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the International Conference

Comintern and Central Europe Tool of Foreign Policy of the Soviet Union

Date of conference: Thursday 3rd October 2019

Venue: National Archives, Archivní 2257/4, 149 00 Praha 4 (Lecture Hall)

Transportation: bus stop Chodovec, bus lines 115, 125, 136 and 213

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

Conference will be not translated

Invitation / Call for papers:

The birth of the Communist International in March 1919 foreshadowed the beginning of the engagement of the Soviet state in intensive collaboration with the international socialist or communist movement. Involved in this co-operation was the radical part of the left wing in the Czechoslovak Social Democracy, which later constituted the Czechoslovak Communist Party. Unlike the leaders and profile of the Comintern, its ideological course never changed. In the development and formation of internal mechanisms, as outlined above, still includes many unknown factors. Above all, during the first stage of development of Comintern, its leading showed some rather autonomous features in its relation to Soviet communist party. Sections of the Comintern, particular communist parties, owed to the support by the Soviet state and thus played an important role in support of its international policy. After the wave of bolshevization of the communist parties, as Stalin's consolidated his position as the leader in the USSR, he subdued the Comintern to the interests of the Soviet empire.

Considering the breadth of the above issue, we suggest the following **topic areas**:

- Foundation of the Communist International in 1919;
- Development of the radical Left in Central Europe;
- Possibilities of collaboration of the Internationals;
- Dogmatism in practice – theory of Social Fascism in the policy of the Comintern;
- Change of the course of the Comintern, the Popular Front strategy and Soviet foreign policy;
- Turn of the foreign policy of the USSR in summer 1939, ambiguities and the respective change of the course of the Comintern;
- Dissolution of the Comintern in 1943 and its legacy.

Participants can register until 30th June 2019.

In your application, please, give the title of your talk and an abstract up to 500 characters, and we also ask you to kindly give your workplace and full titles/degrees.

Please send the applications by e-mail to the address: david.hubeny@nacr.cz

Organizers of the conference reserve the right of selection of papers for the programme of the conference.

The papers presented that pass the review procedure will be published in a collective monograph.