



The Cold War in the 1950s

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A study of the domestic and external conditions that shaped the interaction between the United States and the Soviet Union in the 1950s.

The book claims that the United States and the Soviet Union attained the mastery of the international order by projecting universalist values that responded to the particularistic markers of the domestic order that was generated in the 1950s. The geopolitical orientation adopted by the superpowers in the 1950s was shaped by the way in which their societies developed politically, socially and economically in the 1950s. The main argument of this book is that the quest for the mastery of the international order that informed superpower relations in the 1950s was guided by the need to respond to the local circumstances that emerged in the United States and the Soviet Union. The particularistic markers that arose in the 1950s led to the establishment of a geopolitical project underpinned by certain universalist values that could be applied in order to build the superpowers' sphere of influence.

Readership

This book will interest Cold War researchers and scholars as well as a general audience interested in the geopolitical and ideological factors that shaped the Cold War in the 1950s.

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