

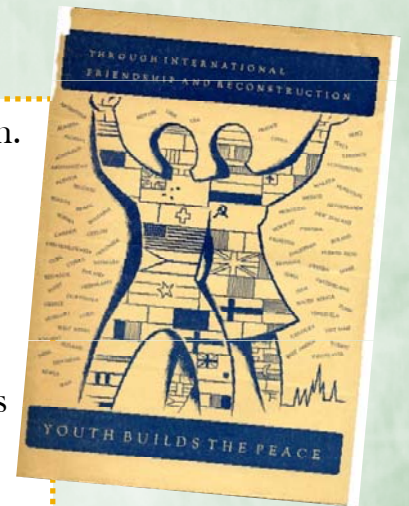


## ACADEMIC SEMINAR

# British Anti-Communism Versus Communist Anti-Colonialism: The Origins of the Cold War Youth Race

## Abstract

The politicalization of youth is an important modern phenomenon. This seminar will consider the significance of colonial youth and imperial ideology in the politics of the cultural Cold War. The origin of the Cold War youth race was a battle between British official anti-communism and communist anti-colonialism. While the ability to fund covert attractions and counter-attractions was an important factor, it was this conflicting ideological vision which was most important in appealing to colonial youth. For Britain, this battle – which was fought in its increasingly disruptive empire, in a divided Europe, and even within its own borders – was destined for failure, as its anti-communist message was also inherently pro-imperialist.



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All are Welcome

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