The Institute of History of Czech Academy of Sciences, National Archives, and Faculty of Arts of the University of South Bohemia

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organize the

international conference

Radical Left in Central Europe and its development between the end of WW 1 and 1933

Dates:

Thursday and Friday 14th and 15th October 2021

Venue:

National Archives, Archivní 2257/4, 149 00 Praha 4, Movie Hall / Lecture Hall In case of pandemics going on, the conference will be held online, or in combined form.

Connection:

bus stop Chodovec, bus lines number 115, 125, 136 and 213

Conference languages:

Czech, Slovak, German, English, Polish, Russian (without translation)



1) Мондок, Иван (ед.): Календарь Карпатской Правды на 1925 год. Ужгород [S. d.].



2) VGA, Wien, AZ-Bildarchiv



3) National Archives, Police Headquarters in Prague II — Presidium





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INVITATION/CALL FOR PAPERS:

The apocalypse of the first World War brought fundamental changes in politics, economy, society but also psychology. A considerable part of the population came to the conclusion that capitalism had failed, which resulted in the call for a radical change of the social and economic establishment. One possible alternative was seen in the slogan of socialism; the forming Soviet system presented a challenge but other forms of radicalization existed as well in the leftist political spectrum. These processes faced the efforts to promote the development towards democracy but also attempts of the extreme right to seize power.

The objective of the conference is analysis of the development in radical Left in Central and East Europe in the interwar period until 1933, when coming of the Nazis to power in Germany substantially changed the structure and development of European political stage. Also welcome will be presentations about the development of the Left during World War I and immediately before. The conference sets its aim in examining the development of radical Left both in the aspect of particular countries and considering a wider regional prospect and comparison within Central and East Europe.

Considering the complexity and extent of the topic, we are going to focus, above all, on the following topic areas:

- **Armed conflicts and violence** (strikes, demonstrations, hunger marches, clashes with police forces);
- International co-operation;
- Relations between social-democratic and communist parties;
- Reflections in the media and public opinion (the press and attempts to influence opinions of the public).

Applicants can register before 15th September 2021.

In your application, please, give the title of your presentation and abstract up to 500 characters, as well as the institution where you work and your grades and titles in full.

Send your applications to the e-mail address: mseptak@ff.jcu.cz

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

The presentations given at the conference that will pass the review procedure will be published in a special volume of the reviewed journal *Paginae historiae* in 2023.

Organizing Committee:

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