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# **1938: The Great Reordering**

by

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**Vlastenecký sál, Charles University,**  
**Ovocný trh 5, Prague 1**



**1938** was the year when the great changes were set in motion which would define the political, ethnic and diplomatic character of Central and Eastern Europe over the subsequent years. Often approached through the misleading prism of the origins of the Second World War, the changes of 1938 need to be understood as a much larger project of the reordering of the region: the assertion of German regional power (both political and economic), the authoritarian policies of the Polish and Hungarian regimes, and the territorial ambitions of the Soviet Union. These changes set the new mould for the region, creating a model of inter-state power relations, and ethnic hierarchies, which were only subsequently undone by the Nazi pursuit of total hegemony. This lecture will seek to explore the dynamics and character of the events of 1938 in this broader European context.

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The keynote lecture will be held within the **“1938’ and the Politics of Homogenization. Protecting the Nation in Europe on the Eve of World War II”** conference

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