

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: **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

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: **Atomic Mothers and Their Cold War Children**

Commentator: François 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

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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