

Russian (not only) Political Reform: Reality and Fiction

International conference intended for professional and lay public

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The conference is organized by:
the Institute of History of the Czech Academy of Sciences – the Centre for
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of sciences,
the East European Studies Department, The Faculty of Arts at Charles
University,
Department of Russian and East European Studies The Faculty of Social
Sciences
and the Czech Society for Slavonic, Balkan and Byzantine Studies.

The conference aims to focus on experts and the wider public alike, discussing the research of history and culture of Eastern Europe, accenting the paradigm of *Russian (not only) political reform*. The topic is not limited to the political level only. The conference invites for a wide range of historical eras, from the Middle Ages to the present day. The topics of the conference are the economic, legal, social and cultural visions, movements, as well as actual reforms and amendments – both positive and negative. The unifying element is the interest of the state, often colliding with the needs of the society. The *Russian (not only) political reform* can be understood in the realm of specific visions and steps, as well as unrealised ideas or reflections thereof. Similarly, it may reflect the possibilities or impossibilities to reform the state and the continuity or discontinuity of its development. The conference aims to discuss the main research concept, as well as the questions or other important paradigms, methodological approaches, or historiographic reflections. Apart from historiographers, the conference cordially invites literary historians, art historians, legal historians, and other scholars.

Presentation duration: 20 minutes max.

Conference languages: Czech, Slovak, English, German, Russian

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