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THURSDAY, APRIL 27—SANTA BARBARA HARBOR ROOM, UNIVERSITY CENTER

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

(Including a presentation on Cold War film by Professors Charles Wolfe and Ross Melnick of the UC Santa Barbara Film & Media Studies Department)

FRIDAY, APRIL 28—HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING 6020

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

9:00 am – 10:45 am — Session One — Europe

Chair: Salim Yaqub, University of California, Santa Barbara

Andi Shehu, European University Institute, Florence

“A Show of Unity: The G-7 as a Tool for Dealing with East-West Relations in the Late 1970s”

Comment: Piers Ludlow, London School of Economics

Tomasz Blusiewicz, Harvard University

“Détente and its Discontents: How the Case for Supporting the Solidarity Movement in Communist Poland was Made”

Comment: Gregory Domber, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Marina Pérez de Arcos, University of Oxford

“How ‘Remain’ Won: Spain’s 1986 In-Out NATO Referendum”

Comment: Piers Ludlow, London School of Economics

11:00 am – 12:45 pm — Session Two — The Seventies

Chair: Piers Ludlow, London School of Economics

Gregory Graves, George Washington University

“Five Days in July: Tilting Toward *Taksim* in Cyprus”

Comment: Salim Yaqub, UC Santa Barbara

Mattias Fibiger, Cornell University

“Behind the ‘Green Light’: The Credibility Imperative and the Indonesian Invasion of East Timor”

Comment: James Hershberg, George Washington University

Milorad Lazic, George Washington University

“‘Yugoslavia is Proud to be the First Socialist Country that has Supported Your Revolution’: Yugoslav Military Aid to Ethiopia and Josip Tito’s Attempts to Influence the Global Cold War, 1977–1979”

Comment: Gregory Domber, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm—Lunch

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm—Keynote Address by Hugh Wilford, California State University, Long Beach

“Covert Empire: The CIA and American Power in the Global Cold War”

3:15 pm – 5:00 pm — Session Three — Science, Technology, and the Academy

Chair: Salim Yaqub, University of California, Santa Barbara

Hélène Solot, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris

“Fostering Cooperation, Rethinking Mobilization: The Initiation of Collaboration Between Social Scientists and the U.S. Military in the Early Cold War, 1945–1953”

Comment: Elena Aronova, University of California, Santa Barbara

Michelle Gris , Yale University

“From Sonmiani into Space: The Origins of the Pakistan Upper Atmosphere and Space Research Commission (SUPARCO) and the Politics of Sounding Rockets in South Asia”

Comment: Patrick McCray, University of California, Santa Barbara

Ekaterina Babintseva, University of Pennsylvania

“Management of Minds: Soviet Projects in Computer-Based Education”

Comment: Elena Aronova, University of California, Santa Barbara

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 — HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING 6020

8:30 – 9:00 am — Continental Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:45 am — Session Four — Economic and Social Engineering

Chair: Donal O’Sullivan, California State University, Northridge

Jesse Halvorsen, UC Santa Barbara

“To Win a ‘Hunk of the Machine’: Labor, Business, and the State’s Approach to Technological Change During the Cold War, 1948–1964”

Comment: Christopher Endy, California State University, Los Angeles

Sarah Mellors, UC Riverside

“The Cold War’s Silent Battle: Population Planning in India and China During the Vietnam War”

Comment: Christopher Tang, California State University, Bakersfield

Andrew Elrod, UC Santa Barbara

“The Multinational Corporation and D tente: Investment Policy, Full Employment, and the Trade Act of 1974”

Comment: Christopher Endy, California State University, Los Angeles

11:00 am – 12:45 pm — Session Five — Civil Society

Chair: Gregory Domber, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Connor Sebestyen, University of Toronto

“German War Criminals in American Custody and the Early Cold War: A Reassessment”

Comment: Donal O’Sullivan, California State University, Northridge

Olivier Burtin, Princeton University

“Fighting Communism at Home and Abroad: A Reassessment of the American Legion in the Second Red Scare”

Comment: Hugh Wilford, California State University, Long Beach

Kazushi Minami, University of Texas, Austin

“‘How Could I Not Love You?’: American Women and Sino-American Détente During the Cold War”

Comment: Paul Spickard, University of California, Santa Barbara

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm — Lunch**1:45 pm – 3:30 pm — Socialist Diplomacy**

Chair: Henry Maar, University of California, Santa Barbara

Gangzheng She, Brandeis University

“Chinese Policy Toward the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1963–1975”

Comment: Christopher Tang, California State University, Bakersfield

Eline van Ommen, London School of Economics

“Isolating Nicaragua’s Somoza in the International Arena: Sandinista Diplomacy in Western Europe, 1977–1979”

Comment: Thomas Field, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Carl Forsberg, University of Texas, Austin

“Iraq, the United States, and the Long Shadow of the Cold War”

Comment: Salim Yaqub, University of California, Santa Barbara

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm — Special session on archival research led by James Hershberg, George Washington University, and Thomas Field, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**5:00 pm – 5:15 pm — Closing remarks**