution, 1959-1961.”

Mateo Jarquin, Harvard University, “Red Christmases: The Sandinistas, Indigenous Rebellion, and the Origins of the Nicaraguan War.”

Gianfranco Caterina, Fundação Getúlio Vargas, “Overlooked Connections: Brazil and the USSR during Cold War.”

Commentator: Christopher Darnton, Catholic University

3:45-4:00 PM: Coffee Break

4:00-5:45 PM: East and South Asia

Panel Chair: James F. Person, Woodrow Wilson Center

Do Dieu Khue, Seoul National University, “The Vietnam War and Developmental States in East Asia.”

Fumitaka Cho, Rikkyo University, “The Transformation of the Asia-Pacific Regional Order and U.S. Japan Relations.”

Yogesh Joshi, Jawaharlal Nehru University, “Peace Through Nuclear Submarines: India’s Strategy in the Indian Ocean Region in the 1970’s”

Commentators: Sayuri Shimizu, Rice University; William Burr, National Security Archive

Dinner on your own.

SATURDAY APRIL 22

9:30-9:45 AM: Breakfast

9:45-11:30 AM: Race and Minorities in China and the United States

Panel Chair: Eric Arnesen, GWU

Jin Li Lim, LSE, “‘To Everything--Turn, Turn, Turn’: Tree Moments in Overseas Chinese Policy in the Early Great Leap Forward, 1957-1959.”

Zifeng Liu, Brown University, “Cultivating Black Radicalism: Claudia Jones in the People’s Daily.”

Lauren Angel, GWU, “‘The Ivory Curtain: Cold War Projections of American Race Through Dance.’”

Commentator: Meredith Oyen, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

11:30AM-1:00 PM: Lunch and Group Photo

1:00-3:00 PM: Culture, Business, and Crises during the Nixon Era

Panel Chair: Sayuri Shimizu, Rice University

Gregory Christian Aaron Graves, GWU, “American Diplomacy and the 1974 Cyprus Crisis.”

Michael Metsner, Case Western Reserve University, “‘Take Polaroid’: Showcasing the American Way of Life in the Soviet Union.”

David Labude, Hebrew University, “Socialist Businessmen in Iraq: East German Aid for the Iraqi Petroleum Industry.”

Commentators: Salim Yaqub, UCSB; Hope M. Harrison, GWU

3:00-3:15 PM: Coffee Break

3:15-5:15 PM: Cold War Thought and Politics in the United States

Panel Chair: Hope M. Harrison, GWU

Ilnyun Kim, Ohio State University, “The Inner Civil War of the Congress for Cultural Freedom: Sidney Hook, Michael Josselson, and the Cultural Cold War in the 1950s.”

Cody Stephens, UCSB, “Intellectual History of Dependency Theory and the New Left.”

Natalia Mello, University of Sao Paulo, “The Vietnam War and Political Clashes in the U.S.”

Commentator: Leo Ribuffo, GWU

6:30 PM: Dinner, Lindner Commons

