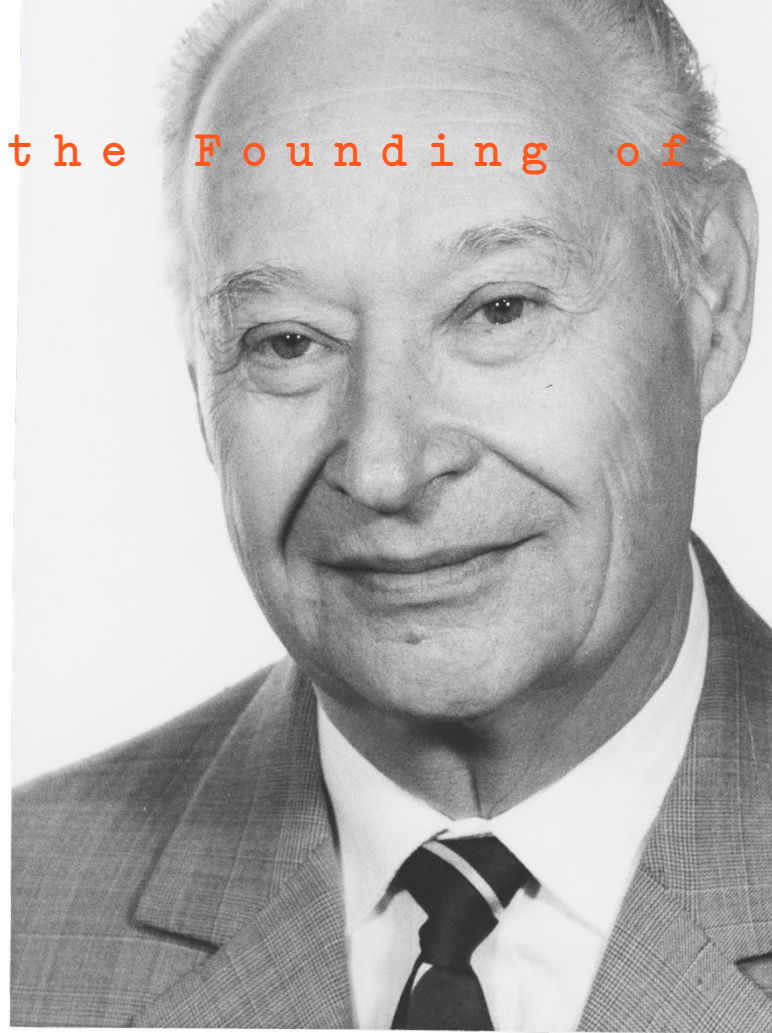


International conference
100 Years since the Founding of
K S Č

The Legacy
of Czechoslovak
Communism

May 13th, and 19th–21st
2021



PROGRAMME



13 MAY

Václav Havel Library

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OPENING
OF THE CONFERENCE
AND INTRODUCTORY
DISCUSSION

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17:00-18:30

THE CENTENNIAL LEGACY
OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK
COMMUNISM

MODERATED BY OLDŘICH TŮMA
ONDŘEJ MATĚJKA

PRESENTERS MILENA BARTLOVÁ
DANIEL KROUPA
PETR PITHART
JACQUES RUPNIK

(The discussion will be held in Czech without interpretation)

19 MAY

I. PANEL

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: CZECHOSLOVAK
COMMUNISM COLONISED AND COLONISING

MODERATED BY ONDŘEJ VOJTĚCHOVSKÝ

10:00-10:15 MOLLY PUCCI
(Trinity College)
“National Question” in the KSČ
between 1921 and 1929

10:15-10:30 STEFAN GUŽVICA
(University of Regensburg)
The Prophet Converted: Šmeral, the
National Question, and the Communist
Parties of the Balkans

10:30-10:45 DAVID HUBENÝ
(National Archives)
Development and Activities of the
KSČ in Subcarpathian Ruthenia in the
Interwar Period

10:45-11:00 VÍT SMETANA
(Institute of Contemporary
History of the Czech Academy of Sciences)
Illusion and Grim Warnings: Officials
of the KSČ and Their Path to Power in
the Reports of American and British
Diplomats

11:00-11:15 MARTA EDITH HOLEČKOVÁ
(Institute of Contemporary
History of the Czech Academy of Sciences)
About the Forgotten
Internationalism

11:15-12:00 Discussion

12:00-13:30 Break

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13:30-14:00 LIBORA OATES-INDRUCHOVÁ
(University of Graz)
The Limits of Thought: Academic
Censorship during Normalization
and its Legacy

14:00-14:30 Discussion

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II. PANEL

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POLITICAL SYSTEM: CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISM AS A RADICAL OPPONENT AND USURPER OF FORMS OF MODERN PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY

MODERATED BY JIŘÍ KOČIAN

15:15-15:30 STANISLAV HOLUBEC
(Institute of History
of the Czech Academy of Sciences)
Vrbenský's Independent Socialists
as an Attempt to Create a Fourth
Force on the Left-Wing Parties

15:30-15:45 PETR ANEV
(Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes)
The Independent Communist Party and the
Left-Wing Transformation of the KSČ in
1924-1925

15:45-16:00 MAREK SYRNÝ
(Matej Bel University)
The Communist Party of Slovakia and the
Application of Standard and Non-Standard
Political/Parliamentary Practices in the
Period between the Liberation and the
Gain of Power (1945-1948)

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II. PANEL

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16:00-16:15

JIŘÍ PERNES

(Institute of Contemporary History
of the Czech Academy of Sciences)

Communist Party and State Takeover
after the February 1948 Coup

16:15-16:30

ADÉLA GJURIČOVÁ

(Institute of Contemporary History
of the Czech Academy of Sciences)

The Crisis and Normality:
Representative Councils in Socialist
Czechoslovakia

16:30-17:15

Discussion

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III. PANEL

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POWER DOMINANCE INSTRUMENTS:
CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISM AS AN EXECUTOR
AS WELL AS A VICTIM OF REPRESSIONS

MODERATED BY LIBOR SVOBODA

- 10:00-10:15 STANISLAV KOKOŠKA
(Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes,
Institute of Contemporary History
of the Czech Academy of Sciences)
From a Radical Opposition towards Hegemony:
The War-Time Changes in the Political
Perception of the KSČ
- 10:15-10:30 NORBERT KMEŤ
(Slovak Academy of Sciences)
Political-Judicial Repression as
a Form of Consolidating the Communist
Power between 1948 and 1989
- 10:30-10:45 MARIÁN LÓŽI
(Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes)
Searching for Enemies in the Regional
Leadership of the KSČ (1950-1951): An
Uniform Pattern or Parallel Courses?
- 10:45-11:00 JAROSLAV ROKOSKÝ
(Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes)
To Let Go or Not Let Go? The Members of the
KSČ before May 1945 and Their Imprisonment
for Political and Criminal Crimes in the
1950s in Czechoslovakia (ČSR)
- 11:00-11:15 JAROSLAV CUHRA
(Institute of Contemporary History
of the Czech Academy of Sciences)
Promoting Scientific Worldview and
Atheisation
- 11:15-12:00 Discussion
- 12:00-13:30 Break

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13:30 - 14:00 MARK KRAMER
(Harvard University)
The KSČ and the Soviet Union during
Crises in the Eastern Bloc, 1948-1989

14:00 - 14:30 Discussion

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IV. PANEL

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PARTY AND THE SOCIETY: CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISM AS A SPONTANEOUS MASS MOVEMENT AND A CENTRALIST BUREAUCRATIC APPARATUS

MODERATED BY JAROSLAV PAŽOUT

15:15 - 15:30 VOJTĚCH ČURDA
(Faculty of Education, Charles University)
KSČ and the Avant-Garde
– Communicating Vessels?

15:30 - 15:45 VÁCLAV KAŠKA
(Masaryk University/University of Ostrava)
The communists of post-war Zlín. Between
the Bata heritage and the model city of
socialism

15:45 - 16:00 MARIE ČERNÁ
(Institute of Contemporary History
of the Czech Academy of Sciences)
Party Members, Non-Partisans, and
Those Who Were Removed or Expelled.
Personnel Policy of the KSČ

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IV. PANEL

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16:00 - 16:15

MAREK JANSA

(University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice)

Party of the Excluded
in the Bohemian Forest

16:15 - 16:30

TOMÁŠ VILÍMEK

(Institute of Contemporary History
of the Czech Academy of Sciences)

Mood Barometer, Well of Information.
Complaints of Citizens Addressed to the
Central Committee of the KSČ between 1969
and 1989

16:30 - 17:15

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V. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION:
THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISM AS
A SUPPORTER OF THE SOCIALLY
VULNERABLE AND AN OBSTACLE TO THE
LIVING STANDARD GROWTH

MODERATED BY MATĚJ SPURNÝ

- 10:00-10:15 JAKUB RÁKOSNÍK
(Faculty of Arts, Charles University)
“If Marx Lived Now...”: Strengths and
Weaknesses of the Communist Social Policy
- 10:15-10:30 RADKA ŠUSTROVÁ
(University of Cambridge,
Faculty of Arts, Charles University)
From Patriarchy to Emancipation
and Back. “Democratic Family” as
a Radical Project of Socialist
Society
- 10:30-10:45 MIROSLAV LONDÁK
(Slovak Academy of Sciences)
On the Methodology of Evaluation of
the Economic and Social Development
During the Communist Era in
Czechoslovakia and Slovakia
- 10:45-11:00 JAKUB ŠLOUF
(Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes,
National Archives)
Culture of Industrial Workers’ Protests
in Czechoslovakia in 1953–1968

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V. PANEL

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- 11:00 - 11:15 JAN ADAMEC
(College of Media and Journalism)
“The Student Became the Master?”
Ideological and Expert Inspiration by
“Capitalist Perestroika” and Changes in
the KSČ’s Relationship with the PRC and the
Communist Party of China
- 11:15 - 12:00 Discussion
- 12:00 - 13:30 Break

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- 13:30 - 14:00 TIM HAUGHTON
(University of Birmingham)
Longer, Darker and Different
Than Expected? Assessing
Communism’s Shadow on Czech and
Slovak Politics Since 1989
- 14:00 - 14:30 Discussion

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VI. PANEL

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LEGACY: THE REJECTION OF COMMUNISM AS
A STARTING POINT FOR THE LEGITIMISATION OF
THE CZECHOSLOVAK POST-NOVEMBER POLITICAL
SYSTEM AND A SOURCE OF MEMORY CONFLICTS

MODERATED BY OLDŘICH TŮMA

15:15 - 15:30 STANISLAV BALÍK / VÍT HLOUŠEK
(Masaryk University)
Paths of (Post-)Communist Parties in
the Post-Communist Europe

15:30 - 15:45 JURAJ MARUŠIAK
(Slovak Academy of Sciences)
The Communist Past as a Political
Cleavage in the V4-States

15:45 - 16:00 ONDŘEJ SLAČÁLEK
(Faculty of Arts, Charles University)
How to Classify Czech Anti-Communism?

16:00 - 16:15 MARKÉTA DEVÁTÁ
(Institute of Contemporary History
of the Czech Academy of Sciences)
Commemorating the Communism in Public
Space: 1990–2020

16:15 - 16:30 VÁCLAV RAMEŠ
(Institute of Contemporary History
of the Czech Academy of Sciences)
From National Understanding to “Re-
Proletarianisation” and “Re-Germanization”
of the Nation. Communist Party and Post-
November Economic Reform

16:30 - 17:15 Discussion

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