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Barbara Keys

On

"Reclaiming American Virtue: Liberal and Conservative Visions of International Human Rights in the 1970s"

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Gladfelter Hall, Weigley Room (914)

After the Vietnam War, Americans sought a new approach to foreign policy. In her talk, Barbara Keys examines why human rights became the framework that so many—both liberal doves and Cold War hawks—found compelling in the second half of the decade. Keys shows that for both groups, human rights served to reclaim a sense of American benevolence—in ways that were fundamentally about erasing rather than atoning for or coming to grips with the country's recent mistakes. Barbara Keys is Senior Lecturer in U.S. and International History at the University of Melbourne.


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