

# The First Indochina War

A Conference at the Johnson Library, November 1-3, 2002

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25 per person; covers the reception Friday night, and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Make checks payable to the LBJ foundation.)

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Registration forms should be received by the Library by October 15, 2002. Mail to:  
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### Friday, November 1

7:00 p.m. Keynote Address

Lloyd Gardner, Rutgers University  
"Halfway Commitment? Truman and  
Eisenhower Consider Vietnam in Light  
of American History"

7:30 p.m. Reception for audience and participants

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### Saturday, November 2

9:00-10:30 Panel 1: The Franco-Vietminh War  
in History

(Chair: Fredrik Logevall, University of California,  
Santa Barbara)

Mark Bradley, University of Wisconsin-  
Milwaukee, "Global Modernity and Vietnam:  
Rethinking Narratives of the French War"

Lien-Hang Nguyen, Yale University  
"The 'Other' Side: Vietnamese Perspectives  
on the French War"

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-1:00 Panel 2: Vietnamese Nationalism  
and the End of the Pacific War

(Chair: Robert Divine, University of Texas  
at Austin)

William J. Duiker, Penn State University  
"Ho Chi Minh and People's War"

Christopher Goscha, Université de Lyon  
"Mobilization, Propaganda, and Proselytizing  
the Revolution in the Democratic Republic  
of Vietnam"

✓ Stein Tønnesson, International Peace Research  
Institute, Oslo, "Roosevelt, Indochina, and  
Deception at the End of the Pacific War"

✓ David Marr, Australian National University  
"Building Defense Capacity: The Democratic  
Republic of Vietnam, 1945-1947"

1:00-2:30 Lunch, Thompson Conference Center

2:30-4:30 Panel 3: Colonialism and Cold War  
(Chair: H.W. Brands, Texas A&M University)

✓ Martin Thomas, University of the West of  
England, "French Imperial Reconstruction  
and the Development of the Indochina War,  
1945-1950"

✓ Mark Lawrence, University of Texas at Austin  
"Forging the 'Great Combination':  
Britain and the Beginning of U.S.  
Involvement in Vietnam"

Laurent Cesari, University of Arras  
"Between Germany and Vietnam: France  
and the European Defense Community"

Marilyn Young, New York University  
"One War: Korea and the First Indochina War"

### Sunday, November 3

9:00-11:00 Panel 4: The End of the French War  
(Chair: Frank Gavin, University of Texas at Austin)

✓ Kathryn Statler, University of San Diego  
"The End of the *Présence Française*? Franco-  
American Relations and France's Role in  
Vietnam after Geneva, 1954-1960"

✓ Chen Jian, University of Virginia  
"China and the Indo-China Settlement  
at the Geneva Conference of 1954"

✓ Edward Miller, Harvard University  
"In Search of the 'National Revolution':  
Ngô Đình Diêm During the First Indochina  
War, 1946-1954"

✓ John Prados, National Security Archive  
"Assessing Dien Bien Phu"

11:00-12:00 Concluding Thoughts

Betty Sue Flowers, Director,  
Lyndon Johnson Library

Fredrik Logevall, University of California,  
Santa Barbara

12:00 Lunch, Thompson Conference Center

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## The First Indochina War: Nationalism, Colonialism, and Cold War

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LBJ Library, Austin

Lyndon Johnson Library, 8th floor Atrium

A conference, "The First Indochina War: Nationalism, Colonialism, and Cold War" will be held at the LBJ Library in Austin, Texas, November 1-3, 2002. A group of international scholars will gather to examine the latest historical research on this topic. Professors Mark Lawrence and Fred Logevall are the conference organizers. The Library has previously sponsored three other such conferences on the wars in Indochina: *Vietnam: The Early Decisions*, published by The University of Texas Press, *International Perspectives on Vietnam*, published by Texas A&M Press; and *Vietnam: The Search for Peace in the Johnson Years*.

### Registration Information:

There is a \$25 fee for registration. This covers the reception on Friday evening and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. To ensure reserving a place, please return the attached registration form and a check made out to the LBJ Foundation.

### Hotel Accommodations:

Convenient and economical places to stay: Days Inn—University, 3105 N. IH 35, 78722, 512-478-1631; also Rodeway Inn—University, 2900 N. IH 35, 512-477-6395. Both are within easy walking distance of the Library.

Also:

Marriott at the Capitol	512-478-1111
Driskill Hotel	512-474-5911
Club Hotel by Doubletree	512-479-4000
Courtyard by Marriott (N. IH 35)	1-800-321-2211

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President Eisenhower, French Army Chief of Staff Paul Ely, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Arthur Radford, at the White House, March 23, 1954. Courtesy Hazel O. Stitt, Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library.