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Conference Agenda

Friday, May 12

9:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks
Richard Herrmann, Director, Mershon Center for International Security Studies
Bernd Schaefer, German Historical Institute
Carole Fink, The Ohio State University

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Panel 1: The East European Response
Chair: David Curp, Ohio University
Wanda Jarzabek, Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland and Ostpolitik, 1966-75: Hopes and Fears
Milan Kosanovic, University of Bonn, Brandt and Tito between ‘Neue Ostpolitik’ and ‘Non-Alignment’
Oldrich Tuma, Institute of Contemporary History, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, Ostpolitik and Czechoslovakia

11:45 - 12:45 p.m. Lunch Program: The Soviet Union
Chair: David Hoffmann, The Ohio State University
Andrey Edemskiy, Institute of Slavic and Balkan Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Between Détente and Confrontation: Soviet Responses to West German Initiatives, 1969-1974

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Panel 2: Altering the Divide in Europe
Chair: Norman Goda, Ohio University
Uta Balbier, Hamburg Institute for Social Research, Rivals, Partners, Sportsmen: The Olympics, German Ostpolitik, and the GDR's Struggle for Recognition
David Stone, Kansas State University, Comecon's International Investment Bank: East-West Financial Relations in the Era of Ostpolitik
Gottfried Niedhart, University of Mannheim, The Impact of Ostpolitik and West German Revisionism on the CSCE

3:30 – 4:45 p.m. Panel 3: The World Responds - Africa
Chair: Norman Goda, Ohio University
Tilman Dedering, University of Pretoria, Ostpolitik and its Repercussions in South Africa

Saturday, May 13

9:00 - 10:45 a.m. Panel 4: Bonn’s Allies Respond
Chair: Chester Pach, Ohio University
R. Gerald Hughes, University of Wales, The Legacy of Munich, and Ostpolitik
Marie-Pierre Rey, University of Paris-VI, Brandt’s Ostpolitik, France, and the Soviet Union, 1969-1974
Irwin Wall, University of California, Riverside, The United States and Brandt’s Ostpolitik

11:00 - 12:30 p.m. Panel 5: The World Responds - Asia
Chair: Richard Herrmann, Mershon Center for International Security Studies
Meung-Hoan Noh, Institute of History and Culture, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, West German Ostpolitik and its Influence on South-North Korean Relations 1969-1974
Amit Das Gupta, Institute of Contemporary History, Berlin, South Asia and Neue Ostpolitik
Bernd Schaefer, German Historical Institute, Ostpolitik, ‘Fernostpolitik’ and Sino-Soviet Rivalry: China and the Two Germanys

12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Lunch Program: The World Responds - The Middle East
Chair: Corinna Unger, German Historical Institute
Carole Fink, The Ohio State University, Israel: The Transformation of the ‘Special Relationship,’ 1969-1974

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Panel 6: The Nuclear Question
Chair: Alan Beyerchen, The Ohio State University
William G. Gray, Purdue University, Weapons for the Weak? German Leadership among the Non-Nuclear Powers
Jacques Hymans, Smith College, The Limits of Norms: Germany’s Nuclear Relationship with Argentina before and after the Non-Proliferation Treaty

4:15 – 5:00 p.m. Closing Remarks