

# THE COLD WAR AND AMERICAN STATESMANSHIP

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## Monday, June 20

9:30 Breakfast at the Alexander Hamilton Institute

10:45 Welcome and Introduction – Robert Paquette and Mary Nichols

11:00-12:30

**Session 1:  
Origins of the Cold War: What Is at Stake?**

Readings:

George Kennan, *Memoirs 1925-1950*, pp. 292-295, 298-301

George Kennan, “The Long Telegram” (1947)

George Kennan, “The Soviet Way of Thought and Its Effect on Foreign Policy” (1947),  
in Gilis Hadow and George Maer, eds., *Measures Short of War: The George F. Kennan  
Lectures at the National War College, 1946-47*, pp. 111-128

George Kennan, *Realities of American Foreign Policy* (1954), pp. 63-90

12:30-1:30 Lunch, Alexander Hamilton Institute

1:30-3:00

**Session 2:  
Origins of the Cold War: What Should Be the American Response?**

Readings:

George Kennan, "Diplomacy in the Modern World," in *American Diplomacy, 1900-1950* (1951), pp. 78-89

George Kennan, "America and the Russian Future," in *American Diplomacy, 1900-1950* (1951), pp. 106-127

George Kennan, "The Unifying Factor," in *Realities of American Foreign Policy* (1954), pp. 91-120

3:30-5:00

**Session 3:  
Evolution of the Cold War:  
What Intellectual Resources Does the United States Bring to Its Response?**

Readings:

Henry Kissinger, *A World Restored* (1954), pp. 1-6, 315-332

Henry Kissinger, "Domestic Structure and Foreign Policy" (1966), pp. 503-529

Henry Kissinger, *White House Years* (1979), "The Convictions of an Apprentice Statesman" (pp. 54-70); "The Enduring Philosophical Problem of US-Soviet Relations" (pp. 114-130)

**6:30 – Picnic at Hatch Lake**, hosted by the Nichols and sponsored by the Alexander Hamilton Institute

## **Tuesday, June 21**

9:30 Breakfast at the Alexander Hamilton Institute

11:00-12:30

### **Session 4:**

#### **Evolution of the Cold War: What Should Be the American Response?**

Readings:

Henry Kissinger, "Central Issues of American Foreign Policy" (1968), pp. 58-97

Henry Kissinger, *White House Years* (1979), "Conclusion" (pp. 158-159)

Henry Kissinger, *Years of Upheaval* (1982), pp. 159-160

Richard Nixon, "First Annual Report to the Congress on United States Foreign Policy for the 1970's" (February 18, 1970)

Richard Nixon, "Second Annual Report to the Congress on United States Foreign Policy; Part 1: The Nixon Doctrine" (February 25, 1971)

Richard Nixon, "Fourth Annual Report to the Congress on United States Foreign Policy; The Administration's Approach" (May 3, 1973)

12:30-1:30 Lunch, Alexander Hamilton Institute

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### **Session 5:**

#### **Conclusion of the Cold War: The Role of Statesmanship?**

Readings:

Ronald Reagan, First Inaugural Address (1981)

Ronald Reagan, *An American Life* (1990), pp. 266-268, 557-561, 564, 566-573

Ronald Reagan, "Evil Empire Speech" (1983)

Ronald Reagan, Second Inaugural Address (1985)

Ronald Reagan, Farewell Address to the Nation (1989)