

COLD WAR CULTURES

Transnational and Interdisciplinary Perspectives Conference at the University of Texas at Austin September 30–October 3, 2010

Call for Papers

Deadline: April 1, 2010

If war is the continuation of politics by other means, then Cold War politics can be seen as a continuation of war by other means. This interdisciplinary conference seeks to explore these means in the context of global encounters between states and "Bloc" as well as engagements with "East" and "West." Indeed, after the end of the Second World War, a new kind of "war" continued and expanded as governments and/or interest groups created and continually reshaped institutions, media, popular culture, and various elements of social and political life. Globally, these broad-based transformations took place in the shadow of Cold War politics, especially as expressed through rhetoric of threat and mutual annihilation. In particular, cultural phenomena shaped by Cold War power conflicts take on myriad forms in a host of geographic contexts, both in and outside the Bloc, from iconic public representations to distinctive media advertising, memorable political speeches, world expositions, spy novels and films, and a plethora of official and popular modes of expression. In some places, of course, military or paramilitary conflagrations translated Cold War politics into "hot" wars, which further fueled the fire of Cold War imaginations.

We invite proposals for individual 20-minute papers that explore any geographic area or disciplinary field of Cold War studies, as well as contributions that might engage the notion the of "Cold War" theoretically. Full panels of three papers may also be proposed.

Cold War Cultures: Interdisciplinary and Transnational Perspectives is a three-day conference at the University of Texas at Austin planned as the culmination of a series of events held in Fall, 2010, on the campus. These events will include the conference, several keynote speeches by international and local scholars, and a film series; more details to come. Because of the generosity of our sponsors, all events will be free of charge and open to the public.

This site contains all information available about the conference and all other events surrounding it. It will be updated regularly with the most current information available.

Cold War Cultures web site: <http://www.coldwarcultures.org/>

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