Introduction

In the last two decades historical research on the passage from the origins of the Cold War to its stabilisation in the 1950s and on the crises of the late 1950s and early 1960s has produced a remarkable output of scholarly studies, which have benefited from a growing variety of archival sources. As one moves on into the mid and late 1960s, however, we are still far from having at our disposal a broad historical database shedding light on some of the crucial international problems of these years. While the figures of Johnson, Nixon and Kissinger and the policies of their administrations have been the object of much research, we think it necessary to integrate the increasing number of studies of their foreign policy into the larger picture of a true history of the evolution of the international system. By focussing on the two superpowers and on their gradual move from confrontation to détente, in particular, historical research has somewhat neglected the tensions and anxieties that accompanied the rise of détente inside the two camps, and their impact on the behaviour of the leaders of each bloc. What we think is missing, therefore, is a reconstruction based on fresh archival sources of the mistrust, fear and uncertainty that the process engineered in the relationship between the US and its Western European partners, of the suspicions with which many Europeans watched the developing dialogue in the field of arms control, and of the puzzlement generated by the growing predicament of the US in the jungles of Vietnam. At the same time, very little is known about the perceptions of détente in the countries of the Eastern bloc, about the aftermath of the repression of the Prague spring, or about the impact on the Warsaw pact of the Sino-Soviet clashes.

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Thursday - September 26th
09:15 a.m.  
**Introduction** - Ennio Di Nolfo  
US Foreign Policy and the Loss of the Euro-Centric Paradigm

First session:  
The Loss of the Euro-Centric Paradigm in US Foreign Policy
09:45 a.m.  
**Panel One - Ostpolitik and its Critics**
Chair: Christian Ostermann  
Discussant: Geir Lundestad  
Bernd Schäfer, German Ostpolitik and the Nixon Administration, 1969-1973
Ruud van Dijk, Ostpolitik and Détente: Conflicting Aims and Common Ground between and inside the Cold War Alliances, A New Look

10:35 - 10:50 a.m.  
Coffee-break
10:50 - 12:15 a.m.  
**Discussion**
12:30 a.m.  
Buffet Lunch
02:00 p.m.  
**Panel Two - Coping with Change: US-Western European Relations**
Chair: Laurent Cesari  
Discussants: Sam F. Wells Jr, Beatrice Heuser  
Maximiliano Guerderzo, Johnson, the Atlantic Alliance and European Integration
Saki Dockrill, On the Eve of European Détente: Harold Wilson, Lyndon Johnson, and the Crisis of Western European Defence, 1966-68
Ilaria Poggiolini, Great Britain Enters the European Community

02:35 - 03:45 p.m.  
**Discussion**
03:45 - 04:00 p.m.  
Coffee-break
04:00 - 04:40 p.m.  
**Part II**
Leopoldo Nuti, The European Allies and the Vietnam War
Marilena Gala, Arms Control and European Security
Francis J. Gavin, The Gill Patric Committee and the Origins of America’s Non-Proliferation Policy

04:40 - 06:00 p.m.  
**Discussion**
07:30 p.m.  
Dinner
08:30 p.m.  
**Keynote Speech**
Timothy J. Naftali, Kennedy, Khrushchev, and the Antecedents of Détente

Friday - September 27th
09:15 a.m.  
**Introduction** - Vojtech Mastny, The Soviet Union, Détente, and Military Rivalry

Second session: The Alliances
09:35 a.m.  
**Panel One - Warsaw Pact Issues**
Chair: Fulvio D’Amoja
Discussant: Michael Cox
Mark Kramer, Soviet-Romanian Relations and the Warsaw Pact: Repercussions from the Czechoslovak Crisis
Jordan Baev, A Prelude to Détente: the Strange Case of a Regional Inter-Blocs Cooperation and Intra-Blocs Confrontation in the Balkans: 1964-1974
Douglas Selavage, “The Warsaw Pact is Collapsing”: Poland, the GDR and Bonn’s Ostpolitik, 1966-69
Tvrtno Jacovina, The Non-Aligned, Tito and the Federalization of Yugoslavia

10:35 - 10:50 a.m.  
Coffee-break
10:50 - 12:15 a.m.  
**Discussion**
12:30 a.m.  
Buffet Lunch
02:00 p.m.  
**Panel Two - The Transformation of NATO**
Chair: Frédéric Bozo
Discussants: Victor Papacosma
Anna Lacher and Christian Nünlist, No Easy Road to Détente: Conflicting NATO Perceptions in View of Détente (1963-1965)
Andreas Wenger, The NATO Crisis of 1966-67 Revisited
Hubert Zimmermann, The Improbable Permanence of a Commitment: The Battle about the US Military Presence in Europe in the Period of Détente (1965-72)

02:35 - 03:45 p.m.  
**Discussion**
03:45 - 04:00 p.m.  
Coffee-break
04:00 - 04:40 p.m.  
**Part II**
John G. McGinn, Squaring the Circle: Formulating and Implementing the Harmel Framework in NATO, 1966-1969
Bruna Bagnato, Handling the Alliance in a Time of Change: Manlio Brosio and the Transformation of NATO

04:40 - 06:00 p.m.  
**Discussion**
07:30 p.m.  
Dinner

Saturday - September 28th
09:00 a.m.  
**Panel One - Soviet Foreign Policy, Détente and the Sino-Soviet Split**
Chair: Hope Harrison
Discussant: Odd Arne Westad
Max Holland, Soviet Dezinformatsiya, 1963-1973: Active Measures under Détente
Alberto Tonini, Breaking Eggs in the US-Soviet Basket: Egypt, Israel and the Six-Day War
Isabella Ginor, Under the Yellow Arab Helmet Gleamed Blue Russian Eyes: Operation Kavkaz and the War of Attrition

09:45 - 10:30 a.m.  
**Discussion**
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.  
Coffee-break
10:45 - 11:35 a.m.  
**Part II**
Chen Jian, Sino-Soviet Relations after Czechoslovakia
Tatiana Zazerskaia-Moullec, Fighting Maoism: Soviet Isolation of China (1964-74)
Vladislav M. Zubok, The Brezhnev Factor in Détente

11:35 - 12:30 a.m.  
**Discussion**
12:30 a.m.  
Buffet Lunch