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International Student Conference  
at Corvinus University of Budapest**

**June 1–2, 2021**

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**Corvinus University of Budapest,**

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## PROGRAM

**JUNE 1, TUESDAY**

**10:00–10:15 (CET)**

### OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

#### **10:00–10:05 OPENING REMARKS**

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

#### **10:05–10:15 OPENING SPEECH**

**László CSICSMANN**, Vice-rector, Corvinus University of Budapest

**10:15–11:15**

### KEYNOTE SPEECH

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

### Post-Cold War Trends in the Study of the Cold War

**11:15–12:50**

### PANEL 1

#### THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA IN THE COLD WAR

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

**Hasan GÖNDER** (University of Szeged, Doctoral School of History, PhD candidate)  
Negative effects of the Cold War on Turkey: The End of Village Institutes and Reform Studies

**Faruh KUZIEV** (Central European University, Vienna, History Department, PhD candidate)  
Muslim scientists, Muslim soldiers, and Muslim Muslims: The Cold War Generations of Sharora (the 1950s–1990s)



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**Tibor PINTÉR** (University of Szeged, Hungary,  
Doctoral School of SZTE–ÁJTK, PhD student)  
Somalia's neighborhood policy during the Cold War

**Buyisile NTAKA** (Corvinus University of Budapest, International Security  
Studies, PhD Candidate)  
The Soviet Union and Liberation Movements in Southern Africa: The Case of the  
ANC in South Africa from 1960–1990

### **Discussion**

**12:55–14:10**

### **PANEL 2 NUCLEAR HISTORY AND INTELLIGENCE**

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

**Péter TAKÁCS** (University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary, Doctoral School  
of Public Administration, PhD student)  
Cold War Trends in the Nuclear Age: Hannah Arendt's Concept Typology on the Issue  
of Total War and Political Revolution

**Hannah KUNZE** (Columbia University, USA, European Institute, Dual BA)  
The Demise of the Family Unit: Parenting and Alcoholism in the Soviet Union in the  
Early Cold War Years

**Carol Louise ASHBY** (Sciences Po, France and Columbia University, USA, Political  
Science Major Dual BA)  
Swinging Spies: Sexpionage during the Sexual Revolution in New York and  
Washington D.C. in the 1970s

### **Discussion**

**14:15–15:30**

### **PANEL 3 CULTURAL ASPECTS OF THE COLD WAR**

Chair: **Victoria PHILLIPS**, Lecturer in History, Columbia University, USA – LSE, UK

**Clara LEVRERO** (Columbia University, USA,  
Barnard College, BA in History) American–Italian Music Cultural Diplomacy:  
Gian Carlo Menotti and the Spoleto Festival

**Ruby GURALNIK DAWES** (Columbia University, USA, Barnard College,  
Intellectual History, Art History, BA)  
Red Art Termites and the Conspiracy of Modernism: Donderoism and Paradoxes of  
the Early Cold War

**Veronika JONSSON** (Columbia University, USA, International and World History,  
MA/MSc)  
American Culture for Export: The 1959 "Ballets: U.S.A." Tour in Iceland

## **JUNE 2, WEDNESDAY**

**10:00–11:55**

### **PANEL 4 EAST-CENTRAL EUROPE IN THE COLD WAR**

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

**Sabine NACHBAUR** (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research into Consequences  
of War, Graz, Austria, PhD candidate)  
Czechoslovak Intelligence in Austria from the Perspective of Austrian  
Authorities during the Early Cold War, 1948–1960

**Bartosz GROMKO** (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw, Poland, PhD  
candidate)  
Radio Varsavia – the Voice of the Italian Communists from beyond the Iron Curtain

**Jitka DRAHOTSKA** (University of Aberdeen, UK, Department of History, BA)  
The Winter after the Spring: Emotions in the Transitional Period between the Prague  
Spring and the Advent of Normalization in Czechoslovakia through the Self-  
immolation of Jan Palach

**Karol CHWASTEK** (University of Silesia, Katowice, Poland, Silesian Freedom and Solidarity Centre, PhD candidate)  
For Dignity, Resistance against Martial Law in Poland in December 1981

**Andrei OLTEANU** (Babes–Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania, Faculty of History and Philosophy, UBB Master)  
"The Most Favored Nation!" Misinterpreted by Western states: Ceausescu, a Failed Hope of Relaxation (1975–1985)

**12:00–13:35**

**PANEL 5  
THE NEUTRALS IN THE COLD WAR**

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

**Anna STEINER** (University of Graz – Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on Consequences of War)  
The Road to Helsinki: Neutral Austria in Soviet Foreign Policy Strategy, 1969–1975

**James P. BROWN** (Northumbria University, UK, Department of Humanities, PhD Candidate)  
Cold War Dissidents and their Transnational Supporters in Britain, America and the USSR: 1964–1991

**Rosa Florence GEOGHEGAN** (Columbia University, USA, European Studies, Dual BA)  
Neutrality, Geography and Sovereignty: An Examination of Cold War Neutrality in Three Small European States: Ireland, Austria and Finland.

**Christian NEUBACHER** (Columbia University, USA, Master Candidate, European History, Politics, and Society, MA)  
The Magnificent Magyars: Hungarian–Soviet Relations through Football Diplomacy

**Discussion**

**13:40–14:55**

**PANEL 6  
U.S. DIPLOMACY IN THE COLD WAR**

Chair: **Anita SZÚCS** (Corvinus University of Budapest)

**Anna GRUTZA** (Central European University,  
Vienna, Comparative History, PhD candidate)  
Radio Free Europe and the Cold War Agency Crisis: US Cold War Scientists and  
Fact-Makers in the Trap of Pure Objectivity and Purified Reasons

**Zsolt MÁTÉ** (University of Pécs, Hungary, PhD candidate)  
The 1956 Hungarian Revolution in View of the Communication of American  
Diplomacy

**Murat IPLICKI** (Bilkent University, Turkey, Department of History, American  
Studies, PhD candidate)  
They Were Meant to be Together: Forging U.S.–Turkish Alliance through Business  
Diplomacy and Foreign Direct Investments between 1945–1960

#### **Discussion**

**15:00–16:15**

#### **PANEL 7**

#### **CHINA AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA IN THE COLD WAR**

Chair: **Tamás MATURA** (Corvinus University of Budapest)

**Holly MCKENZIE** (LSE, UK – Peking University, China, International Affairs,  
Double MSc)  
Sino–US Cold War Cultural Diplomacy: the First American Women’s Friendship  
Delegation to China, 1973

**Rhe-Anne TAN** (Columbia University, USA, – Sciences Po, France, Economy &  
Society Political Science, BA)  
Screening the Cold War in Southeast Asia: US Cultural Diplomacy and Postcolonial  
Counter-Narratives

**Yuwei Corrine FU** (London School of Economics, UK, History of International  
Relations)  
From 'Peking all-stars' to Cui Jian: US Music Diplomacy and Rock Music in China,  
1979–1988

#### **Discussion**

16:20–17:55

**PANEL 8**

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE POST COLD WAR ERA**

Chair: **Beáta PARAGI** (Corvinus University of Budapest)

**Simon SZILVÁSI** (Corvinus University of Budapest, International Relations and Security Studies, PhD Candidate – Antall József Knowledge Centre, Research Fellow)  
Mikhail Gorbachev's Speech in Murmansk and its implications on the Post-Cold War Arctic cooperation

**Jeff HAWN** (London School of Economics, UK, International History, PhD candidate)  
Why the United States Foreign Policy Establishment Came to See Boris Yeltsin as the Key to Russian Democracy?

**Murat DEREGÖZÜ** (Corvinus University of Budapest, PhD candidate)  
Post-Cold War Geopolitics of Turkey

**Neli KIRILOVA** (Corvinus University of Budapest, International Relations and Security Studies, PhD Candidate – European Security and Defence College, & PhD Fellow, CSDP/CFSP)  
The Black Sea Regional Competition–Cooperation in Post-Cold War Russia – Turkey – NATO – EU Relations

**Discussion**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

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