

## **CFP: "1970-1971: Nixon, Discord, and the US Withdrawal from Vietnam" Vietnam Center, TTU**

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### **Conference Call for Papers and Panels**

### **"1970-1971: Nixon, Discord, and the US Withdrawal from Vietnam"**

**April 8-10, 2021, Lubbock Texas**

(At this time, this conference will be a hybrid event featuring both in-person and remote presentations)

The Vietnam Center and Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive (VNCA) and the Institute for Peace & Conflict (IPAC) at Texas Tech University are pleased to announce a Vietnam War conference focused on the years 1970 and 1971. This conference will approach a wide range of historical events and topics by hosting presenters who examine diplomatic, military, international, regional, and domestic aspects of the Vietnam War. We also seek presentations that reflect the recent and emerging scholarship on the policies, strategies, and decisions of President Nixon, General Abrams, and their advisors and deputies as they sought to bring about a successful conclusion to the Vietnam War. At the same time, 1970 and 1971 were years of major domestic discord inside the United States, including the shootings at Kent State University, the Hard Hat Riot in New York City, the Mayday Action in 1971, among various antiwar and anti-draft protests. Additional areas of interest include major combat operations such as the Battle of Fire Support Base Ripcord as well as the political, strategic, and tactical decision-making to expand the war into Cambodia with the Cambodian Incursion and into Laos with Operation Tailwind and Lam Son 719. We also encourage presentations that examine the social and religious aspects of the war, the effect of journalism and reporting on the war, and the efforts to end the conflict through international diplomacy. We seek presentations that reflect the perspectives of all participants, including those of the US, RVN, DRV, NLF, and all other nations involved.

This two-day conference will be hosted in Lubbock, Texas, and will be conducted in a hybrid format

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featuring both in-person and remote presentations. Conference organizers welcome both individual presentation proposals as well as pre-organized panel proposals that include a moderator/commentator and three individual presentations. Conference sessions will follow the standard 90-minute format to include 60 minutes for presentations (20 minutes per presentation) followed by 30 minutes for commentary, questions, and discussion. Presentations by veterans are especially encouraged, as are presentations by graduate students. All presentations will be video recorded and made publicly available after the conference via the Vietnam Center and Archive website. Select papers may also be published in a collection by the TTU Press or other entity.

**Proposal submission deadline is February 1, 2021**

**For presenters who submitted proposals accepted for the cancelled April 2020 conference**, if you wish to present at the April 2021 conference, your previous paper submissions will be reviewed as submitted and accepted on a case-by-case basis. Please send a notification of your interest to participate using your previous submission to [VietnamConference.TTU@gmail.com](mailto:VietnamConference.TTU@gmail.com).

**For new paper/panel submissions**, please submit a 250-word abstract and separate two-page CV/resume to [VietnamConference.TTU@gmail.com](mailto:VietnamConference.TTU@gmail.com). If submitting a panel proposal, please include separate abstracts for each proposed presentation and short CVs/resumes for each speaker.

**For all submissions**, please include your preference for making an in-person or remote presentation.

Thank you for your interest in participating in this conference.

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