

NATO and the Warsaw Pact: “Intra-bloc Conflicts”

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The *Lyman L. Lemnitzer Center for NATO and European Union Studies*, in conjunction with the *Parallel History Project on NATO and the Warsaw Pact*, will host a **conference at Kent State University on April 23-24, 2004** on the many issues dividing members within NATO and the Warsaw Pact countries.

While Cold War tensions between East and West were always present, the intention of this conference is to identify and evaluate conflicts within each bloc and to judge their impact on the conduct and operations of the respective alliances. Given the relatively open societies of the NATO members, West-West differences have always been visible, even though some of the specific details have not. Moreover, there have been too few efforts in the past to trace the historical course of the differences between the United States and its European partners and also between European allies.

Over the past few years, the increasing availability of documents from the Warsaw Pact has made it possible for similar studies of East-East conflicts between the Soviet Union and its allies as well as between Warsaw Pact members themselves. The outcome of this parallel investigation should offer new perspectives on the history of both NATO and Warsaw Pact countries in the Cold War years.

Paper proposals must be submitted before October 15, 2003 by email (spapacos@kent.edu), fax (---330-672-4025), or mail:

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As has been the case with earlier Lemnitzer Center conferences, the intent is to **publish** the conference proceedings in an edited volume. Consequently, among the criteria for selection will be the appropriateness of the papers for such a book.

This conference will also mark the 25th anniversary of the Lemnitzer Center!