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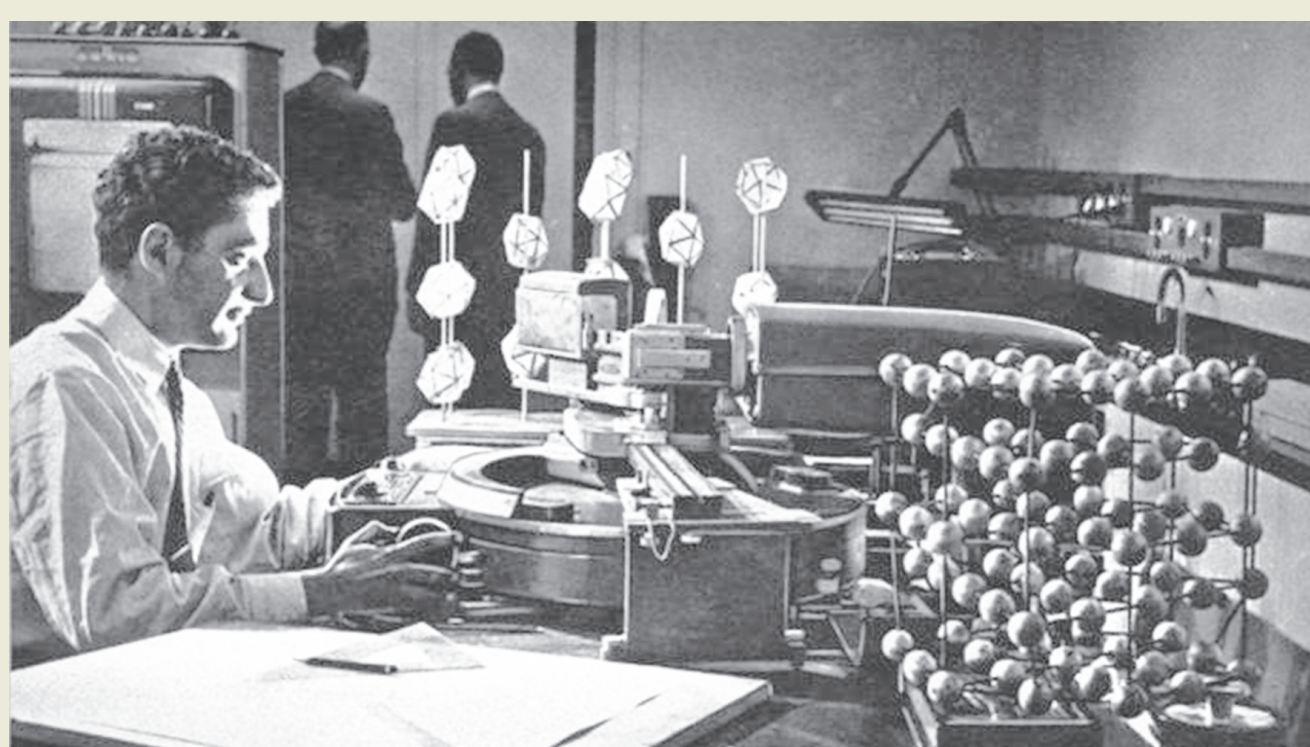


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# Scientific Cooperation Across the Cold War Divide: East-West Relations in the Field of Atomic Energy



## International Conference Trieste, 23 - 24 November 2017

### Conference program

#### Thursday, 23 November 2017

Sala Atti Arduino Agnelli  
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#### 16.30 - 18.30

Presentation of the book  
*Nuclear Italy. An International History  
of Italian Nuclear Policies during the Cold War*,  
edited by **Elisabetta Bini** and **Igor Londero**,  
Trieste, EUT Edizioni Università di Trieste, 2017

#### Discussant:

**Elisabeth Roehrich**, *University of Vienna*  
**Gianrossano Giannini**, *University of Trieste*  
**Angela Santese**, *University of Bologna*

#### Friday, 24 November 2017

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#### Opening remarks 9.15

**Alessandra Cislighi**, Research Delegate,  
Humanities Department - *University of Trieste*

#### Morning session 9.30 - 13.00

**Elisabeth Roehrich**, *University of Vienna*  
*The Spirit of Vienna: Superpower Cooperation  
at the International Atomic Energy Agency  
during the Mid-Cold War*

**Fabian Luescher**, *University of Bern*  
*"Breaking Down all Barriers Erected  
in the Path of International Cooperation":  
Soviet Atomic Science Diplomacy, 1955 - 1968*

**Elisabetta Vezzosi**, *University of Trieste*  
*The Committee of Concerned Scientists:  
"Refusenik" Scientists and Soviet Nuclear Secrecy*

#### Discussant:

**Lorenzo Mechi**, *University of Padua*

#### Afternoon session 15.00-18.30

**Stefan Guth**, *University of Tübingen*  
*From Close Encounter to Close Contacts:  
Nuclear Techno-Diplomacy  
and Trans-Systemic Collaboration across the Bloc Divide  
and its Post-Soviet Aftermath, 1965 - 2015*

**Carla Konta**, *University of Trieste*  
*Yugoslav Nuclear Diplomacy in the Early Cold War:  
Alliances, Ideologies and Realpolitik*

**Elisabetta Bini**, *University of Naples Federico II*  
*Challenging Cold War Boundaries:  
The International Center for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)  
between Bipolarism and Decolonization*

#### Discussant:

**Francesco Cassata**, *University of Genoa*

This international conference aims at analyzing the influences and exchanges that took place during the Cold War between the US, the USSR, Western and East-Central Europe in the field of nuclear research and technology, with a focus on energy.

It brings together scholars from different disciplines (the history of science, STS, international relations, political science, and so forth), whose research focuses on various aspects of this broad issue.

The Conference will address the following themes:

The role of institutions and subjects that operated at an international and transnational level in overcoming (and sometimes challenging) the barriers of the Cold War. Papers will focus both on specific countries and on supranational organizations such as the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

The relationship and exchange between scientists and research centers in Western, East-Central Europe, as well as in the US, the USSR and the so-called Third World, and their role in promoting forms of scientific cooperation and nonproliferation policies.

The importance of specific national or regional experiences in the research and development of nuclear energy and technology in East-Central Europe and the USSR, and their interaction with (or lack thereof) developments taking place in Western Europe and the US.

One of the aims is to build a network in Central and Eastern Europe, capable of developing a new interdisciplinary approach, including and addressing the diversity of historical developments in this area.

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