**12th Annual Cold War History Research Center International Student Conference**

**at Corvinus University of Budapest**

**May 31 – June 1, 2022**

**1093, Budapest, Közraktár utca 4–6. (New building)**

**Room: C. 510, 5th floor**

**The conference is organized in collaboration with**

**the European Institute at Columbia University, New York,**

**the Cold War International History Project, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, Washington D.C.**

**and the London School of Economics and Political Science,**

**Department of International History, Contemporary International History and the Global Cold War Research Cluster**

**PROGRAM**

**MAY 31, TUESDAY**

**10:00 – 10:15**

**OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**

**10:00 – 10:05 OPENING REMARKS**

**Csaba BÉKÉS,** Professor, Corvinus University of Budapest, Director, Cold War History Research Center at Corvinus University of Budapest and the Centre for Social Sciences

**10:05 – 10:15 OPENING SPEECH**

**Tamara KESZEY**, Vice-Rector, Corvinus University of Budapest

**10:15 – 11:00**

**KEYNOTE SPEECH**

**Odd Arne WESTAD,** Elihu Professor of History, Yale University (via Zoom)

The End of the Cold War and the Rise of China

**11:00 – 12:40**

**PANEL 1**

**NUCLEAR HISTORY AND INTELLIGENCE**

Chair: **Erzsébet N. RÓZSA** (University of Public Service / CERS Institute of World Economy)

**Erin A. CHÁVEZ** (Cold War Archives Research Fellow under the Wilson Center, Stony Brook University, USA, PhD Candidate)

Nuclear Reactions: Scientists, Governments, the Public and the Attempt to Transform Atomic Science from Public Threat to Public Good (1945–1965)

**Giulia CLARIZIA** (Cold War Archives Research Fellow under the Wilson Center, Roma Tre University, Italy, PhD Candidate)

Following the Roots of CIA Networks in Italy: The Relations between Italian Antifascists, Italo-American Labor Union Leaders and the OSS from World War II to the Early Cold War

**Abigail SKALKA** (Harvard University, Cambridge, USA, MA Student)

The Physicist and the Pope: How Victor Weisskopf Steered Vatican Nuclear Weapons Policy Development

**David JIRÁSEK** (Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic, PhD Student)

Cooperation of Warsaw Pact Military Intelligence from Czechoslovakia’s Perspective

**Discussion**

**12:40 – 12:50 BREAK**

**12:50 – 14:30**

**PANEL 2**

**CULTURAL ASPECTS OF THE COLD WAR**

Chair: **Victoria PHILLIPS** (Columbia University / London School of Economics)

**Intaek HONG** (Cold War Archives Research Fellow under the Wilson Center, University of Washington, Seattle, USA, PhD Student)

North Korea’s Internationalist Interaction for its Postwar Reconstruction in the 1950s Shortly After the Korean War

**Andrei Cosmin POPA** (University of Bucharest, Romania, PhD Candidate)

Socialist Romania’s Failed Attempt of Writing its Contemporary History

**Veronica SISON** (Cold War Archives Research Fellow under the Wilson Center, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, MA Student)

Cold War’s Accidental Agencies: American Filipinists and the Re-making of Philippine Post-war Historiography

**Isabel MAGNUM (**Cold War Archives Research Fellow under the Wilson Center, London School of Economics)

End of the Village: Hungarian conceptions of Roma identity

**Discussion**

**14:30 – 15:45 LUNCH BREAK**

**15:45 – 17:00**

**PANEL 3**

**KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION IN THE COLD WAR**

Chair: **Matthew CONNELLY** (Columbia University, New York)

**Alexander LANGSTAFF** (Cold War Archives Research Fellow under the Wilson Center, New York University, USA, PhD Candidate)

Trusting your Enemy: The Uses and Abuses of Social Research in the Eastern Bloc

**Iana SHCHETINSKAIA** (Cold War Archives Research Fellow under the Wilson Center, Russian State University, Moscow, Russia, PhD Student)

Soviet Foreign Policy Expertise in Shaping U.S. – Soviet Relations During the Cold War (the 1950s – 1960s)

**Liliana NITTI** (Cold War Archives Research Fellow under the Wilson Center, Roma Tre University, Italy, PhD Student)

Overcoming the Spiritual Malaise: What Soviet Counter-propaganda Initiatives Say of American Public Diplomacy in the 1980s

**Discussion**

**17:00 – 17:10 BREAK**

**17:10 – 18:30**

**PANEL 4**

**THE UNITED STATES IN THE COLD WAR**

Chair: **Máté SZALAI** (Corvinus University of Budapest)

**Alexandra SOUTHGATE** (Cold War Archives Research Fellow under the Wilson Center, Temple University, Philadelphia, USA, PhD Student)

“We do not wish to be defiant”: Anti-Civil Defense Protests of the 1955–1962 period

**Maxime MINNE** (Cold War Archives Research Fellow under the Wilson Center, George Washington University, Washington D.C., USA, PhD Student)

Exploiting Every Possible Weakness: The Long Road Towards the Ratification of the Panama Canal Treaties

**Zachary BURDETTE** (Cold War Archives Research Fellow under the Wilson Center, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA, PhD Candidate)

Trading with the (Potential) Enemy: How States Manage Economic Ties with Security Competitors

**Discussion**

**JUNE 1, WEDNESDAY**

**10:00 – 10:45**

**KEYNOTE SPEECH**

**Matthew CONNELLY** Professor of international and global history*,* Columbia University, New York*.*

"How Can Digital History Help Set the Agenda for Research on the Cold War?"

**10:50 – 12:30**

**PANEL 5**

**ALLIANCES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COLD WAR**

Chair: **Barnabás VAJDA** (Selye János University, Komárno)

**Daniel R. QUIROGA-VILLAMARIN** (Cold War Archives Research Fellow under the Wilson Center, Institut de Hautes Études Internationales et du Développement, Geneva, Switzerland, PhD Student)

‘Ahead of the Times’: Erecting the United Nations Headquarters at the Dawn of the Cold War (1949–1952)

**Grace SIMPSON** (Cold War Archives Research Fellow under the Wilson Center, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland, PhD Student)

Ripping Away the Barriers that Have Separated Workers for far too Long: The Establishment of the International Miners’ Organisation

**Gabriel ZVÎNCĂ** (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

The UN Peacekeeping Mechanism During the Détente Period of the Cold War (1973–1974)

**Madison** **SARGEANT** (Cold War Archives Research Fellow under the Wilson Center, Columbia University, New York, USA, MA Student)

The Warsaw Pact in the Black Sea area: ‘Hub and Spoke’ or Something More?

**Discussion**

**12:30 – 12:40 BREAK**

**12:40 – 14:00**

**PANEL 6**

**WESTERN ASIA AND THE CAUCASUS IN THE COLD WAR**

Chair: **Dániel VÉKONY** (Corvinus University of Budapest)

**Ahmet Kaan AKYÜZ** (Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, MA Student)

Turkish–American Relations in the Early Years of the Cold War: From Economic Cooperation to Military Alliance

**Mansur ELIÇIN** (Central European University, Vienna, Austria, MA Student)

The Emergence of Red Kurds: A Communist Dilemma

**Dina ALDANOVA** (Cold War Archives Research Fellow under the Wilson Center, Georgetown University, Washington D.C., USA, PhD Student)

Bloody Spring in 1989 Tbilisi: The Lack of Dispatch

**Discussion**

**14:00 – 15:30 LUNCH BREAK**

**15:30 – 16:50**

**PANEL 7**

**RUSSIA IN THE POST-COLD WAR ERA**

Chair: **Zoltán KELEMEN** (Corvinus University of Budapest)

**Lucas BAAKE** (Cold War Archives Research Fellow under the Wilson Center, London School of Economics and Political Science, PhD Student)

Struggle for Recognition: Ukrainian–Russian Relations, Western Strategy and the Demise of the Soviet Union 1990–1992

**Emma COSMAO** (King’s College London, MA student)

Building the Cult of Personality: Putin since 2000

**Amartya SHARMA** (George Washington University, Washington D.C., USA)

The New Cold War: Putinism and the Return of History

**Discussion**

**16:50 – 17:00 BREAK**

**17:00 – 18:20**

**PANEL 8**

**LEGACIES OF THE COLD WAR**

Chair: **Péter MARTON** (Corvinus University of Budapest)

**Rongsheng LIU** (London School of Economics and Political Science, MA student)

The Empty Promise Waiting for Materialising: British Strategies towards Poland at the End of the Cold War (1988–1990)

**John DASHE** (College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, USA, BA student)

Russia and China in Africa from the Cold War to Today: Partners or Rivals?

**Leonardo ZANATTA** (Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary, PhD Student)

**Marco ALVI** (University of Bologna, Italy)

The Role of Syrian Mercenaries in Current Turkish Foreign Policy: A View from the Regional Security Complex Theory

**Discussion**

**18:20 – 18:30**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**Csaba BÉKÉS,** Professor, Corvinus University of Budapest, Director, Cold War History Research Center at Corvinus University of Budapest and the Centre for Social Sciences