
11th Annual International Student Conference of the Cold War History Research Center, Budapest

CALL FOR PAPERS from BA, MA and doctoral students

The Cold War History Research Center is now accepting proposals for its 11th Annual International Student Conference to be held at Corvinus University of Budapest on June 1–2, 2021.

Due to the Covid pandemic the conference will take place online via Microsoft Teams

**The conference will be organized in collaboration with the
European Institute at Columbia University, New York.**

Keynote speaker:

Mark Kramer

**Director of Cold War studies at Harvard University and senior fellow at Harvard's
Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies**

As was the case with our previous conferences, this year's Conference will focus also on the Cold War era in general, and on the post-Cold War period.

Possible topics may include (but are not limited) the following sections:

- Hungary in the Cold War
- East Central Europe in the Cold War and its Aftermath
- Western Europe and the Cold War
- The Soviet Union and the United States in the Cold War
- Asia and Africa in the Cold War and its Aftermath
- International Relations during the Cold War
- International Relations in the post-Cold War era

Please, send us an abstract on any of the above mentioned topics. **Abstracts should be approximately 3000–5000 characters long** and should be sent in Word format via email to Research Coordinator, PhD candidate Simon SZILVÁSI: coordinator@coldwar.hu

The deadline for proposal submission is: April 30, 2021.

Selected participants will be asked to make a 20-minute presentation at the conference; a written paper is no requirement.

About us: The Cold War History Research Center is a virtual center for Cold War history research in East Central Europe established in 1998. Through the Center’s English language website (www.coldwar.hu), established in 2000 our mission has been to be the main provider of freely available English language online materials concerning research on contemporary history of the former Soviet Bloc countries in Europe. We offer a great number of articles, documents, chronologies, bibliographies and finding aids and now the Center is an indispensable resource for international scholars and students interested in the history of the Cold War, Communism, Eastern Europe and the Soviet Bloc.

In 2017 we have finalized publishing of our extensive and unique *Chronology of the Soviet Bloc (1945–1991)* which is accessible on our website. We have also published an edited volume collecting the best papers of our student conferences from 2010 to 2016: *Students on the Cold War: New findings and interpretations*. (<http://unipub.lib.uni-corvinus.hu/4131/>)

A similar volume will be published in 2022 based on the papers of the conferences in 2017–2021. CWHRC’s other recent publications include: *Bibliography of New Cold War History*, *Documentary Evidence on the Hungarian Mediation Efforts between the US and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (1965–1967)*, *French Diplomatic Documents on the 1956 Hungarian Revolution*.

The series of the annual two-day English language international student conferences on the history of the Cold War started in 2010, with the participation of BA, MA and PhD students from all over the world and from renowned universities such as Columbia, American University, US Military Academy at Westpoint, Indiana University, Hong Kong, Humboldt, University of Bologna, University of Florence, Central European University, London School of Economics, University College London, St. Andrews University, the King’s College of London, Sciences Po, Paris. Since 2016 the conferences have been co-organized by the European Institute at Columbia University in New York with the participation of several Columbia students annually.

The Center launched an international internship project in 2009. So far, the internationally renowned research activity of the Center has attracted some 240 interns from Western and Eastern Europe – mostly in the framework of the Erasmus program –, the United States (26), China, Ukraine, Turkey, Greece; altogether from 36 countries. In 2017 the Center also became an official internship partner of Oxford University.

For the program of our previous conferences and for more information about the Center and its internship program, please, visit our website (www.coldwar.hu), or contact Simon SZILVÁSI at the email address above. For a special report on the Center’s activity from 1998 to 2008 see: [20 years of the Cold War History Research Center. Special report, 1998–2018](http://www.coldwar.hu/recentups/CWHRC-REPORT.pdf)
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