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‘THE PAST IS THE BATTLEGROUND OF OUR CONTEMPORARIES’

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

TO MARK THE EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY OF VILÉM PREČAN

CZERNIN PALACE, PRAGUE, 24–25 JANUARY 2013

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Thursday, 24 January 2013

09:00-09:30 Registration

OPENING

Moderator: Oldřich Tůma

09:30-09:40 Welcome

09:40-09:55 Petr PITHART/ A Man in the Midst of the Times:
Thinking and Acting

09:55-10:10 Milan DRÁPALA/ An Historian’s Long and Winding Road
to and through Contemporary History

Coffee & cake

BLOCK 1 THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Moderator: Jiří Kocian

10:30-10:45 Ivan KAMENEC/ Problems of the Interpretation of the History
of the Wartime Slovak State

10:45-11:00 Peter HEUMOS/ The Organization of Social Interests
and the Second World War: The Example of Czechoslovakia

11:00-11:15 Andrzej PACZKOWSKI/ The Second World War in Present-day
Polish Memory and Politics

11:15-11:30 Jan NĚMEČEK and Jan KUKLÍK/ The British and the Transfer of the Germans out of Czechoslovakia, 1942-44

11:30-12:00 Discussion

Lunch

BLOCK 2 SLOVAKIA, CZECHO-SLOVAK RELATIONS

Moderator: Dušan Kováč

13:15-13:30 Mark KRAMER/ The Establishment of Communism in Slovakia

13:30-13:45 Roman HOLEC/ 'You Have Your Gibbon. We Have Our Nejedlý': Observations of a British Diplomat Travelling in Slovakia, 1958-59

13:45-14:00 Vojtech ČELKO/ Vilém Prečan and Milan Šimečka in the Light of Their Correspondence in the Early Years of Normalization Policy

14:00-14:15 Jan RYCHLÍK/ Slovak-Czech Talks on Demarcating the Czechoslovak Border, 1993-96

14:15-14:45 Discussion

Coffee & cake

BLOCK 3 EXILE

Moderator: Jacques Rupnik

15:15-15:30 Samuel ABRAHÁM/ A Czechoslovak in Hard Times

15:30-15:45 Vladimír GONĚC/ From the Debates amongst Exiles in the 1980s: The Concept of 'Central Europe'

15:45-16:00 Tomáš VILÍMEK/ Emigration as Protest: New Research Possibilities

16:00-16:15 Antonín KOSTLÁN/ Concerning Czechoslovak Exiles in the Years of the Communist Régime

16:15-16:45 Discussion

SOCIAL EVENT AT THE CZECH MUSEUM OF MUSIC

from 18:00, Karmelitská 2/4, Malá Strana, Prague (by invitation)

Friday, 25 January 2013

09:00-09:30 Registration

BLOCK 4 DISSENT AND OPPOSITION

Moderator: Samuel Abrahám

09:30-09:45 Svetlana SAVRANSKAYA/ Prague Spring 1968 and Charter 77
as Inspiration for Soviet Dissidents

09:45-10:00 Jiří SUK/ The Present of History, the History of the Present:
Archivist, Editor, and Historian of Dissent

10:00-10:15 Jacques RUPNIK/ Historian of Dissidents, Dissident Historian

10:15-10:40 Discussion

Coffee & cake

**BLOCK 5 BUILDING THE DISCIPLINE OF CONTEMPORARY HISTORY
IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

Moderator: Oldřich Tůma

11:00-11:15 Vít SMETANA/ Defining Contemporary History

11:15-11:30 Dušan KOVÁČ/ Metamorphoses of the Idea of the Nation State
in the Twentieth Century

11:30-11:45 Malcolm BYRNE/ Thoughts on the Contribution of Czech
and Slovak Historical Materials to a Common Understanding
of the Global Cold War

11:45-12:00 Bedřich LOEWENSTEIN/ Historiography, a Risky Occupation

12:00-12:30 Discussion

CLOSING REMARKS

Moderator: Oldřich Tůma

12:30-13:15 Thomas BLANTON and Vilém PREČAN

Lunch

