

This international conference aims at shedding new light on the role of Neutrals and the countries of the Non-Alignment Movement (NAM) played in the East-West conflict in the Third World, from the establishment of the People's Republic in China to the fall of the Berlin Wall. The aim is to study and compare foreign policy choices made by the five neutral European countries and the NAM in the context of the Cold War and the decolonization process in the Southern hemisphere, as well as the ensuing national and international consequences.

The countries that had chosen neutrality or neutralism during the four decades of East-West rivalry and those that refused to join either bloc were nevertheless directly affected by the numerous US and Soviet interventions and machinations. From the beginning of the Cold War, the Third World was a privileged field of confrontation and these political tensions and wars often had fierce consequences for local societies and brought crucial economic, social and cultural changes. However, it is important to keep in mind that the interventionist policies of the two superpowers and their allies also provoked resistance and sometimes failed, as illustrated by the Soviet-Chinese split at the beginning of the 1960s or the division between Washington and Tehran after the Iranian Revolution of 1979.

The analysis of the causes, dynamics and consequences of the implication of Neutrals and NAM countries in these Cold War conflicts and crises in the Middle East, South-East Asia, Africa and Latin America will be at the heart of our conference. We will question not only the positioning of these countries towards the main players of the Cold War, but also consider the bilateral relations these countries had with the Third World countries involved and the transnational dynamics that shaped those armed conflicts and political crises.

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Practical Information

All panels will take place on the campus of the University of Lausanne, Building Amphimax, room 414

How to get there:

From Lausanne railway station
Metro m2 to «Croisettes», change at the station
«Lausanne-Flon»

Then the metro m1 to «Renens CFF»

Get off at metro station «UNIL-Sorge»

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1949-1989

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Conference Programm

Thursday, 13 March

12.00-13.00

Welcome and Introductory Remarks to the Conference

Sandra Bott and Janick Marina Schaufelbuehl, University of Lausanne

13.00-14.00

Keynote: Between the Blocs: Neutrality, Non-Alignment, and the Cold War

Jussi M. Hanhimäki (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies Geneva)

Chair: Marco Wyss (Universities of Chichester and Lausanne)

14.15-15.45

Panel 1: Neutralism before the Non-Aligned Movement

Chair: Matthias Schulz, University of Geneva

The Bandung Conference: Indo-US Ideological Conflict
Eric Pullin (Carthage College)

The Making of Nehruvian Non-Alignment: K.M. Panikkar between China and the Third World
Rita Paolini (University of Milano)

Flirting with Neutrality: The Failed Bid for a Soviet-Iranian Non-Aggression Treaty in 1959
Roham Alvandi (London School of Economics and Political Science)

16.15-17.45

Panel 2: The Rise of the Non-Aligned Movement

Chair: Nataša Mišković (University of Basle)

The Road to Belgrade: The Critical Role of Yugoslavia in the Creation of the Non-aligned Movement
Svetozar Rajak (London School of Economics and Political Science)

The Non-Aligned Movement, 1961-1973
Lorenz Lüthi (McGill University)

Beyond Continents, Colours, and the Cold War: Yugoslavia, Algeria and the Struggle for Non-Alignment, 1961-73
Jeffrey James Byrne (University of British Columbia)

Friday, 14 March

9.00-10.30

Panel 3: Alternative Perspectives on Neutralism

Chair: Anne Deighton (University of Oxford)

The Semi-Periphery in Action: Egypt's Adventure in the Afro-Asian World, 1955-1965
Guy Laron (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Selif-reliance or Dependence? Comparing Albania and North Korea in the Global Cold War
Elidor Mëhilli (Hunter College of the City University of New York)

"Third World Begins to Flex its Muscles" – The Non-Aligned Movement and the North-South-Conflict during the 1970s
Jürgen Dinkel (Justus Liebig University Giessen)

11.00-12.30

Panel 4: The Neutrals

Chair: Sacha Zala (Swiss Diplomatic Documents)

Swedish Economic Relations with the NAM Countries of the Third World, ca. 1960-1980
Nikolas Glover (Uppsala University)

Progressive Pragmatists: Ireland, the 'Like-minded' States, and the Search for a New International Economic Order, 1974-82
Kevin O'Sullivan (National University of Ireland Galway)

Former des élites non communistes pour les pays décolonisés: l'Institut universitaire de hautes études internationales (IUHEI) de Genève, les Etats-Unis et la Guerre froide
Luc van Dongen (University of Fribourg)

12.30-14.00

Lunch Break

14.00-15.30

Panel 5: Mediation

Chair: Brigitte Studer (University of Berne)

The Rise and Fall of Nonaligned Mediation, 1961-1966
Robert B. Rakove (Stanford University)

An Austrian Mediation in Vietnam? Neutrality, the Superpowers and the Global Cold War
Wolfgang Mueller and Maximilian Graf (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

The Swiss Representation of U.S. Interests in the Global Cold War
Virginie Fracheboud (University of Lausanne)

16.00-17.30

Panel 6: Cold War in the Congo

Chair: Patrick Harries (University of Basle)

Ghana, India and the Transnational Dynamics of the Congo Crisis at the United Nations
Alanna O'Malley (European University Institute)

Irish Neutrality and its Influence in Irish Peacekeeping in the Congo, 1960-1964
Catherine Lee Porter (University of Cambridge)

La présence économique suisse au Congo et au Ghana dans les premières années d'indépendance : opportunisme et désillusion helvétique dans le contexte de la Guerre froide
Mathieu Humbert (University of Lausanne)

17.45-19.00

Key Note: Bandung Mythologies: Concepts of Cohesion and the Fate of the Third World Project

Odd Arne Westad (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Chair: Jussi M. Hanhimäki (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies Geneva)

Saturday, 15 March 2014

09.00-10.30

Panel 7: Africa's Cold War

Chair: Gesine Krüger (University of Zurich)

Decolonising African Minds: Kwame Nkrumah and Pan-Africanism as an Interventionist Ideology (1957-1966)
Frank P.L. Gerits (European University Institute)

The Namibian Liberation Struggle: The Role of the Non-Aligned Movement and the 'Neutral' European Countries
Chris Saunders (University of Cape Town)

Cubans in Angola. Internationalist Solidarity, Transfers and Interactions in the Global South 1975-1991
Christine Hatzky (Leibniz University Hanover)

11.00-12.30

Panel 8: Transnational Networks and Actors

Chair: Claude Hauser (University of Fribourg)

The Commonwealth and the Cold War
Sue Onslow (School of Advanced Study, University of London)

Switzerland and Palestinian Terrorism – The 1969 Kloten Airport Attack and the 1970 "Skyjack Sunday"
Aviva Guttman (University of Bern)

Between Allies and Proliferators: France and the FRG in South Asia amidst US nonproliferation efforts, 1974-1978
Jayita Sarkar (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies Geneva)

12.30-13.30

Closing Remarks: Striking a Preliminary Balance: Neutrality and Neutralism in the Third World during the Cold War

Robert McMahon (Ohio State University)

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