



## **CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES**

**Inventory of the  
Gabriel Kolko fonds**

**Inventory #F0339**

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**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0339

**Title:** Gabriel Kolko fonds

**Dates:** 1935, 1943-1990

**Extent:** 4.14 m of textual records

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** Gabriel Kolko (1932-2014), historian and author, was born in 1932 and educated at Harvard where he received his PhD in 1962 and where he was a member of the Student League for Industrial Democracy. Following his graduation, he taught at the University of Pennsylvania and at the State University of New York-Buffalo. In 1970, he joined the History Department at York University and eventually retired as a Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus. Kolko's research interests included American political history, the Progressive Era and foreign policy in the twentieth century. He authored over ten books on topics ranging from the origins of the Cold War, American history after 1865 and the Vietnam War including "Century of war : politics, conflict, and society since 1914," and "Anatomy of a war: Vietnam, the United States, and the modern historical experience," "Another century of war?" and "The age of war : the United States confronts the world" among other books. He was a regular contributor to the bi-weekly political newsletter "CounterPunch". Prof. Kolko died in the Netherlands in 19 May 2014 at his home in Amsterdam, Netherlands. He was predeceased by his wife Joyce Manning Kolko in 2012.

**Scope and Content:** The fonds consists of Gabriel Kolko's research files, publication files and correspondence, and personal files. The research and publication files contain notes, drafts and research material related to the writing of "The limits of power, 1945-1954," co-authored with Joyce Kolko, "Anatomy of war : Vietnam, the United States, and the modern historical experience". It contains personal and professional correspondence including letters received from and, in many cases, copies of letters sent to Barrington Moore Jr., Renato Constantino, Paul Mattick, Peggy Duff, Maria Jolas, Stanford Ovshinsky, Saburo Kugai, Norman Thomas, Noam Chomsky, Herbert Marcuse and Ercich Jacoby, among others. It includes correspondence with publishers, drafts of essays and/or articles written by Kolko, reviews of his work and personal correspondence exchanged between Kolko and his wife, Joyce.

**Custodial History:** The material pertaining to "The limits of power" was initially donated to the Government Documents Section of the York University Scott Library in March 1971, which in turn transferred it to the Clara Thomas Archives and Special Collections in April 1972. The material was photocopied from collections in several American repositories. A further document, donated by Mr. Dick Nanto, Tokyo, Japan, consisting of a photocopy of the draft constitution of Japan, 1946, was donated in 1973.

**Restrictions on  
Access and Use:** Access is open.

**Finding Aid:** File list available.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000339.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1972-008, 1994-025, 1996-034. Further accruals may be expected.

**Immediate source of  
acquisition:** The original accession (1972-008) was a transfer of materials from the Government Documents Section, Scott Library. Subsequent accessions were donated by Kolko in 1994 and 1996.

**Provenance Access Points:** Kolko, Gabriel, 1932-2014