Détente and Its Collapse in the 1970s: Lessons for Today?

Friday, November 6, 2015

Program on U.S.-Russia Relations
Harriman Institute
Columbia University
PROGRAM

9:00AM - 9:10AM  
_Welcoming Remarks_  
Alexander Cooley (Director, Harriman Institute)  
Kimberly Marten (Director, Program on U.S.-Russia Relations)

9:15AM - 9:45AM  
_Detente and Its Collapse: The Big Picture and Its Current Relevance?_  
**Chair**  
Richard K. Betts (Leo A. Shifrin Professor of War and Peace Studies, Arnold A. Saltzman Professor of War and Peace Studies, and Director of the Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia)

**Speakers**  
Melvyn P. Leffler (Edward Stettinius Professor of History, University of Virginia)  
Vladislav Zubok (Professor of International History, LSE)  
Vladimir Pechatnov (Professor and Chair of European and American Studies, MGIMO)  
Robert Jervis (Adlai E. Stevenson Professor of International Politics, Columbia)

11:00AM - 12:30PM  
_New Research, New Perspectives?_  
**Chair**  
Austin Long (Assistant Professor of International and Public Affairs, Columbia)

**Speakers**  
Svetlana Savranskaya (Senior Research Fellow and Director of Russia Programs, National Security Archive, George Washington University)  
Keren Yarhi-Milo (Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton)  
Daniel Sargent (Associate Professor of History, University of California Berkeley)

*Break for lunch*
2:30PM - 4:15PM

*Detente and Its Collapse: Lessons for Today?*

**Chair**
Kimberly Marten (Ann Whitney Olin Professor of Political Science, Barnard College)

**Speakers**
Feodor Voitolovsky (Deputy Director, Primakov Institute for World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO))
Deborah Welch Larson (Professor of Political Science, University of California Los Angeles)
Robert H. Legvold (Marshall D. Shulman Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Columbia)
Dmitry Suslov (Deputy Director, Center for Comprehensive European and International Studies, Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

4:15PM

*Closing reception for participants and audience*
BIOS

Richard K. Betts is the Arnold A. Saltzman Professor and Director of the Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University. He has taught at Harvard and Johns Hopkins’ Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, and was a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution. He has been Director of National Security Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. He was a member of the National Security Advisory Panel of the Director of Central Intelligence and the External Advisory Board for the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and a member of the National Commission on Terrorism (the Bremer Commission). Betts has published numerous articles on U.S. foreign policy, military strategy, intelligence operations, security issues in Asia and Europe, terrorism, and other subjects, and is author of six books – most recently American Force (2012).

Alexander Cooley is Professor of Political Science at Barnard College and Director of Columbia University’s Harriman Institute. His research examines how external actors have influenced the development and sovereignty of former Soviet states, with a focus on Central Asia and the Caucasus. His most recent books: Ranking the World: Grading States as a Tool of Global Governance (Cambridge 2015), co-edited with Jack Snyder; Great Games, Local Rules: The New Great Power Contest for Central Asia (Oxford 2012); and Contracting States: Sovereign Transfers in International Relations (Princeton 2009), co-authored with Hendrik Spruyt of Northwestern University.

Robert Jervis is Adlai E. Stevenson Professor of International Politics at Columbia University. His most recent book is Why Intelligence Fails: Lessons from the Iranian Revolution and the Iraq War (Cornell University Press, 2010), and his other books include American Foreign Policy in a New Era (Routledge, 2005), System Effects: Complexity in Political Life (Princeton University Press, 1997), and The Meaning of the Nuclear Revolution (Cornell University Press, 1989). He was President of the American Political Science Association in 2000-2001 and has received career achievement awards from the International Society of Political Psychology and ISA’s Security Studies Section. In 2006 he was the recipient the National Academy of Science’s triannual award for behavioral sciences contributions to avoiding nuclear war and has received honorary degrees from Oberlin College and the University of Venice.

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**Austin Long** is an Assistant Professor at the School of International and Public Affairs and a Member of the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies and the Harriman Institute at Columbia University. He is also a non-resident Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. In 2014-2015, he was a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow in Nuclear Security, serving in the Joint Staff J5 (Strategic Plans and Policy). Dr. Long was previously an Associate Political Scientist at the RAND Corporation. While at RAND, he was an analyst and adviser to Coalition forces in Iraq (2007-2008) and Afghanistan (2011 and 2013). He has also been a fellow at Dartmouth College’s Dickey Center for International Understanding. Dr. Long received his B.S. from the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at the Georgia Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. in political science from MIT.

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Svetlana Savranskaya is director of Russia programs at the National Security Archive, George Washington University (since 2001) and an adjunct professor teaching U.S.-Russian relations and contemporary Russian politics at the American University School of International Service. She is a graduate of Moscow State University (History, 1988), and Emory University (Ph.D. in Political Science, 1998). She is coeditor (with Thomas Blanton and Vladislav Zubok) of “Masterpieces of History”: The Peaceful End of the Cold War in Europe 1989. Her current project is The Last Superpower Summits: Reagan, Gorbachev, Bush and the End of the Cold War (forthcoming in 2016).

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