

# The Cold War: The latest research and debates



7<sup>th</sup> July 2010, The Edgwarebury Hotel, Elstree, 9:15am – 4:00pm

The Cold War is a popular area of study at GCSE and A Level, and is important for understanding the post-1945 world. This course devoted to this fascinating subject will be directly relevant for teachers of Key Stage Three, GCSE and A Level History and for teachers of Government and Politics. It will provide teachers with:

- an update on recent historical research and debates on the Cold War
- the opportunity to speak to a former Soviet journalist
- the chance to discuss how to use recently released archival material in their teaching

Questions to be addressed at this event include:

- What are the latest historiographical trends and interpretations in relation to the major themes of the Cold War?
- Did the Cold War develop out of incompatible ideologies or conflicting personalities?
- Spin and subterfuge: Will we ever get to the 'truth' of the Cold War?
- What is the latest archival material to be released, and how has this affected previous interpretations of the Cold War in Britain?
- How should/can teachers incorporate the most up-to-date research into their schemes of work?

## Provisional Programme of Events

9:15 – 9:45	Registration and coffee
9:45 – 10:00	Welcome and Overview of the day, Annette Liston, Queen Elizabeth's School
10:00 – 11:00	Lecture: Dr Martin Ruehl: <i>Political Violence in Germany since 1968</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee
11:15 – 12:15	Lecture: Prof Matthew Jones: <i>The Onset of the Cold War in Europe (tbc)</i>
12:15 – 1:00	Teacher Workshop: Annette Liston
1:00 – 1:45	Lunch
1:45 – 2:30	Panel Discussion
2:30 – 3:30	Lecture: Andrei Ostalski: <i>Crossing the Lines</i>
3:30 – 3:45	Plenary: Outputs from the day
3:45 – 4:00	Evaluations and Depart

## Speakers:

**Dr Martin Ruehl** is Lecturer in German at the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages, Cambridge University. Ruehl has published books and articles on Nietzsche's glorifications of war and slavery, as well as his ambiguous conceptions of power, health and life. Recent publications include: *A Master from Germany: Thomas Mann, Albrecht Dürer and the Making of a National Icon*, and *Hitler – Films from Germany: Memory, Myth and History in German Cinema and Television since 1945* (co-edited with Karolin Machtans, forthcoming).

**Andrei Ostalski** was born in Moscow in 1953. He graduated from the Moscow Institute of International Relations in 1976 as an Arabist and started his career at the TASS News Agency. While in the Middle East, most of his journalistic work was published in Bulletins that TASS produced exclusively for Government officials. In 1986 he joined *Izvestia* daily as special correspondent and, after the collapse of the Communist power, became its Foreign Editor. In the years of Perestroika *Izvestia* was one of the leaders of the new democratic Russian press community and grew to sell 11 million copies a day. In 1994 he moved to Britain and joined the BBC. In 2001 he was appointed the Editor of the BBC Russian Service, the position he held until the end of 2009. Andrei also has a close working relationship with the Financial Times and helped to establish the FT co-owned newspapers in Russia. He continues to work as a freelance journalist in the UK.

**Prof Matthew Jones** is Professor of American Foreign Relations at University of Nottingham. He is currently writing a book for CUP on US nuclear history and American-Asian relations between 1945 and 1965.

## The Venue

The Edgwarebury Hotel stands within landscaped gardens, surrounded by 10 acres of natural woodland, just to the north of London. It is easily accessible by public transport (Elstree and Borehamwood station) and is very close to the M1, A1 and M25.

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