



Research Seminar
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Tuesdays, 11.15-13.15, Sala Belvedere

The History of the Cold War

This research seminar will introduce the main debates and approaches to Cold War History such as revisionism and the so called “New Cold War History”. The second goal of the seminar is to discuss the key phases of the Cold War in the late 1940s, the détente in the 1970s and its end in the late 1980s. This is crucial to understanding the conflicting interpretations about the origins, the course and the demise of the East-West confrontation. It can also be seen as an exercise in the virtues and failures of historical explanation and the politicization of historiography. So far, Cold War history has mostly been written in terms of conflicts and confrontation, but it can also be interpreted as a history of coexistence. Following this third line of thought, the seminar will cover various areas of conflict and contact in Europe and on a global scale. The seminar will offer several opportunities for researcher presentations and will end with a larger workshop including external experts.

19 January 2010	The Cold War as We Know It	Michael F. Hopkins, Continuing Debate and New Approaches in Cold War History, in: <i>The Historical Journal</i> 50 (2007): 913-934. Georges-Henri Soutou, <i>La guerre de cinquante ans: le conflit Est-Ouest, 1943-1990</i> , Paris 2001. John Lewis Gaddis, <i>We Now Know. Rethinking Cold War History</i> , Oxford 1997, particularly pp. 1-53, 281-295
26 January 2010	The Global Cold War	Odd Arne Westad, <i>The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of our Times</i> , New York 2007, particularly pp. 1-7, 288-330, 396-407. Bernd Stöver, <i>Der Kalte Krieg, 1947-1991. Geschichte eines radikalen Zeitalters</i> , Munich 2007, particularly pp. 11-27, 297-336.
2 February 2010	Cold War and Detente	Presentation by: Angela Romano, JMF: <i>From Détente in Europe to European Détente</i> Frédéric Bozo, Marie-Pierre Rey, N. Piers Ludlow, Leopoldo Nuti (eds.), <i>Europe and the End of the Cold War. A reappraisal</i> , London 2008, 1-20.
9 February 2010	The Cold War in Europe	<i>Brief Researcher Presentations on the Cold War Historiography in various European countries</i>



16 February, 2010	Workshop I: Ongoing Research on Cold War History	Presentations by Participants
23 February, 2010	Workshop II: Ongoing Research on Cold War History	Presentations by Participants
10 March, 2010	Workshop III: New Directions of Cold War History	Presentations by: Prof. Jost Dülffer (Cologne): European International History between Western Integration and Cold War Confrontation Prof. Odd Arne Westad (London) TBC