

Tackling Cold War Student Organisations through Social History

20-21 November 2025, Fribourg (Switzerland)

Thursday, 20 November

Morning session venue: MIS 10 3.16

8.40-8.50 Participants welcome

8.50-9.00 Welcome speech

9.00-10.30 Students Against Dictatorship and Socio-Economic Inequalities

Discussant: Franziska Zaugg

Ioannis Brigkos, University of Vienna

Students, Surveillance, and Solidarity: Greek Anti-Junta Activism in Austria during the Cold War

Daniel Canales Ciudad, University of Girona

“Other Third Worlds on your doorstep”: Student volunteering and the discovery of underdevelopment in Franco’s Spain

Patrick Smylie, University of Westminster

Unlikely Allies: Students and Working-Class Youth Mobilisation in late 1940s Dublin

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 Anti-Imperialism in the Global 1960s

Discussant: Mikuláš Pešta

Vincenzo Colaprice, University Roma Tre

An Imagined Community of Anti-Imperialist Youth? The WFDY and Transnational Student Activism in the Global 1960s

Guadalupe Seia, University of Buenos Aires and *Nayla Pis Diez*, University of La Plata

Universities as Battlegrounds: Student Movement against Cultural Imperialism in Latin America during the Cold War (1960s–1970s)

Amirpasha Tavakkoli, Sciences Po Toulouse

A Forgotten History: Confederation of Iranian Students and the “Making of Global 1968”

12.30-13.45 Lunch break

14.00-14.30 Visit of the exhibition *Student Internationalism*

17.11.-21.11.2025 Miséricorde, Hall de l’AGEF and 24.11.-5.12.2025, Péroles 3

Afternoon session venue: MIS 10 1.16

14.30-16.00 Foreign Students: Mobility and Cold War Internationalism

Discussant: Lidia Lesnykh

Jules Siran, University of Geneva

Activist or Reluctant Internationalism? The Hungarian Communist Youth Union and the Reception of Foreign Students (1960s–1990s)

Lucie Lamy, Leibniz-Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung Potsdam

West German Student Associations, Mobile Students and the Global Cold War

Derya Bozat, University of Bern

Red Island, Red East: Malagasy Students in the Soviet Union, 1975–1991

17.30-18.45 Keynote conference of James Mark, University of Exeter

“Racing” Eurasia: Communist Internationalism and Student Mobility since the 1950s

Venue: MIS03 3118

Friday, 21 November

Morning session venue: MIS 03 3119

9.00-10.30 Student Activism in France: Transnational Perspective

Discussant: Robi Morder

Ombeline Bois, University Paul Valéry Montpellier

Vietnamese Student Organisations in France (1955-1975): Navigating Diasporic Diplomacy and Transnational Struggles

Sara Legrandjacques, Sorbonne University

Between French Walls: Organising Indian Students at the Maison de l'Inde, late 1960s-early 1990s

Annalise Walkama, University of Idaho

The Corsican Vacation: A Social History of Deported Refugee Students During the 1960 Soviet State Visit to France

10.30-10.45 Break

10.45-12.00 Keynote Konstantin Katsakioris

“Nationalism and Ethnic Conflicts among African Students in the Soviet Union”

MIS 03 3119

12.15-13.15 Lunch

Afternoon session venue: MIS 02 2120

13.15-14.15 Student Media as a Space of Mobilisation

Discussant: Matthieu Gillibert

Janik Hollnagel, *Lisa-Frederike Seidler*, Freie Universität Berlin

Conflict and Collaboration. Students at the Freie Universität Berlin (FU) in the 1980s

Maxime Dulau, Université Bordeaux Montaigne

Students of Atlanta in the Midst of the Sixties and the Rise of Radical Feminism: A Local Evolution Around a National Cause

14.15-14.30 Conclusions

The exhibition ***Student Internationalism***, specially prepared by the members of the SNSF project “From Student Internationalism to Erasmus. Globalisation and Europeanisation of Student Life since 1945”, will be opened at the University of Fribourg on 17 November, International Student Day, and will remain on campus until 5 December.

The exhibition aims to connect students across several generations. It approaches students' lives and activities outside the classroom through their visual cultures, such as posters, magazine covers, catalogues, and photographs. **The inauguration and the commented visit will take place on 20 November at 14.00**

Open on 17.11-21.11.2025 at the Miséricorde, Hall de l'AGEF and 24.11-5.12.2025 at Pérolles 3