Women as Cold War Weapons: A Conference

December 12th, 9:30-5:00pm

1219 School of International Affairs, The Harriman Institute

9:30-10:00am **Opening Remarks:** Thai Jones, author, *A Radical Line: From the Labor Movement to the Weather Underground, One Family’s Century of Conscience*

10:00-11:15am **Panel 1:** “The Communists Are Coming!”

Commentator: Thai Jones, Lecturer; Herbert H. Lehman Curator for U.S. History, Rare Book & Manuscript Library, tsj2001@columbia.edu

- *Was Ping Pong Diplomacy a Man’s Game?*, Celeste Chan
- *Angela Davis and Communism: Furthering the Push for Racial Inclusion in Electoral Politics*, Maria Fernanda Martinez
- *Politics through Fashion: How Cold War Icons Wore Their Views on Their Sleeves*, Alex Parkhurst

11:15-11:30am Break

11:30-1:00pm **Panel 2:** Atomic Mothers and Their Cold War Children

Commentator: Francois Carrel-Billiard, Associate Director, European Institute, Columbia University, francois.carrel@columbia.edu

- *Motherhood: Nuclear Testing and the Bikini Body*, Jordyn Patterson
- *In the Name of Children: Chinese Propaganda in the Cold War*, Grace Boya Shen
- *Transatlantic Childhoods: Eine neue Welt für unsere Jugend and the Dynamics of American Occupation in Postwar Austria*, Christopher VanDemark

1:00-2:00pm **Keynote Speaker:** Volker Berghahn, Seth Low Emeritus Professor of History, Columbia University, vrb7@columbia.edu

2:00-3:00pm **Panel 3:** The Power of the Individual

Commentator: Carla Michelle Coley, MA & MSc Candidate, Columbia University and the London School of Economics, carla.coley@columbia.edu

- “Poster Girl” and “Ad-Woman”: Message-Making in the Cold War, Dominique Yong
Katherine Howard: The feminization of civil defense, Katherine Nickols

3:00-3:15pm: Break

3:15-4:30pm: Panel 4: **Performing the Cold War**

Commentator: Line Lillevik, Director, International History Program, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of History, ll2529@columbia.edu

**Woman’s Fashion: Cinema As A Weapon**, Ana Karen Aguero Rojo

**It Takes a Woman: Hello, Dolly!, The American Woman, and Cold War Cultural Diplomacy**, Sophia Whitman Sandmeyer

**True Women of the Cold War: Best Supporting Actresses**, Justine Meberg

4:30-4:45pm: **Closing Remarks**: Victoria Phillips, Adjunct Lecturer, European Institute and Department of History, Associated Faculty, Harriman Institute, lvb3@columbia.edu

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