

# The Politics of Historical Writing on the Vietnam War since the Fall of Saigon

On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Fall of Saigon, this talk discusses important changes in the historiography of the Vietnam War over the past five decades. It pays special attention to the evolution of political concerns shaping the scholarship as well as shifts over time in the professional identities, research capacities, and personal backgrounds of historians of the conflict.



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