



Programme

Trauma, Hope, and Illusion: Cities at the End of World War II and in Post-War Transformation.

International Conference Held
on the Occasion of the 80th Anniversary
of the End of World War II

5–7 May 2025
Clam-Gallas Palace



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Husova 158/20, 110 00 Praha 1 – Staré Město

Monday, 5 May 2025

- 8:00** **Registration and morning coffee**
- 8:30** **Opening Ceremony (Marble Hall)**
Ivo Macek (Director, Museum of Prague)
Jiří Pospíšil (City of Prague representative)
Adéla Gjuričová (Director of the Institute of Contemporary History
of the Czech Academy of Sciences)
- Opening Session**
Bohuslav Rejzl (Museum of Prague)

Lecture Hall I (Marble Hall)

- 9:00** **Keynote lecture: Resurrection of the oldest Prague Bell**
Jana Bělová (Museum of Prague)
- Panel I: Cities at the End of World War II**
Chair: Zdenko Maršálek
- 9:20–9:40** **Glimmers of Bad Times: Operation Tempest and the Lwów Uprising in 1944
against the Background of the Polish–Ukrainian Conflict**
David Svoboda (Museum of Memory of the 20th Century)
- 9:40–10:00** **When Lublin was a capital of Poland. Life in Lublin at the end of World War II**
Adrian Świerbutowski (Jagiellonian University in Cracow)
- 10:15–10:30** **Coffee Break**
- Chair: Stanislav Kokoška
- 10:30–10:50** **Führer befehl, wir folgen! The Twilight of the German Occupation
Administration as Seen by Karel Wild, Mayor of Plzeň**
Karel Řeháček (State Regional Archive in Plzeň)
- 10:50–11:10** **The Uprising in Přerov on 1 May 1945 in the Context of Similar Anti-Nazi
Demonstrations during World War II**
Pavel Kopeček (Palacký University Olomouc, Faculty of Education)
- 11:10–11:30** **Ruzyně Airport: The Struggles for the Airport in May 1945 and Its Restoration
in the Early Post-War Years**
Michal Plavec (National Technical Museum in Prague)
- 11:45–12:45** **Lunch Break**





Chair: Stanislav Kokoška

- 12:45–13:05** **The May Events in Chlumec nad Cidlinou**
Miloš Bernardt (Museum of Memory of the 20th Century)
- 13:05–13:25** **The Liberation and Restoration of the “Rebellious” Banská Bystrica in 1945**
Lukáš Volentier (Museum of the Slovak National Uprising)
- 13:25–13:45** **Iglau versus Jihlava: The Path to Power**
Teresa Urbář (independent researcher)
- 14:00–14:15** **Coffee Break**

Panel II: Post-War Reconstruction of the Metropolis

Chair: Bohuslav Rejzl

- 14:15–14:35** **The Rebuilding of Warsaw’s Old Town and the Development of the Historic District Concept in Early Post-War Poland**
Mikołaj Getka-Kenig (Polish Academy of Sciences)
- 14:35–14:55** **Justice, Governance, and Reconstruction: Luxembourg City in the Aftermath of WWII**
Jóe Voncken (Université du Luxembourg, Luxembourg Centre For Contemporary and Digital History)
- 14:55–15:15** **Czechoslovak Security Forces and the Presence of the Red Army in Liberated Prague in 1945**
David Hubený (National Archives of the Czech Republic)
- 15:15–15:35** **Coordinating Relief: Networks of Towns, Network of Humanitarian Delegations in Europe in the Aftermath of the Second World War**
Camille Meyere (independent researcher)
- 15:50–16:05** **Coffee Break**

Panel III: Cities on the Threshold of Political Change

Chair: Magdaléna Šustová

- 16:05–16:25** **The Hopes and Illusions of Town Halls: Changes in Municipal Administration after 1945**
Jan Dobeš (Faculty of Arts, Charles University / Institute of Contemporary History of the CAS)
- 16:25–16:45** **ZenkI or Vacek: A Dispute over the Mayor of Prague after May 1945**
Jiří Kocián (Institute of Contemporary History of the CAS)
- 16:45–17:05** **Local Government and Governance Changes during the Third Czechoslovak Republic: The Case of Moravian Ostrava**
Lubomír Nenička (School of Business Administration in Karviná, Silesian University in Opava)
- 17:05–17:25** **The Virtue of Necessity: The Unification of Trade Unions in Czechoslovakia in 1945**
Jiří Pokorný (Faculty of Education, Charles University)
- 17:25–17:45** **School as a Means of Creating a “New Man”: Educational Policy of the Communist Authorities in Zagreb in the Immediate Aftermath of the Second World War**
Tomislav Kardum (Croatian Institute of History Zagreb)





Lecture Hall II (Kaláb Hall)

Panel IV: War Memory and Ideology in Monument Culture

Chair: Jiří Pokorný

- 9:20–9:40** **The Echoes of the Slovak State in Slovak Visual Arts after 1945**
Katarína Ihringová (Trnava University, Faculty of Philosophy and Arts)
- 9:40–10:00** **The Origins of the Cults of the Red Army/Stalin/USSR in Post-War Czechoslovakia**
Marie Černá (Institute of Contemporary History of the CAS)
- 10:15–10:30** **Coffee Break**
- 10:30–10:50** **Forming the Memory of the Liberation of Czechoslovakia: Representing Memorials**
Markéta Devátá (Institute of Contemporary History of the CAS)
- 10:50–11:10** **Competing Memory Politics in Contemporary Subotica (Serbia).
Local Cultural Traumas of the World War II**
Viktor Fehér (University of Novi Sad)
- 11:10–11:30** **The Memorials of World War II in Post-War Czechoslovakia: Instruments
of Memory and Ideological Legitimacy**
Petra Hudek (Institute of History of the Slovak Academy of Sciences)
- 11:45–12:45** **Lunch Break**
- Chair: Markéta Devátá
- 12:45–13:05** **Tábor and Its Sites of Remembrance in Evolving Times**
Lenka Vandrovcová (The Hussite Museum in Tábor)
- 13:05–13:25** **In Stalin's Shadow – Memorial of the Liberation of Czechoslovakia by the Soviet
Army in the Capital City of Prague**
Jan Šindelář (Faculty of Education, Charles University)
- 13:25–13:45** **World War II Monuments and Memorials in the Pardubice Region**
David Kučera (Faculty of Education, Charles University)
- 13:45–14:05** **From Memory to Memorial: The Reconstruction and Use of Churches
Destroyed during World War II**
Martin Čechura (Museum of Prague)
- 14:20–14:35** **Coffee Break**
- Panel V: Post-War Reconstruction of a Small Town**
Chair: Petr Chlebec
- 14:35–14:55** **The End of Frývaldov, the Origin of Jeseník: The Transformation
of the Borderland District Town from 1945 to 1948**
Ondřej Kolář (Silesian Museum in Opava)
- 14:55–15:15** **The First Post-War Year in Vsetín**
Pavel Mašláň (Museum of the Wallachian Region)
- 15:15–15:35** **A Village in the Borderlands: The Construction and Activities of Post-War
Municipal Governments in the Czech Borderlands in 1945**
David Kovařík (Institute of Contemporary History of the CAS)





- 15:35 – 15:55** **"Let Them Bite the Dust!" The Case of the Hanke Camp and Its Significance for the Development of Local Power Elites in the Ostrava Branch of the Moravian-Silesian Provincial National Committee**
Lubomír Hlavienka (Silesian Museum in Opava)
- 16:10–16:25** **Coffee Break**
- Panel VI: Life Paths of Personalities in the War and Post-War Period**
Chair: Renáta Kalašová
- 16:25–16:45** **Pavel Tigrid – the Criminal of the Pen: Pavel Tigrid in the People's Party Periodicals Obzory (Horizons) and Vývoj (Development) during the Third Czechoslovak Republic**
Kryštof Zeman (Museum of Memory of the 20th Century)
- 16:45–17:05** **Karel Lutovský: A Confident or a Hero**
Jitka Vandrovcová (The Hussite Museum in Tábor)
- 17:05–17:25** **Escaping from Lety: The Resistance Activities of Josef Serinek in the Light of Newly Discovered Memories**
Anna Míšková (Museum of Romani Culture)

Lecture Hall I (Marble Hall)

- 17:40** Official closing of the first day of the conference, organizational guidelines for the evening programme
- 19:00–21:00** Public programme on the anniversary of the Prague Uprising in May 1945
- 21:00–23:00** Dinner

Tuesday, 6 May 2025

Lecture Hall I (Marble Hall)

Panel VII: An Urban Perspective on the Post-War Economy
Chair: Zdenko Maršálek

- 8:30–8:50** **Markets at the Border. The Commercial Informality between Madrid and its Suburbs throughout the Immediate Civil Postwar (1940–1952)**
Cordon Juan Herce (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)
- 8:50–9:10** **Caribbean Migration and Economic Reconstruction in Post-War Britain: The Role of the Windrush Generation in Urban Development**
Léa Payet (Université Paris VIII Vincennes-Saint Denis, Institut d'Histoire du Temps Présent)
- 9:10–9:30** **Post-World War II Nationalization of Swedish Interests in the Polish Cities (1945–1949)**
Robert Andrzejczyk (Józef Piłsudski Museum in Sulejówiek)
- 9:30–9:50** **From "Aryanization" to Nationalization? Dealing with former Jewish Property in Cracow, 1945–1948)**
Markus Roth (Fritz Bauer Institut, Frankfurt)





10:05–10:20	Coffee Break Chair: Magdaléna Šustová
10:20–10:40	Claims to Property and Industry Established by the Nazis in Czechoslovakia after WWII, Exemplified by Havlíčkův Brod Alena Jindrová (The Highlands Gallery and Museum Havlíčkův Brod)
10:40 – 11:00	The Town of Dubnica nad Váhom and the Dubnica Arms Factory at the Turn of 1944 and 1945 Zdenka Hešterová (Centre for the Research of Oppression, Memory of the Nation Institute in Bratislava)
11:00 – 11:20	The Construction of a Large Research Institute at the University of Mining and Technology in Příbram (1943–1945): Versuchsanstalt Waffen-Union and Its Post-War Liquidation Jan Valenta (Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University)
11:20–11:40	The Reflection of War, Nationalization, and the Displacement of Germans in Porcelain Production in the Karlovy Vary Region Lenka Merglová-Pánková (Museum of West Bohemia in Plzeň)
11:55–13:00	Lunch Break
13:00–14:00	Clam Gallas Palace Guided Tour Panel VIII: The Holocaust in the Post-War Context Chair: Bohuslav Rejzl
14:00–14:20	City as Belonging: The Case of Post-Genocide Yiddish Communities Clémence PELLISIER (Trinity College Dublin, Department of Political Science)
14:20–14:40	Jewish Prague after World War II: Between the Trauma of the Protectorate and the Prospects of Reconstruction Blanka Soukupová (University of West Bohemia in Plzeň, Faculty of Arts / Charles University, Faculty of Humanities)
14:40–15:00	“Jews Out, There Will Be a Rush!” The Phenomenon of Violence against Jewish Community Representatives in Post-War Slovakia Lucia Sotáková (Museum of the Slovak National Uprising Banská Bystrica)
15:00–15:20	The Partisan Movement in Slovakia after 1945 and the Associated Pogroms Klaudia Mišovičová (University of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava)
15:30–15:50	Coffee Break Panel IX: Holocaust Memory and Reflections Chair: Renáta Kalašová
15:50–16:10	Writing Theresienstadt: Memory, Home, and the Boundaries of Belonging Lena-Marie Franke (Universität Regensburg, Forschung am Bohemicum)
16:10–16:30	Recalling Trauma of the Holocaust in Contemporary Czech Novels Otto Drexler (Cabinet for the Study of Czech Theatre IDU)
16:45–17:00	Coffee Break





- 17:00–18:00** **Liberation in News Broadcasts from the Collections of the National Film Archive in Prague**
Jiří Novotný (National Film Archive)
- 18:30** **Reception, dinner, evening programme**

Lecture Hall II (Kaláb Hall)

Panel X: Postwar Society on the Move

Chair: Bohuslav Rejzl

- 8:30–8:50** **Prague Becomes a Gateway to a Life of Peace and Justice for Hundreds of Thousands: The City as the Crossroads of Post-War Repatriation**
Jana Kasíková (Institute of Contemporary History of the CAS)
- 8:50–9:10** **The Social Dimension of the “Castles Action” (1945–1947)**
Magdaléna Faltusová (National Pedagogical Museum and Library of J. A. Comenius in Prague)
- 9:10–9:30** **The Descendants of Expatriates in Liberec and Nejdek after World War II**
Romana Fojtová (Technical University of Liberec)
- 9:30–9:50** **The Image of Germans in the Party Press: A Comparative Analysis of the Discourse of the Newspapers “Rudé právo” and “Svobodné slovo” (Second Half of the 1940s)**
ONLINE: Natallia Prystupa (independent researcher; former adjunct of Belarusian State Pedagogical University, Minsk)
- 10:05–10:20** **Coffee Break**

Panel XI: A Gender Perspective on War and Post-War Events

Chair: Karolína Stegurová

- 10:20–10:40** **Everyday Life of Noblewomen in Kostelec nad Orlicí 1938–1948**
Lenka Hrdinová (Charles University, Faculty of Arts)
- 10:40–11:00** **“Serving the Working Women: The “Second Shift” Issue in Post-War Czechoslovakia**
Magdalena Grešová (Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University in Brno)
- 11:00–11:20** **The End of World War II as Viewed by Children**
Anežka Kubáčová (Institute of Czech History of the Faculty of Arts of Charles University; Military History Archive)
- 11:55–13:00** **Lunch Break**
- 13:00–14:00** **Clam Gallas Palace Guided Tour**

Panel XII: Cultural Institutions in the War and Post-War Period

Chair: Magdaléna Šustová

- 14:00–14:20** **The National Theatre occupied and resisting (a contribution to the cultural history during the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia)**
Karolína Stegurová (National Theatre)





14:20–14:40	The Self-Government and Renewal of Cultural Life in the Provincial Capital of Brno after the Liberation Marek Krejčí (Center for Slavic Art Studies)
14:55–15:10	Coffee Break
	Panel XIII: Reflections on War in Films and Photographs Chair: Tomáš Dvořák
15:10–15:30	The Film Production in the Early Years of Nationalized Cinematography – Films about the period between 1938 and 1945 Petr Bednařík (Faculty of Social Science, Charles University)
15:30–15:50	Zbigniew Dłubak's Theory of Photograph Ada Grzelewska (The Krzysztof Kieślowski Film School at Silesian University, Poland)
16:25–16:40	Coffee Break
18:30	Reception, dinner, evening programme

Wednesday, 7 May 2025

Lecture Hall II (Kaláb Hall)

Panel XIV: The Representation of War in Memory Institutions

Permanent and Temporary Exhibitions

Chair: Michal Soukup

8:30–8:50	Memory, Ideology, and History. Challenges of Addressing the World War II Legacy in Memory Institutions Viktor Janák (Zámeček Memorial)
9:10–9:30	The Changing Exhibitions at the National Monument of World War II from 1980 to Present and the Impact of Global Political Events on Education Kamila Poláková – Lukáš Hartoš (Silesian Museum, National Monument of World War II)
9:30–9:50	Comments, Memorials, and Ideological Ballast in Public Spaces or the Museum's Challenges on the Way to the Exhibition Ostrava under the Protectorate Petr Chlebec – Jiří Sochorek (Ostrava Museum)
9:50–10:10	The Open-Air Museum Representation and Communication of Everyday Culture in the First Post-War Decades in the Suburban Aarea of the Metropolis of Hamburg in the "Königsberger Straße" Project in the Kiekeberg Open-Air Museum Stefan Zimmermann (Freilichtmuseum am Kiekeberg)
10:25–10:40	Coffee Break





Reflections on War in Museum Collections

Chair: Renáta Kalašová

10:40–11:00 The Year 1945 in the Museum of Prague's Collection of Photographic Negatives
Jan Jungmann (Museum of Prague)

11:00–11:20 The Prague Uprising Still Alive? The Museum of Prague as a Source of Information, Commemoration, Festivities, and (perhaps) Controversies (related to the Prague Uprising)
Tomáš Dvořák (Museum of Prague)

Use of New Technologies

Chair: Petr Chlebec

11:35–11:55 Visualization of Vanished Villages in the Czech German Borderlands in Augmented Reality
František Mužík (Faculty of Civil Engineering, CTU in Prague)

11:55–12:15 Here, Here Is Where It Happened: I walks
Martin Šmok (OpenEye, z.s.)

12:30–12:45 Coffee Break

Panel XIV: The Post-War Period as a Subject of Didactics

Chair: Magdaléna Šustová

12:45–13:05 "Everybody to Work! No Confiscations, No Rations." Settlement Magazine, 1946. Trauma and Hope in Light and Shadow in Northwestern Bohemia 1945–1947
Josef Märc – Marcela Svejková (Chomutov Grammar School, Kadaň Grammar School)

12:45–13:05 The Educational Perspective on the End of World War II: An Activity Sheet
Jan Samohýl (Museum of Memory of the 20th Century)

Official closing of the conference

