A Marcus Wallenberg Symposium:
European Neutrality and the Kremlin during the Cold War

Stockholm, 3–5 September 2015

Thursday 3 September
18.00–18.30  WELCOME AND OPENING

Astrid Söderbergh Widding (Vice-Chancellor, Stockholm University)

Stefan Karner, Director (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on War’s Consequences, Graz and Co-Chairman of the Austro-Russian Commission of Historians)

Mark Kramer (Harvard University)

Aryo Makko (Stockholm University)

18.30–19.00  KEYNOTE

Leonid Gibianskii (Institute for Slavic Studies at the Russian Academy of Sciences Moscow)

19.00–19.30  COFFEE BREAK

19.30–21.00  PANEL DISCUSSION (Moderator: Peter Ruggenthaler)

*Lessons from History? The Neutrals between East and West in the Cold War and Today*

Boris Medvedev (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Moscow)

Stefan Karner (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on War’s Consequences, Graz)

Mark Kramer (Harvard University)

Ambassador Örjan Berner (Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs)
Friday 4 September
08.00–09.00  COFFEE

09.00–10.45  PANEL I (Chair: Aryo Makko)
*The View from Moscow: The Neutrals in Soviet Foreign Policy*

Aleksei Komarov (Russian Academy of Sciences), *Swedish Neutrality: The View from Moscow*

Kimmo Rentola (University of Helsinki), *The Soviet Attitude to Finnish Neutrality after 1948*

Peter Ruggenthaler (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on War’s Consequences, Graz), *Austrian Neutrality – A Danger to the Soviet Union?*

Olga Pavlenko (Russian State University for the Humanities), *The Soviet Union and Swiss Neutrality: Concerns and Hopes in 1989*

Andrei Edemskii (Russian Academy of Sciences Moscow), *Between Ideology and Realism: Soviet Views on Mercurial Yugoslav Neutrality during the Cold War*

10.45–11.15  COFFEE BREAK

11.15–12.30  PANEL II (Chair: Stefan Karner)
*Dealing with the Giant in the North: The Role of the Soviet Union in the Foreign Policies of the Neutrals*

Mikhail Prozumenschchikov (Russian State Archive of Contemporary History), *The Kremlin’s view on Finland and Sweden in the late 1960s and early 1970s according to documents of the CPSU Central Committee*

Aryo Makko (Stockholm University), *Old Fears and New Realities: Sweden and the Soviet Union during the Cold War*

Johanna Rainio-Niemi (University of Helsinki), *Finland's Cold War Neutrality and the Soviet Union: An Evolving Relationship, ca. 1948–1975*

12.30–13.30  LUNCH
13.30–14.45  PANEL III (Chair: Karl Molin)
*Dealing with the Giant in Continental Europe: The Role of the Soviet Union in the Foreign Policies of the Neutrals*

Maximilian Graf (University of Vienna), *Infinite Coexistence? Austria’s Ostpolitik after 1968*

Thomas Fischer (Ottawa), *Anatomy of an Unconsummated Relationship: Neutral Switzerland and the Soviet Union in the Cold War*

Nadia Boyadjieva (Harvard University), *Tito and Yugoslavia’s Policy of Nonalignment*

14.45–15.15  COFFEE BREAK

15.15–17.00  PANEL IV (Chair: Mark Kramer)
*Western Perspectives on Neutrality and Soviet-Neutral relations*

Guenter Bischof (University of New Orleans), *The U.S. and Austrian Neutrality in the Cold War*

Magnus Petersson (Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies Oslo) & Milorad Lazic (George Washington University), *NATO and the Neutrals on the Flanks: Finland, Sweden and Yugoslavia*

Nicolas Badalassi (University of Rennes 2), *The Proper Use of Neutrality. The French Perception of the Neutral and Non-Aligned Countries during the Helsinki Process, 1965-1975*

Anne Deighton (University of Oxford), *British Perspectives on Neutrality and the European Neutrals during the Cold War*

Andreas Hilger (University of Hamburg), *Neutrality in the Cold War: A view from West Germany*

18.00–20.00  DINNER (for Paper Presenters)
Saturday 5 September
08.00–09.00  COFFEE

09.00–10.30  PANEL V (Chair: Anne Deighton)
*Turn of an Era: Neutrality in Europe and the End of the Cold War*

Karl Molin (Stockholm University), *Sweden. Solidarity and the Democratization of Poland*

Tvrtko Jakovina (Zagreb University), *Could the Non-aligned have saved Yugoslavia? The 1989 Summit of the Non-aligned Countries in Belgrade, the End of the Cold War and the Break up of Yugoslavia*

Kari Möttölä (University of Helsinki), *From Consummation to Transition: Finnish Neutrality as Strategy at the End of the Cold War*

10.30–11.00  COFFEE BREAK

11.00–12.00  CLOSING KEYNOTE

Mark Kramer (Harvard University), *The Neutrals between East and West in the Cold War*

12.00–13.00  LUNCH

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