

Ostpolitik, 1969-1974: The European and Global Response

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Draft Program

Thursday, May 11

5:30 Welcome dinner

Friday, May 12: Conference Room, The Mershon Center, The Ohio State University

8:00 - 8:30: Coffee

9:00 Welcoming Remarks

Richard Herrmann, Director, Mershon Center

Christof Mauch, Director, German Historical Institute

9:30 – 11:30 Panel 1 *Eastern Europe responds to Ostpolitik* (1)

Chair: David Curp, Ohio University

Wanda Jarzabek, Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of
Sciences, Warsaw

Poland and *Ostpolitik*, 1966-75: Hopes and Fears

Milan Kosanovic, University of Bonn

Brandt and Tito between "*Neue Ostpolitik*" and "Non-Alignment"

Oldrich Tuma, Institute of Contemporary History, Academy of Sciences
of the Czech Republic

Ostpolitik and Czechoslovakia

Discussion

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch Program *The Soviet Union*

Chair: David Hoffmann, Ohio State University

Alexei Filitov, Institute of General History, Russian Academy of Sciences,
Moscow

How the Road to the Moscow Treaty of 12 August 1970 Was Paved:
Soviet Goals and Bargaining Patterns

Andrey Edemsky, Institute of Slavic Studies, Russian Academy of
Sciences, Moscow

Between Détente and Confrontation: Soviet Responses to West
German Initiatives, 1969-1974

Discussion

2-3:30 P.M. Panel 2 *Eastern Europe (2)*

Chair: Steven Miner, Ohio University

Csaba Bekes, Cold War History Research Center, Budapest
Foreign Policy Coordination in the Warsaw Pact and German *Ostpolitik*,
1966-1973

David Stone, Kansas State University

Comecon's International Investment Bank: East-West Financial Relations
in the Era of *Ostpolitik*

Gottfried Niedhart, University of Mannheim

The Impact of *Ostpolitik* and West German Revisionism on the CSCE

Discussion

3:30 – 4:00 Coffee

4:00 – 5:30 P.M. Panel 3: *The World Responds (1) Africa*

Chair: Norman Goda, Ohio University

Tilman Dederling, University of Pretoria
Ostpolitik and its repercussions in South Africa

Sara Lorenzini, Center for German-Italian Studies, University of Trento
Ostpolitik and Development Aid to Africa

Discussion

7:00 Banquet dinner at the Mershon Center

7:45 P.M. Musical offering: Stan Workman, Edward Bak, Ohio State University

Saturday, May 13

8:00 – 8:30 Coffee

9:00 – 10:45 A.M. Panel 4: *Bonn's allies respond*

Chair: Chester Pach, Ohio University

Irwin Wall, New York University
The United States and Brandt's *Ostpolitik*

Andreas Wilkens, University of Metz
German *Ostpolitik* and West European Integration, 1969-1974

Marie-Pierre Rey, University of Paris-VI
Brandt's *Ostpolitik*, France, and the Soviet Union, 1969-1974

R. Gerald Hughes, University of Wales, Aberystwyth
Great Britain, the Legacy of Munich, and *Ostpolitik*

Discussion

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee

11:00- 12:15 Panel 5: *The World Responds (2) Asia*

Chair: Rick Herrmann, Mershon Center

Bernd Schaefer, German Historical Institute, Washington D.C.
Ostpolitik, '*Fernostpolitik*' and Sino-Soviet Rivalry: China and the Two Germanys

Meung-Hoan Noh, Institute of History and Culture, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul
 West German *Ostpolitik* and its influence on South-North Korean Relations 1969-1974

Amit Das Gupta, Institute of Contemporary History, Berlin
 South Asia and *Neue Ostpolitik*

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch *The World Responds (3)*

Chair: Corinna Unger, German Historical Institute

Carole Fink, The Ohio State University
 Israel: The Transformation of the 'Special Relationship, 1969-1974

Jacques Hymans, Smith College
 The Limits of Norms: Germany's Nuclear Relationship with Argentina Before and After the Non-Proliferation Treaty

Discussion

2:00 – 4:00 Panel 6: *Institutions Respond*

Chair: Alan Beyerchen, Ohio State University

Uta Balbier, Hamburg Institute for Social Research
Rivals, Partners, Sportsmen: The Olympics, German *Ostpolitik*, and the
GDR's Struggle for Recognition

Joachim Wintzer, Commission for the History of German Parliamentarism,
Berlin
The UN and the Admission of the Two German States

William G. Gray, Purdue University
Weapons for the Weak? German Leadership Among the Non-Nuclear
Powers

Discussion

4:30 – 5:15 Closing remarks

7:00 Dinner at Rigsby's

Sunday, May 14

Departure of guests