PARALLAX VISIONS:
WAR, POLITICS, SYSTEMS

IN CELEBRATION OF BRUCE CUMINGS
(GUSTAVUS F. AND ANN M. SWIFT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY) AND HIS CRITICAL SCHOLARSHIP

This two-day conference brings together former and current students of Gustavus F. and Ann M. Swift Distinguished Service Professor of History, Bruce Cumings, as they celebrate his critical scholarship. Participants will present their latest research and participate in roundtables on key themes that emanate out of Professor Cumings’ work. As widely recognized, Bruce Cumings has left an immense and lasting impact on fields ranging broadly from international history and political economy to comparative politics and social theory with path breaking studies on the Korean War, the Cold War, and US relations with East Asia. The title of the conference takes inspiration from one of his books (Parallax Visions, 1999) that showcases this breadth. While written at the end of the last century, it remains relevant to recall the significance of paying attention to differences in perspective and the importance of understanding and working through them, at yet another juncture of global realignments. Roundtable themes include: Rethinking the Cold War & Area Studies, Ideologies & Cultures of Dissent, International Flows of Labor & Capital, and Geopolitics of Empire.

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