



Divided Cities and Contested Cities during the Cold War

Gorizia, 20-22 March 2025

20 March 2025 (Thursday)

Gorizia university campus, via Santa Chiara 1, Gorizia

Keynote address

David Reynolds, The Divided World of the Cold War

18:00-19:30

Dinner afterward

21 March 2024 (Friday)

Fondazione CARIGO, Via Giosuè Carducci 2, Gorizia

Panel 1 – Divided Berlin, Divided Germany (Part 1)

9:45 – 11:15

Chaired by Christian Ostermann

Jeffrey Jurgens, Regulated Improvisation: Refugee Governance in Berlin, 1949-1961

Paul Steege, An Explosive Accident: Border-Crossing and the Cold War in Berlin, 1982

Ryan Singsank, Preparing for the Next Crisis: The Western Powers' Struggles and Strategies to Defend West Berlin, 1962-1971

Emily Needham, Staging the Berlin Wall in the Decolonizing World: East and West German Efforts to Globalize the Berlin Crisis in the Early 1960s

Panel 2 – Divided Berlin, Divided Germany (Part 2)

11:15 – 12:30

Chaired by Tommaso Piffer

Thomas Maulucci, Divided Berlin in East German Documentary Film, 1949-1990

Stefanie Woodard, Running through History: The Berlin Marathon and a Divided City

Colleen Anderson, Undivided Heavens: Spaceflight in Divided Berlin

Lunch

12:30 – 14:00



Panel 3 – Trieste and Gorizia

14:00 – 15:30

Chaired by Mark Kramer

Silvo Devetak, The Genesis of the Trieste Settlement

Piero Zin, Gorizia and Nova Gorica in the Cold War

James G. Hershberg, The United States and the Trieste Crises

Francesca Zilio, The Debate on the Free Territory of Trieste at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe

Coffee break

15:30 – 15:45

Panel 4 – Vienna and the Austrian Border

15:45 – 17:15

Chaired by Tommaso Piffer

Simon Graham, The Four in the Jeep: Contact, Compromise and Confrontation in Occupied Vienna, 1945–55

Richard Cummings, CIA Cold War Espionage in Occupied Vienna

Peter Ruggenthaler – Vienna in Neutral Austria after 1955

Alexandre Kostov, Bulgarians in Divided Vienna (1945-1955)

Dinner

19.30

22 March 2024 (Saturday)

Fondazione CARIGO, Via Giosuè Carducci 2, Gorizia

Panel 5 – Divided Border Cities in Communist-Ruled Europe (Part 1) 9:30 – 11:00

Chaired by Paweł Machcewicz

Claudia Weber, Becoming the City of the “Peace Border”: Frankfurt an der Oder in the early Cold War

Mark Kramer (for Peter Bugge), Cold Front at the Fraternal Border? Cieszyn/Český Těšín during the Cold War

Jakub Šlouf, Postwar Pilsen/Pižeň and Its Pro-American Culture of Protest

Jarosław Jańczak, Public-Space Symbolism in Cold War Divided Cities. B/ordering Spaces and Narratives in Frankfurt (Oder)-Słubice and Cieszyn/Český Těšín



Panel 6 – Divided Border Cities in Communist-Ruled Europe (Part 2) 11:00 – 12:30

Chaired by Mark Kramer

Matthew Evangelista and Aleksander Lust, Narva as a New West Berlin? Origins of and Prospects for a Vulnerable Enclave

Nuri Korkmaz, Ideological Divisions in Urban Areas in the Bulgarian-Greek Borderlands during the Cold War.

Nadia Boyadjieva – Ideological and Ethnic Divisions in Cities along Bulgaria’s Borders with Turkey and Yugoslavia during the Cold War

Pieter Troch – Mitrovica during and after the Cold War

Lunch 12:30 – 14:00

Panel 7 – Divided European Cities outside the Soviet Bloc 14:00 – 15:30

Chaired by Nigel Gould-Davies

Adéla Sobotkova, Urban Divisions and Civil Defense: Analyzing Cold War Controversies in Aarhus.

Dilek Latif, Women and Buffer Zones: The Post-Conflict Division of Nicosia.

Agustina Martire, Can Class Divisions Outweigh Ethnic/Religious Divisions? The Case of Belfast in the 1960s and 1970s

Pieter Troch, Prelude to Post-1991 Wartime Division: Ethnic and Political Polarization in Mitrovica during the Communist Era

Coffee break 15:30 – 15:45

Panel 8 – Cold War-Era Divided Cities outside Europe 15:45 – 17:00

Chaired by Sergey Radchenko

David Wolff, Cold War Harbin: Contested Capital of the Sino-Soviet Borderland

Adonis Li, Hong Kong and the Cold War Divide

Moritz Pöllath, Goa: A Contested Cold War City?

Closing panel – Borders and borderlands in the Cold War 17:00 – 17.30

Mark Kramer, Christian Osterman, Tommaso Piffer, David Reynolds.

Dinner 19.00