

**Webster University Geneva 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conferences**

***1968: The Year That Transformed World Affairs and History***

**Friday, December 7, 2018 - LLC Commons Room**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**INTRODUCTION**

**9.00 – 9.30 a.m. *Welcome and Registration***

**9.30 – 9.35 a.m. *Welcoming Remarks*** – Clementina Acedo, Director, Webster University Geneva, Switzerland

**9.35 – 9.45 a.m. *Introductory Remarks*** - His Excellency Ambassador Jan Kara, Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations and Other International Organizations, Geneva, Switzerland

**9.45 – 10.15 a.m. *Keynote Address*** – Daniel Warner, Independent Scholar & Former Deputy to the Director of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IUHEID), Geneva, Switzerland

**THE PRAGUE SPRING AND THE SOVIET INTERVENTION**

**10.15 – 10.30 a.m. *The Prague Spring and the Soviet Intervention: An International Law and Human Rights Perspective*** – Ivana Machonova-Schellongova, Human Rights Officer, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) & Lecturer in International Human Rights Law, Webster University Geneva, Switzerland

**10.30 – 10.45 a.m. *The Legacy of 1968 in Czechoslovakia and Central and Eastern Europe*** – Roman Krakovsky, Researcher and Scholar at the Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva (UNIGE), Switzerland

**10.45 – 11.00 a.m. *Czechoslovakia 1968 and the Work of Josef Koudelka*** – Puja Basavaraj Schroth, Photojournalism and Psychology Student, Webster University Geneva, Switzerland

**11.00 – 11.15 a.m.** Questions & Answers

**11.15 – 11.30 a.m.** Coffee Break

**THE UNITED STATES IN 1968: AT HOME AND ABROAD**

**11.30 – 11.45 a.m. *1968: A Watershed in US Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy*** - John Thompson, Senior Researcher and Head of Global Security Team, Centre for Security Studies (CSS), Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich, Switzerland

**11.45 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. *Turning Point: The Tet Offensive – Its Impact on US Domestic Politics, US Strategy and Cold War Politics*** – Steve Ekovich, Professor of International and Comparative Politics, The American University of Paris (AUP), Paris, France

**12.00 – 12.15 p.m. *From Nixon to Trump: Traditional Alliances under Pressure?*** - Lionel Fatton, Professor of International Relations, Webster University Geneva, Switzerland

**12.15 – 12.30 p.m.** Questions & Answers

**12.30 – 1.30 p.m.** Lunch Break

## THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT) AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

**1.30 – 1.45 p.m. *The Birth of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty: Divided Parents and Midwives*** - Marc Finaud, Senior Program Advisor on Emerging Security Challenges and Arms Proliferation Cluster Leader, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, (GCSP), Switzerland

**1.45 – 2.00 p.m. *1968: The Nuclear Arms Race and the Missile Gap*** - Alexandre Vautravers, Security Expert and Program Coordinator at the Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva (UNIGE), Switzerland

**2.00 – 2.15 p.m. *Nuclear Disarmament: An Idiot's Declaration – Universal Deterrence and the Road to a "City of the World,"*** - *Christophe Germann*, Attorney-at-Law, Germann Avocats LLC, Geneva, Switzerland

**2.15 – 2.30 p.m.** Questions & Answers

**2.30 – 2.45 p.m.** Coffee Break

## THE BIAFRAN CONFLICT: WAR, HUMANITARIANISM AND THE MEDIA

**2.45 – 3.00 p.m. *The Biafran War: Historical and Political Perspectives*** – Ted Bikin-Kita, Africa Specialist and Independent Political Risk Analyst, Brent, Switzerland

**3.00 – 3.15 p.m. *The Politics of Starvation: The Media, NGOs and the Instrumentalization of the Biafran Famine*** - Valerie Gorin, Senior Lecturer and Researcher, Center for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action (CERAH), University of Geneva (UNIGE) and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IUHEID), Switzerland

**3.15 – 3.30 p.m. *Humanitarian Action: Rupture or Continuity?*** - Francisco Rubio, Judge Assessor of the National Court (France) and Former Head of the Legal Department of Médecins du Monde, Paris, France

**3.30 – 3.45 p.m.** Questions & Answers

## STUDENT PROTESTS, IDEOLOGY AND THE FUTURE

**3.45 – 4.00 p.m. *How to Stop a War: Student Protests at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1968*** - Joseph Pirri, Professor of Human Rights and Film Studies, Webster University Geneva, Switzerland

**4.15 – 4.30 p.m. *Marxism and 1968*** - Richard Randell, Professor of Sociology, Webster University Geneva, Switzerland

**4.30 – 4.45 p.m. *1968: Fifty Years On – The Legacy and Future Prospects*** - David Bramlette, International Relations Student (Former US Army Special Operations Medic, *Operation Enduring Freedom* in Afghanistan and *Operation Iraqi Freedom* Veteran), Webster University Geneva, Switzerland

**4:45 – 5.00 p.m.** Questions & Answers

**5.00 p.m. *Concluding Remarks*** - Oreste Foppiani, Head of International Relations Department, Webster University Geneva, Switzerland