

Cold War Aerospace

A hypothesis of multi-layered historical approach to scientific diplomacy



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The seminar is going to consider aerospace as a crucial sector in terms of financial investments, techno-scientific expertise, and politico-military relevance in the Cold War arena. Historians from different backgrounds will consider a range of case-studies in order to focus on a concept of scientific diplomacy which encompasses the three areas of foreign policy, economics, and science and technology. This concept is expected to present scientists, as well as industrial managers, as fully-fledged diplomatic actors and diplomacy not merely as a suprastructure to business interests or scientific ambitions. The participants, confronting their experiences, will develop a critique of the cross-fertilization among political, economic, and scientific interests by considering possible structures of interconnecting the national, regional/European, global/international levels of activity and actors. Up to what point did Cold War constraints affect these dynamics? How did the latter substantiate the international regime that was the Cold War? Is their temporality structurally linked to the unfolding of Cold War phases? Is the Cold War era just a defining moment in a longer time span? Though binary answers will be most likely insufficient, the aim of the seminar is to contrive a conceptualization of scientific diplomacy that is able to offer an interpretative key of the development of international society



Programme

9:15 *Welcome address*

Prof. **Giulia Lami**, Director of the Centre of Foreign Policy Studies – University of Milan

9:30 **Panel 1. Aviation technology**

Mauro Elli, State University of Milan

Anglo-Romanian dealings in aeroengines and the opening of China market

Peter Svik, Graduate Institute of Geneva, University of Vienna

Short and long spans: how can Braudel help us to understand the contemporary history

David Burigana, State University of Padua, InsSciDE

A l'arrière-cour de la Diplomatie ? Au beau milieu de la Diplomatie.

L'Aérospatial, un cas d'études des multiples interactions entre Guerre froide et processus de construction européenne

10:30 **Panel 2. Space research**

Matteo Landoni, State University of Milan

American technology and European integration of the Italian space industry. Coopetition in the Atlantic space?

Olga Dubrovina, State University of Padua, InsSciDE

Share and conquer: Soviet international policy in the Space during the Cold War

Gemma Cirac-Claveras, Pompeu Fabra University of Barcelona

Meteosat. Global weather, international science, national technology

11:30 **Discussion-note**

Prof. **Christophe Bouneau**, University of Bordeaux-Montaigne

12:00 **Roundtable**