



THE DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION OF 1989 THIRTY YEARS ON

An international conference

at Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

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The international conference is organized by the President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic Jaroslav Kubera in cooperation with Institute of Contemporary History of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes and Czech Academy of Sciences.

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Participants registration

15.00–16.00

Opening addresses of representatives of organizers and partners

16.00–16.30

From the crisis of the Communist dictatorship to the crisis of liberal democracy, 1989–2019

Introductory discussion moderated by **Michal Kopeček**

16.30–18.00

Ágnes Gagyi / Dagmar Kusá / Pavel Barša / James Mark

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I. THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT OF THE COLLAPSE OF THE COMMUNIST REGIME

NEW RESEARCH METHODS, NEW FINDINGS

Moderated by **Vít Smetana**

9.00–11.00

David Priestland – A Global Revolution? 1989 in Europe and Beyond

Ljubica Spaskovska – 1989: Symbol of Peace or Violence?

Paweł Ukielski – 1989. A counterrevolution in Central Europe

Martin Štefek – The Collapse of Communism: The Last Hurrah of Totalitarianism Theory?

Coffee Break

11.00–11.30

II. THE LOCAL CONTEXT OF THE COLLAPSE OF THE COMMUNIST REGIME NEW RESEARCH METHODS, NEW FINDINGS

Moderated by **Lenka Krátká**

11.30–13.30

James Krapfl – Requiem for the Europe that Might Have Been

Matěj Spurný – Undermined Progress: The Transformation of Ideas about the Good Home and the Crisis of Legitimacy in Late Socialism

Miroslav Vaněk – A Hundred Student (R)evolutions: The Generation of the Students of 1989 in Longitudinal Perspective: Oral History Twenty Years On

Jaroslav Pažout – The Communist Party Membership Base in the Late “Normalization” Period

Lunch Break

13.30–15.00

III. THE ECONOMY, FROM CENTRAL PLANNING TO FREE MARKET

Moderated by **Vítězslav Sommer**

15.00–17.00

Lubomír Mlčoch – From Planning Games to Privatization Games, from Ownership *de facto* to Ownership *de jure*, with a Semblance of Legality

Stefan Lehr – The Culture of Debate in the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, 1988–89

Tomáš Vilímek – Enterprise Management in Czechoslovakia: From Late-Socialist Manager to Post-Socialist Manager

Václav Rameš – Self-management Bodies as Instruments of Revolution and Barriers to Transformation

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IV. SOCIETY, FROM ‘SOCIALIST BIEDERMEIER’ TO GLOBAL CONSUMERISM

Moderated by **Marie Černá**

9.00–11.00

Václav Štětka – From Messengers of Globalization to Platforms for Nationalist Revival? The Tortuous Road of the Transformation of the Czech Media

Kristýna Bušková – The Psychological Trauma of Child Survivors of Political Persecution in the 1950s: Lasting Emotions and Polarized Identity with Regard to Czech Society

Jakub Rákosník – The Social Policy of Late Normalization and the Crisis of the Socialist System of Czechoslovakia in the 1980s

Daniel Prokop – Czech Society Thirty Years On: New Inequalities and Their Social Importance

Coffee Break

11.00–11.30

V. POLITICS, FROM DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM TO PLURALIST DEMOCRACY

Moderated by **Daniela Kolenovská**

11.30–13.30

Lubomír Kopeček – The Party as an Instrument of the Political Entrepreneur:
Czech Examples in a Comparative Perspective

Seán Hanley – Democratic Quality and Democracy Stability in Central Europe since 1989:
An Increasingly Uncertain Relationship?

Tim Haughton – Communism, Crowns and Campaigning: Charting the Development of Czech Party Politics Since 1989

Adéla Gjuríčová – Seen from Elsewhere: The November Revolution from the Perspective of Political Institutions

Zdeněk Kühn – From Socialist Legality to the Rule of Law, or, From Class Justice to Legal Thicket?

Lunch Break

13.30–15.00

VI. SOCIETY IN THE STRUGGLE OVER THE (COMMUNIST) PAST, OR, HOW TO COME TO TERMS WITH COMING TO TERMS?

Moderated by **Ondřej Matějka**

15.00–17.00

Françoise Mayer – The Reception of Karel Bartošek's *Les Aveux des archives* in France in 1996

Milan Znoj – The Promises and Failures of Theories of Totalitarianism

Klára Pinerová – Legislation on Participants in the Resistance and Opposition to Communism
as an Expression of Transition History

Jaroslav Cuhra – A Failed Attempt at an All-encompassing Story

Jan Pauer – Coming to Terms with Communism, between Politics, Ideology, and Reflection

Conference End