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Diplomatic History Series

LIEN-HANG NGUYEN

"Spies, Allies, and Murder?: The Ominous Origins of the Tet Offensive"

Thursday, February 06, 2014, 12:00PM - 1:30PM
Mershon Center for International Security Studies
1501 Neil Ave. Columbus, OH 43201

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Abstract

Although the Tet Offensive represented a major turning point in the Vietnam War, much of North Vietnam's decision making surrounding the offensive remains unclear. Based on recently declassified materials from Vietnam, this paper reveals how North Vietnamese domestic politics and foreign relations influenced Hanoi's strategy deliberation for the 1968 offensive.

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