



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**WOMEN AND  
DIPLOMACY:  
FROM THE  
INTERWAR  
TO THE  
COLD WAR**

**8 MARCH 2024**

To mark International Women's Day and the tenth anniversary of the official opening of the Women's Library Reading Room at the LSE, the Department of International History's project in History, Culture and Diplomacy is pleased to announce a day of papers, panels, and a keynote speech on women, diplomacy and politics, on the Friday 8 March 2024.

The event will be held in partnership with the LSE Library and its Women's Library, which will celebrate with its first Library Late evening event on Thursday 7 March 2024. On Friday, 8 March, the Department of International History conference will open with a lecture by Denise M. Lynn, author of *Where is Juliet Stuart Poyntz: Gender, Spycraft and anti-Stalinism in the Early Cold War*, in which she will discuss Poyntz's work at LSE during the interwar. After a selection of panels and papers by faculty and emerging scholars, the day will conclude at 5:00pm with a keynote speech titled, "Eleanor Roosevelt and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at Seventy-five" by the renowned award-winning biographer Blanche Wiesen Cook.

The History, Culture and Diplomacy project hosts events to further the study of the history of culture and international diplomacy under the aegis of the Department of International History at the London School of Economics. Projects, speakers, conferences and student fellowships examine the ways in which "soft power" ideological campaigns were joined with "hot war" confrontations.

The project's primary intents are:

1. to encourage new approaches to cultural diplomatic history;
2. to encourage networks of cooperation among international scholars.



## Location and timing

**Conference Day** from 10am to 4.30pm at SAL.1.05, Sir Arthur Lewis Building (SAL), LSE

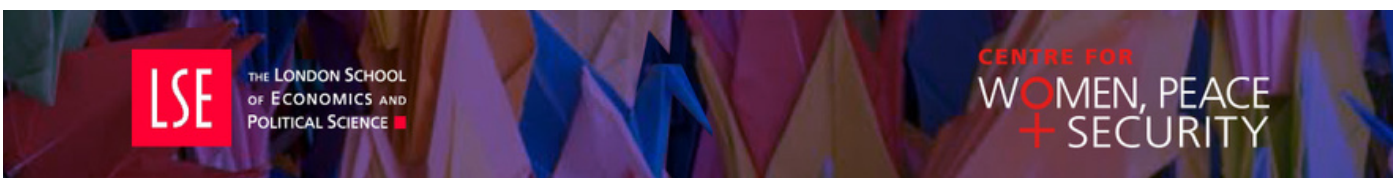
**Closing Keynote Lecture** from 5pm to 6.30pm at MAR.2.04, Marshall Building (MAR), LSE

## Organisers

Dr Artemis Photiadou, Dr Victoria Phillips, Professor Vladislav Zubok, Chloë Mayoux and Max Smith

## Sponsors

This event is co-sponsored with LSE IDEAS Women in Diplomacy, The Centre for Women Peace and Security at LSE, The Cold War Studies Programme at LSE, Oxford Centre for Life Writing, University of Sussex Centre for American Studies, University of Westminster, The Global Biography Working Group, and the Women's History Network.



**Conference Day** at SAL.1.05, Sir Arthur Lewis Building (SAL), LSE

**9:30am – 9.45am: Coffee and Reception**

**9:45am – 9:55am: Conference Welcome Remarks**, Dr Victoria Phillips

**9:55am – 10:05am: Introduction to the Keynote**, Dr. Artemis Photiadou

**10:05am – 10:50am: Opening Keynote Lecture**, Dr. Denise Lynn, Professor of History

**10:50am – 11:15am: Commentary and Group Discussion**, Dr. Artemis Photiadou

**11:15am – 11:30am: Tea and Coffee**

**11:30am – 1pm: Panel 1. Women between 'Particularism' and 'Universalism'**  
**Chair**, Dr Qingfei Yin

- Dr. Katharina Rietzler - Women on the Right and Mid-Century United States Foreign Policy
- Dr. Sara Panata - International Women's Organisations and West African Activists: Alternative Forms of Diplomacy During the Cold War (1947-63)
- Dr. Caroline Green - Campaigning Against Women's Rights?: Britain's Global Colonial Legacy in the Early UN Women's Rights Agenda 1950-1962.

**1:00pm – 1.30pm: Lunch**

**1:30pm – 2:30pm: Panel 2. American Women's Empowerment Abroad**

- Dr. Katja Seidel - "Experiencing the 'London Moment': Miriam Camp at the US Embassy in war-time and early post-war London international diplomacy"
- Dr Victoria Phillips - The Making of a Woman Among Brothers: LSE, Bolshevism, Germany, and the US Dulles Legacy from Interwar to Cold War



**2:30pm – 2.45am: Tea and Coffee**

**2:45am – 3:35pm: PhD Panel, Chair|Discussant, Dr. Blanche Wiesen Cook**

- Louise Dobson, University of Sussex - Janet Flanner and the Masquerade Ball of Cold War Cultural Diplomacy
- Rebecca Turkington, University of Cambridge - Translating Peace: Anti-Fascist and Anti-Colonial Contestations to the WILPF's Global Disarmament Campaign in North Africa
- Myriam Piguet, University of Geneva - Gender Before Mainstreaming: The Integration of Women to International Civil Service in the Secretariats of the League of Nations and the United Nations, circa 1920-1975

**3:45pm – 4:30pm: Round Table - Finding Women: Archival and Narrative Strategies**

**4:30pm – 5pm: Break and change of location**

**Closing Keynote Lecture** at MAR.2.04, Marshall Building (MAR), LSE

**5pm – 5:45pm: Closing Keynote Lecture, Dr. Blanche Wiesen Cook Chair, Professor Vladislav M. Zubok**

**5:45pm – 6:30pm: Q&A and Conference Closing, Professor Vladislav M. Zubok**

