

Energy in Times of Crisis

Interdisciplinary dialogue on energy policies, resilience, and societal responses to crises, past and present

29–30 September 2026

Prague, Academic Conference Centre, Husova 4a

Programme 29 September 2026

09:30 Opening remarks by organizers

09:45–10:45 Keynote 1

• **Per Högselius (KTH Stockholm)**

Are Energy Crises Good or Bad? Thinking Through the Short- and Long-Term Consequences of Turmoil in Energy Markets from 1789 to Today

10:45–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–12:30 Panel 1

Past Energy Crises

Chair: Marcela Hennlichová

• **Nataša Henig Mišičič** (Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana)
State Priorities and Everyday Survival: Coal Supply in the Slovenian Lands during the First Yugoslav State, 1918–1941

• **Ivan Smiljanić** (Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana)
Ran into the Ground: Case Study of the Bankruptcy of the Illyrian Mining Company in the 1930s Slovenia

• **Michal Šimůnek, Pavel Dufek** (Institute of Contemporary History, Prague / National Archives)
1941: A Turning Point in the Nazi Energy Policy in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia?

• **Boleslav Šmejkal, Marcela Hennlichová** (Charles University / Prague University of Economics and Business)
Coal, Firewood, Tanbark and Leather: The Energy crisis in Třebíč during World War I

12:30–13:30 Lunch

13:30–15:00 Panel 2

Past & Present Crises

Chair: Adéla Gjuričová

• **Michael Romancov** (Charles University)
The World's Oceans and Energy Security – Are We Heading into Uncharted Waters?

• **Matúš Mišík, Radka Vicenová, Anna Polláková, Veronika Oravcová** (Comenius University Bratislava / Institute for Sociology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences)
A Differentiated Sanctions Regime: EU Energy Sanctions Against the Russian Federation

• **Stanislav Holubec, Marcela Hennlichová** (Institute of History, CAS / Prague University of Economics and Business)
Fueling Inequality: How the 1914–1918 Coal Shortage Reshaped Urban Networks and Power Structures in Central Europe

• **Nicholas Ostrum** (Kent State University, Ohio)
Crisis and Leverage: West Germany, Libya, and Energy Interdependency, 1970–1974

15:00–15:15 Coffee break

15:15–16:45 Panel 3

Miscellaneous Perspectives

Chair: Stanislav Holubec

• **Lucie Česálková** (Charles University)
Crisis and Sustainability: Negotiating Energy Futures in Czechoslovak Media, 1970s–1980s

• **Kryštof Drnek** (PVK Archive, Prague)
The Collapse of Prague's Water Supply Infrastructure During the Cold Spells of 1929 and 1939

• **Ivo Kuběna** (Institute of Physics of Materials, CAS)
Material Resilience and Manufacturing Innovation: High-Temperature Alloys for Energy Infrastructure

• **Miloslav Nič** (Ecomole Ltd)
How AI Depends on Energy Sector Development and How Energy Sector Development Is Influenced by AI

16:45 End of first day



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10:00–11:00 **Keynote 2**

• **Rüdiger Graf (ZZF Potsdam)**
Scarcity and Abundance. How Energy Became Critical

11:00–12:30 **Panel 4**

Energy Crisis, Practices and Environment

Chair: Kateřina Kočí

- Jakub Hrdina (Prague University of Economics and Business)
Constructing Climate Governance Norms through the EU ETS: The European Commission's Discursive Nexus of Climate Neutrality and Energy Security in the Post-Paris Era
- Nikola Adamovská (Palacký University, Olomouc)
Crises Beyond Materiality: External Energy Disruptions and Normative Expectations in EU Climate Governance
- Jiří Janáč (Charles University, Institute of History)
Hydropower Paradigm in Czechoslovakia (1918–1950s)
- Aliaksandr Piahnanou (KTH Stockholm)
Powering the Wartime City: Energy Supply and Urban Governance in Budapest during the First World War

12:30–13:30 Lunch

13:30–15:00 **Panel 5**

Policy and practices

Chair: Marcela Hennlichová

- Matthias Heymann (presenter), Bue Poulsen, Kristian Hvidtfelt Nielsen (Aarhus University, Denmark)
Energy crises and the paradox of participation: The case of district heating in Denmark

- Martin Ďurďovič, Daniel Čermák (Institute of Sociology, CAS)
Energy Crisis and the Development of Public Attitudes Towards Nuclear Energy in the Czech Republic

- Kateřina Kočí, Danijel Crnčec, Markéta Votoupalová (Prague University of Economics and Business/ University of Ljubljana)
The Geopolitics of the Energy Transition: Geopoliticisation and Coherence of the EU Hydrogen Governance after 2022

15:00–15:15 Coffee break

15:15–16:45 **Panel 6**

Miscellaneous – in Czech/Slovak

Chair: Adéla Gjuričová

- Lukáš Patera (Slovenské banské muzeum, Banská Štiavnica)
Uhoľné baníctvo v Uhorsku a jeho problémy po vypuknutí prvej svetovej vojny
- Stefan Segi (Institute of the Czech Literature, CAS)
Energie proti technologii
- Peter Mičko (Matej Bel University, Banská Bystrica)
Energetické zabezpečenie priemyselného koncernu: Aktivita Spolku pre chemickú a hutnú výrobu na zaistenie energetických zdrojov pre koncernové podniky na Slovensku počas druhej svetovej vojny
- Zbyněk Dubský (Prague University of Economics and Business)
Energetická transformace jako geopolitický projekt? Komunikace, moc a nové vztahy

16:45 Concluding remarks

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Strategy AV21 The Power of Objects: Materiality between Past and Future