

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

**10:15 - 10:30 Coffee break**

### **10:30 - 12:30 PANEL I - COMMUNIST POWER**

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 - 17:00 PANEL III: "THIRD WORLD" ACTORS**

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

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

## **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 - 12:45 PANEL V: ENVIRONMENT - DEVELOPMENT - OIL**

TIM **NUNAN**, Universität Regensburg  
→ Islam

JEREMY **PRESSMAN**, University of Connecticut  
→ The Arab-Israeli Conflict

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

### **12:45 - 14:00 Lunch**

### **14:00 - 15:45 PANEL VI: ISLAM - THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT**

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**