Rethinking the Cold War:
An IERES 50th Anniversary Discussion

with

Hope M. Harrison, James Hershberg, and Gregg Brazinsky

Please join us for an evening presentation and discussion with some of GW’s most prominent Cold War historians. James Hershberg will describe how the US communicated with Cold War adversaries such as Vietnam and Cuba. Gregg Brazinsky will discuss how his research fundamentally changed our understanding of South Korea’s success and detail the progress he is making in comparing US and Chinese approaches to state-building in the third world during the Cold War. Hope Harrison will explain how her analysis in Russian and German archives on the Berlin Wall advanced our understanding of the Soviet bloc in Eastern Europe and the role of smaller actors more generally in the Cold War. GW’s Cold War group has made major contributions to our understanding of this crucial period in East-West conflict and is nationally and internationally renowned both for the work of its individual members and for the active role it has taken in training the next generation of scholars of the Cold War. Each of the presentations will emphasize the contributions of GW students to the field of Cold War history.

Hope M. Harrison is Associate Professor of History and International Affairs and the author of Driving the Soviets up the Wall: Soviet-East German Relations, 1953-1961.

James Hershberg is Associate Professor of History and International Affairs and author of the forthcoming Marigold: The Lost Chance for Peace in Vietnam.

Gregg Brazinsky is Associate Professor of History and International Affairs and the author of Nation Building in South Korea: Koreans, Americans and the Making of a Democracy.

Thursday, November 3, 2011
Informal reception for alumni and guests 6:00 – 6:30
Presentations and Discussion 6:30-8:00
Alumni House
1918 F Street, NW

Please RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/ColdWarStudies
This event is on the record.