
16th Annual International Student Conference
of the
Cold War History Research Center, Budapest

CALL FOR PAPERS

from BA, MA and doctoral students

The Cold War History Research Center is now accepting proposals for its 16th Annual International Student Conference to be held at Corvinus University of Budapest on July 30–31, 2026.

The conference will take place in Budapest, Hungary and organized in collaboration with the

Cold War Archives Research Institute

and the

London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of International History, Contemporary International History and The Cold War Studies Programme

As was the case with our previous conferences, this year's Conference will focus on the Cold War era in general, and on the post-Cold War period.

Possible topics may include (but are not limited to) the following sections:

- East Central Europe in the Cold War and its Aftermath
- Hungary in the Cold War
- Western Europe and the Cold War
- The Soviet Union and the United States in the Cold War
- Asia and Africa in the Cold War and its Aftermath
- International Relations during the Cold War
- International Relations in the post-Cold War era

Please, send us an abstract on any of the abovementioned topics. **Abstracts should be approximately 3000–5000 characters long** and should be sent in Word format via email to Research Coordinator, PhD candidate Renata DRAVUCZ: coordinator@coldwar.hu

The deadline for proposal submission is May 15, 2026.

Selected participants will be asked to make a 20-minute presentation at the conference; a written paper is no requirement.

About us: The Cold War History Research Center is a virtual center for Cold War history research in East Central Europe, established in 1998. Through the Center's English language website (<http://coldwar.hu>), established in 2000 our mission has been to be the main provider of freely available English language online materials concerning research on contemporary history of the former Soviet Bloc countries in Europe. We offer a great number of articles, documents, chronologies, bibliographies and finding aids and now the Center is an indispensable resource for international scholars and students interested in the history of the Cold War, Communism, Eastern Europe, and the Soviet Bloc. In 2017 we finalized publishing our extensive and unique 5-part *Chronology of the Soviet Bloc (1945–1991)* which is accessible on our website. We have also published an edited volume collecting the best papers of our student conferences from 2010 to 2016: [*Students on the Cold War: New findings and interpretations*](#).

CWHRC's other recent publications include:

THE HISTORY OF THE SOVIET BLOC 1945–1991: A Chronology PART II, 1953–1968, Third enlarged edition.

<http://www.coldwar.hu/chronologies/1945-1991/CHRONOLOGY-History-of-the-SBloc-Part-2-1953-1968-3rd-ed-2022.pdf>

THE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF NEW COLD WAR HISTORY, Seventh, Enlarged Edition
http://www.coldwar.hu/main_pubs/CWHRC-Biblio-NCWH-2023-7thED.pdf

The series of the annual two-day English language international student conferences on the history of the Cold War started in 2010, with the participation of BA, MA and PhD students from all over the world and from renowned universities such as Harvard, Columbia, MIT, GWU, NYU, American University, US Military Academy at West Point, Indiana University, Hong Kong, Humboldt, University of Bologna, University of Florence, Central European University, London School of Economics, University College London, St. Andrews University, the King's College of London, and Sciences Po, Paris. From 2016 the conferences were co-organized by the European Institute at Columbia University in New York with the participation of several Columbia students annually. Since 2021 CWIHP and LSE have become co-organizing partners too.

The Center launched an international internship project in 2009. So far, the internationally renowned research activity of the Center has attracted some 250 interns from Western and Eastern Europe – mostly in the framework of the Erasmus program –, the United States (26),

China, Ukraine, Turkey, Greece; altogether from 36 countries. In 2017 the Center also became an official internship partner of Oxford University. In 2021 and in 2024 it was designated as a Gold Standard Internship Host by the University of Oxford Internship Programme. The Center was selected for the award based on the successful cooperation with Oxford University since 2017.

For the program of our previous conferences and for more information about the Center and its internship program, please, visit our website (<http://coldwar.hu>), or contact Renata DRAVUCZ at the email address above. For a special report on the Center's activity from 1998 to 2018 see: [20 years of the Cold War History Research Center. Special report, 1998–2018](http://www.coldwar.hu/recentups/CWHRC-REPORT.pdf) <http://www.coldwar.hu/recentups/CWHRC-REPORT.pdf>