



The “Cultural Cold War” Towards a Theorisation of its Afro-Asian Contexts

Conference organized by Prof. Dr. Christopher Balme (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München) and Dr. Gautam Chakrabarti (Freie Universität Berlin)

22 to 24 October 2019

22 October 2019

- 18:00-18:15** Welcome Address by Christopher Balme (LMU)
- 18:15-18:30** Thematic Introduction by Gautam Chakrabarti (FU Berlin)
- 18:30-20:00** First Keynote Lecture
Vita Matiss (Riga/Geneva)
Blackboards to Write Upon: Ibsen's *Brand* in Riga and Moscow in the 1970's. Moral Dilemmas for the Ages
- 20:00** Inaugural Reception

23 October 2019

- 09:15-09:30** Coffee and Registration
- 09:30-11:00** Panel 1: Theorising the Cultural Cold War – I
Chair: **Gautam Chakrabarti** (FU Berlin)
- Monica Popescu** (McGill University)
Mythologies of Realism and Modernism: African Literature and the Cold War
- Sudha Rajagopalan** (Amsterdam)
Journeys of Soviet Things: Cold War Entanglements in Cuban and Indian Homes
- Christopher Balme** (LMU)
National Theatres in Africa between Modular Modernity and Cultural Heritage
- 11:00-11:30** Coffee Break
- 11:30-13:00** Panel 2: Cultural-Political Contests in/between the ‘West’ and the ‘East’ – I
Chair: **Ziad Adwan** (LMU)
- Inderjeet Parmar** (City University of London)
A New Sino-US ‘Cold War’? American-led Liberal International Order in Crisis

Christian Langer (FU Berlin) and **Alexandre A. Loktionov** (Cambridge)
The Uses of Egyptology in Cultural Cold Wars: Old Europe, Red Man and the Red Phoenix

Severyan Dyakonov (IHEID Geneva)
USSR and the East During the Cold War: Soviet Film Export in India in the 1950–1960s

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Panel 3: Actors, Agents, Networks and Institutions – I
Chair: **Berenika Szymanski-Düll** (LMU)

Gesine Drews-Sylla (Prague/Tübingen)
Dystopic Narratives of Migration and the Cold War: From *La Noire de ... to Octobre*

Tal Zalmanovich (Haifa)
Communist Fervor and Stalinist Disenchantment: The Journey of Trade Union Activists from Apartheid South Africa to London and Budapest in the 1950s

Gautam Chakrabarti (FU Berlin)
A Month Is Not Enough: Early Soviet Perceptions of Indian People's Theatre

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 Second Keynote Lecture
Carolien M. Stolte (Leiden)
Afro-Asian Visions: The Cultural Politics of Solidarity Movements During the Early Cold War

18:30 Conference Dinner

24 October 2019
09:30-11:00

Panel 4: Theorising the Cultural Cold War – II
Chair: Christopher Balme

Christopher J. Lee (Lafayette College, Easton, PA)
Return of the Event: Bandung and the Concept of the Conference

Milena Dragičević Šešić (University of Arts Belgrade)
Cultural Transfers: Non-Aligned Movement and its Implications on Yugoslav-Afro-Asian Relations

Ewa Bérard (CNRS-ENS Paris)
The Struggle for Peace and Soviet Cultural Diplomacy before and after the Second World War

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Panel 5: Actors, Agents, Networks and Institutions – II
Chair: **Michael Hochgeschwender** (LMU)

Danny Orbach (Jerusalem)
Nazi Fugitives in the Cold War: The Search for a New Cultural Identity

Sophie Lange (HU Berlin)
Greenpeace and Greenway – An Analysis of Cold War Cultural Strategies of Environmental Groups in the Divided Germany of the 1980s

Giles P. Scott-Smith (Leiden)
Ivan Kats, the Congress for Cultural Freedom, and the Obor Foundation: Sketching the Trajectory of a Cold War Cultural Diplomat

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Panel 6: Cultural-Political Contests in/between the 'West' and the 'East' – II
Chair: **Abdul Karim Hakib** (LMU)

Viviana Iacob (Bucharest)
Cold War Mobilities: East European Theatre Going Global

Gideon Ime Morison (LMU)
Theatre for Influence: American Cultural and Philanthropic Missions in West Africa during the Cold War

Rebecca Sturm (LMU)
Brecht's Work and Method to Discover and Promote Cultural and National Identity - East German Seminars for Afro-Asian Theatre Artists

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-16:45 Concluding Discussion
Moderated by Christopher Balme and Gautam Chakrabarti

Venue:
Center for Advanced Studies
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