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# Corruption – clientelism – crisis in Europe 1789–1989

Date:

15 March 2024, 9:00am–2:00pm

Venue:

National Archives, Lecture Hall  
Archivní 2257/4, 149 00 Prague 4

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## PROGRAMME:

**Emil Voráček:** *Opening Remarks: why focus on corruption?*  
Institute of History of the Czech Academy of Sciences

**Jan Kober:** *Corrupt Practices from a Legal History Perspective*  
Institute of State and Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences

**Kristýna Bašná:** *Corruption and Clientelism in a European Historical Context: A sociological perspective.*  
Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences

*Discussion*

*Break*

**Vladimír Naxera:** *Changes in Ideological Discourses of Corruption in the Czech Republic, from the beginning of transformation to the present day and their (dis-)connection to previous developments*  
University of West Bohemia Faculty of Arts

**Pavel Dufek:** *Information on the Conclusions of the International Conference in Košice on Corruption Research*  
National Archives

**Jaromír Hořák:** *Corruption and Criminal Law.*  
Charles University Faculty of Law

*Discussion*

*Conclusion*

Corruption, and more specifically political corruption, is a complex and multi-layered social phenomenon. It is both characteristic for all organised societies and it enables one to acquire and hold on to illegal influence, power and assets which may threaten the resilience of the social system in times of crisis. This workshop provides a brief introduction to this thorny issue.

The workshop aims to open up a topic that is much-discussed yet relatively little researched within the Czech context (except in terms of journalism), in contrast to contemporary research in Germany and Slovakia, for example, and it begins with the problem of defining the phenomenon.

The workshop will be open to perspectives from various social science disciplines, history, sociology, economic history, and also legal sciences. The subsequent discussion will be based on this multidisciplinary approach. Conclusions will be used in preparations for the “**Corruption – Clientelism – Crisis in Europe 1789–1989**” international conference which is being organised at the National Archives on **19 and 20 September 2024** by the host organisation alongside the Institute of History of the Czech Academy of Sciences, the Institute of State and Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences, the University of South Bohemia Faculty of Arts, Charles University Faculty of Arts, Österreichisches Staatsarchiv und Leibniz-Institut für Geschichte und Kultur des östlichen Europa (GWZO).

Presentation length: 15–20 minutes

If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please register by e-mailing: [david.hubeny@nacr.cz](mailto:david.hubeny@nacr.cz)

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