

PROGRAMME

Pierre du Bois Annual Conference 2025

The Cold War in the Middle East and North Africa

20 - 21 January 2025

Geneva Graduate Institute, Maison de la paix,
Chemin Eugène-Rigot 2, 1202 Genève, Auditorium Part B



Monday 20 January 2025

8:30 - 9:00 WELCOME AND REGISTRATION

9:00 - 9:10 WELCOME NOTE
CYRUS SCHAYEGH, Geneva Graduate Institute

9:10 - 10:15 KEYNOTE LECTURE
JUSSI HANHIMÄKI, Geneva Graduate Institute
→ Cauldron of Conflict: the Cold War and the Middle East

10:15 - 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 - 12:30 PANEL I - COMMUNIST POWERS

GUY LARON, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
→ The Soviet Union

JEREMY FRIEDMAN, Harvard University
WILLIAM FIGUEROA, University of Cambridge
→ The People's Republic of China and Maoism

YI LIU, Geneva Graduate Institute
→ Doing Business with Enemies: China's Purchase of Digital Computer from the UK (1965-1967)

MICHAEL BAKARE, Geneva Graduate Institute
→ The Cold War and expenditures in West Africa: the Western Bloc and the USSR's diplomatic maneuvers in Nigeria (1946-1970)

12:30 - 13:45 Lunch break

13:45 - 15:30 PANEL II: WESTERN POWERS (AND THE GDR)

LORENA DE VITA, Universiteit Utrecht
MASSIMILIANO TRENTIN, Università di Bologna
→ Inter-German competition

OSAMAH KHALIL, Syracuse University
→ The United States of America

MARTIN THOMAS, University of Exeter
MATHILDE VON BULOW, University of St Andrews
→ Late Imperial France and Britain

15:30 - 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 - 17:15 PANEL III: "THIRD WORLD" ACTORS AND GLOBAL ARENAS

JEFFREY BYRNE, University of British Columbia
→ Afro-Arab relations

JOVAN ČAVOŠKI, The Institute for Recent History of Serbia
→ Non-Alignment

LORENZ LÜTHI, McGill University
→ MENA in the Global Cold War

Tuesday 21 January 2025

9:00 - 10:45 PANEL IV - ART - GENDER - IDEAS

HOLIDAY **POWERS**, VCU Arts Qatar

→ Art

PERIN **GÜREL**, University of Notre Dame

→ Gender

YOAV **DI-CAPUA**, University of Texas, Austin

→ Ideas

10:45 - 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:30 PANEL V: ISLAM - ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

TIM **NUNAN**, Universität Regensburg

→ Islam

JEREMY **PRESSMAN**, University of Connecticut

→ The Arab-Israeli Conflict

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:45 PANEL VI: ENVIRONMENT - DEVELOPMENT - OIL

NANCY **REYNOLDS**, Washington University, St. Louis

REBECCA **GRUSKIN**, Hamilton College

→ Environment

HEINRICH **HARTMANN**, Universität der Bundeswehr Hamburg

→ Development

CHRISTOPHER **DIETRICH**, Fordham University

ARBELLA BET-SHLIMON, University of Washington

→ Oil

15:45 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:00 FINAL DISCUSSION