

**Czechoslovakia and the Other Occupied Nations in London:  
The Story of the Exile Revisited After Seventy Years**  
Programme

**Wednesday, 5 June 2013, 18:00-20:00, British Embassy in Prague** (Thunovská 14)

***Bruce Lockhart Lecture***

Prof. Richard Overy (University of Exeter):

*British Political Warfare and Occupied Europe*

**Thursday, 6 June 2013, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic**  
– Czernin Palace (Loretánské náměstí 101/5)

**9:00-9:30 Registration / Coffee & cakes**

**9:30-11:45**

***Introductory word***

Dr. Vít Smetana

Prof. Jan Kuklík

**1<sup>st</sup> Panel: *The existence and challenges faced by the exile governments in London – part 1***

Chair: Prof. Mark Cornwall

Prof. Detlef Brandes (Heinrich-Heine-Universität, Düsseldorf)

*Limited Influence: the British and the Governments-in-Exile of Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia*

Prof. Anita J. Prazmowska (The London School of Economics and Political Science)

*Between Scylla and Charybdis: The Weakening of the Polish Government in Exile's Position with Its Allies and in Poland 1940-1945*

Prof. Albert E. Kersten (University of Leyden)

*A Cold Shower of International Reality. Redefining the Dutch International Position during the London Exile 1940-1945*

Dr. Chantal Kesteloot (Centre for Historical Research and Documentation on War and Contemporary Society in Brussels)

*Belgium in Exile. The Second World War Experience*

Dr. Jan Bečka (Charles University in Prague – Faculty of Social Sciences)

*The “Free Thai” Exile in London during the Second World War and Its Relationship with the British Government*

*Discussion*

**12:00-13:00 Lunch**

**13:15-15:00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Panel: *The existence and challenges faced by the exile governments in London – part 2***

Early afternoon

Chair: Dr. Jiří Ellinger

Dr. hab. Radosław Żurawski vel Grajewski (Lodz University)

*“The Factors Shaping the International Political Status and Foreign Policy of the Czechoslovak Authorities in Exile 1939-1945”*

Dr. Vít Smetana (Institute of Contemporary History, Prague)

*From Re-emergence to Uncertainties. The Changing Position of Czechoslovakia in London*

Dr. Edita Ivaničková (The Institute of History, Bratislava)

*The British Policy Ambivalence as Regards the Slovak Exile Representatives in London*

Dr. Victoria Vasilenko (Belgorod State University)

*Polish and Czechoslovak Governments in Exile (and the Impact of Soviet Foreign Policy) in the Russian Historiography*

*Discussion*

**15:00-15:30 Coffee & cakes**

**15:30-17:00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Panel: *The armed forces of the occupied countries and their political significance***

Chair: Prof. Richard Overy

Mgr. Zdenko Maršálek (Institute of Contemporary History, Prague)

*“TOGETHER INTO THE BATTLE”. Armies-in-Exile: Significant Value or a Drop in the Ocean?*

Dr. Blaž Torkar (Slovenian Armed Forces Military Museum, Ljubljana)

*The Yugoslav Armed Forces in Exile: From the Yugoslav Royal Guard Battalion to the Overseas Brigades*

Mr. Mark Seaman (Office of the British Government, London)

*“The most difficult country” – Some Practical Considerations on the British Support to Clandestine Operations in Czechoslovakia during the Second World War*

*Discussion*

**Friday, 7 June 2013, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic  
– Czernin Palace (Loretánské náměstí 101/5)**

**9:00-9:30 Registration / Coffee & cakes**

**9:30-11:30**

**4<sup>th</sup> Panel: *The preparation of the post-war solution of the issue of minorities done in exile***

Chair: Dr. Dagmar Hájková

Prof. Jan Kuklík (Charles University in Prague – Faculty of Law)

*Was There an Alternative to the Transfer of German Minority?*

Dr. Matěj Spurný (Institute for Contemporary History, Prague)

*Citizenship and Property Rights – Discussion about the Status of Germans in Post-war Czechoslovakia, 1943-45*

Dr. Martin David Brown (Richmond University in London)

*The English Language Discourse Surrounding the Transfer/Expulsion of the Sudeten Germans*

Dr. René Petráš (Charles University in Prague – Faculty of Law)

*The End of the International Protection of Minorities under the Auspices of the League of Nations*

*Discussion*

**11:45-13:00 Lunch  
Coffee & cakes**

**13:15-15:45**

**5<sup>th</sup> Panel: *Propaganda, education and media in exile***

Chair: Dr. Martin D. Brown

Ms. Erica Harrison (Bristol University)

*“Anything that is dear to their hearts” : Czechoslovak History and Culture in the London Broadcasts*

Dr. Jan Cebe (Charles University in Prague – Faculty of Social Sciences)

*“Čechoslovák” Daily: the Official Newspaper of the Czechoslovak Exile in London*

Dr. Jan Lániček (The University of New South Wales, Sydney)

*The Czechoslovak Exiles’ Propaganda and the Jews*

Dr. Dušan Segeš (The Institute of History, Bratislava)

*“Truth conquers...” Political Pamphlets of Czech and Slovak Opposition vs. Edvard Beneš and the Czechoslovak Government in Exile*

Dr. Doubravka Olšáková (Institute of Contemporary History, Prague)

*The Differences between Two Concepts of Science and Public Education as Prepared for Post-War Czechoslovakia in London and Moscow*

*Discussion*

***Concluding words***

Dr. Pavel Seifter: *Summary speech*

Dr. Vít Smetana

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- Institute of History of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
- The Masaryk Institute and Archive of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
- Charles University in Prague – Faculty of Law
- Institute of International Studies of Charles University’s Faculty of Social Sciences

