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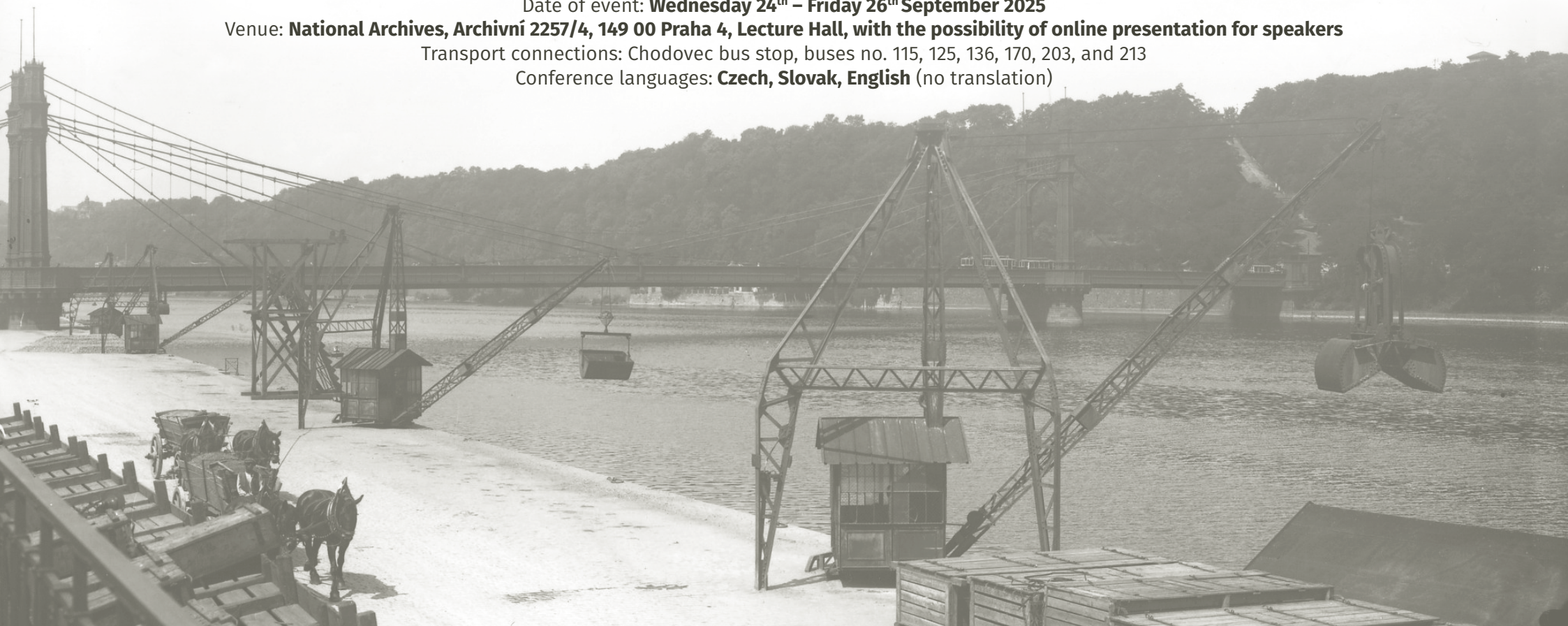
# Post-crisis recovery

Date of event: **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Venue: **National Archives, Archivní 2257/4, 149 00 Praha 4, Lecture Hall, with the possibility of online presentation for speakers**

Transport connections: Chodovec bus stop, buses no. 115, 125, 136, 170, 203, and 213

Conference languages: **Czech, Slovak, English** (no translation)





# Conference program

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

08:00 – 09:00 Registration

### Welcome and main papers

presenter Jaroslav Valkoun (*Lectures in Czech and Slovak language*)

09:00 – 09:20 Opening speech by the organizers and representatives of the organizing institutions

09:20 – 10:00 **MIROSLAV SABOL – LUDOVÍT HALLON – ANNA FALISOVÁ:** Restoration of the Czechoslovak and in particular the Slovak economy after World War II

10:00 – 10:30 **BOHUMIL JIROUŠEK:** Normalization as a way of solving the crisis. Oldřich Říha as the Normalization Director of the Institute of Czechoslovak and World History of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences.

10:30 – 10:45 Discussion

10:45 – 11:00 Break

### Panel I.

#### International aspects of restoration. Part I.

moderator Kristián Bene (*Lectures in English*)

11:00 – 11:15 **PÉTER BENCSIK:** A Double Fresh Start: Hungarian–Czechoslovak Relations in and after 1956

11:15 – 11:30 **ROBERT SCHMIDTCHEN:** From Ruins to Structures: The Equalisation of Burdens and the Stabilisation of the Federal Republic (1946–1960)

11:30 – 11:45 **PAVEL FOUSEK:** The Emergence and Development of the West German Police after the Second World War

11:45 – 12:00 Discussion

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

### Panel II.

#### International aspects of restoration. Part II.

moderator Robert Schmidtchen (*Lectures in English*)

13:00 – 13:15 **MARCELA HENNLICHOVÁ:** The Energy Crisis as an Impetus for Innovation or a Return to Sustainability and Perhaps Even the Thinking of Our Ancestors?

13:15 – 13:30 **VIKTÓRIA BÁBA:** Postwar Traces: Hungarian Internees in France and the Recovery of Memory through Oral Testimonies and Press Narratives

13:30 – 13:45 **KRISZTIÁN BENE:** From Axis Prisoners to French Soldiers. Central European Volunteers in French Foreign Legion after WWII

13:45 – 14:00 Discussion

14:00 – 14:15 Break

### Panel III.

#### Stabilization of the eastern parts of interwar Czechoslovakia

moderator Viktória Bába (*Lectures in English*)

14:15 – 14:30 **JONATHAN PARKER:** Establishing the Czechoslovak Security Services in Slovakia and the Struggle for a Unitary State, 1918–1924

14:30 – 14:45 **BERENIKA ZELLER:** Housing Scarcity and Everyday Realities in Subcarpathian Ruthenia (1920s)

14:45 – 15:00 **MICHAL FALAT:** Participation of Rusyn Intelligence in public administration on the Territory of the Subcarpathian Ruthenia

15:00 – 15:15 Discussion

15:15 – 15:30 Break

### Panel IV.

#### Strength and weakness of post-crisis recovery

moderator Bohumil Jiroušek

15:30 – 16:00 Panel discussion: **IVAN HALÁSZ, VÁCLAV PRŮCHA, MIROSLAV SABOL, EMIL VORÁČEK**



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Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Panel V.

### Post-crisis solutions in Czechoslovakia

*moderator Pavel Dufek (Lectures in Czech and Slovak language)*

- 09:00 – 09:15 **ADAM DITTRICH – JIŘÍ RYTINA:** Monetary adjustment as post-crisis recovery: A case study of Czechoslovak devaluation in 1934
- 09:15 – 09:30 **PETER VANEK:** The chemical industry in Slovakia from the end of the Great Depression to the Munich Agreement
- 09:30 – 09:45 **MAREK KREJČÍ:** YES, it will get better! The preparation of reconstruction plans versus populist proposals to solve the post-Munich crisis in the Second Republic.
- 09:45 – 10:00 **FRANTIŠEK VAVERA:** Fire in Měděnec, the impact on legislation and the functioning of the fire brigade
- 10:00 – 10:15 Discussion

11:15 – 11:30 Break

## Panel VI.

### Solving the housing crisis in interwar Czechoslovakia

*moderator Peter Vanek (Lectures in Czech and Slovak language)*

- 11:30 – 11:45 **MARTIN DOLEJSKÝ – SVATOPLUK HERC – MARTIN JEMELKA:** The housing issue in Greater Prague and Greater Ostrava in the interwar period. Vision – Policies – Reality
- 11:45 – 12:00 **HELENA KUNCOVÁ:** Basic assumptions for the urban development of the city of Brno in the interwar period
- 12:00 – 12:15 Discussion

12:15 – 13:00 Lunch

## Panel VII.

### Restoration of Czechoslovakia after the Second World War. Part I.

*moderator Jan Štemberk (Lectures in Czech language)*

- 13:00 – 13:20 **KAREL ŘEHÁČEK:** Restoration of the Czechoslovak borderland after 1945 – an institutional perspective

- 13:20 – 13:35 **MARIUSZ FORNAGIEL:** Voices from below. Letters from the inhabitants of Slovakia as a testimony to post-war rural problems
- 13:35 – 13:50 Discussion

13:50 – 14:00 Break

## Panel VIII.

### Recovery of Czechoslovakia after the Second World War. Part II.

*moderator Miroslav Sabol (Lectures in Czech language)*

- 14:00 – 14:15 **PAVEL DUFEK – FRANTIŠEK FRŇKA:** Putting energy into the restoration of the Republic: the generation and supply of electricity in the years 1945–1947
- 14:15 – 14:30 **MICHAL PLAVEC:** Unification of the aerospace industry. The Aeronautical Advisory Council and the revival of production in Czechoslovakia (1945–1950)
- 14:30 – 14:45 **IVAN JAKUBEC – JAN ŠTEMBERK:** To the glories of tomorrow. Troubles in restoring rail transport in the Czech lands after the Second World War.
- 14:45 – 15:15 **LUBOŠ MAREK:** The restoration of the post-war railway network in Czechoslovakia on film
- 15:15 – 15:30 Discussion

15:30 – 16:00 Break

## Panel IX.

### Law, unemployment, and recovery

*moderator Ivan Jakubec (Lectures in Czech and Slovak language)*

- 16:00 – 16:15 **IVAN HALÁSZ:** The crisis of statehood and building a new political system in Hungary in 1918–1920 with the assistance of international actors
- 16:15 – 16:30 **JAN KOBER:** Labour law in post-crisis recovery
- 16:30 – 16:45 **PETER MIČKO:** The unemployment crisis in Slovakia and efforts to address it in the 1930s and 1940s
- 16:45 – 17:00 Discussion



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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Panel X.

### Restoration of public security in interwar Czechoslovakia

*moderator Jan Kober (Lectures in Czech and Slovak language)*

- 09:00 – 09:20 **LYUBOV PAVLYSHYN:** The establishment and work of the Czechoslovak Red Cross Samaritans in Carpathian Ruthenia in the interwar period
- 09:20 – 09:35 **EVA LEDWOŇOVÁ:** Prague far away and Lord God up on high. Restoring order and security through the eyes of police stations in the region against the backdrop of the dispute over Cieszyn Silesia.
- 09:35 – 09:50 **DAVID HUBENÝ:** The Czechoslovak Military Police in Mukachevo 1919–1921.
- 09:50 – 10:05 **FILIP KŘÍŽEK:** Finding ammunition and disposing of dangerous explosives after World War I.
- 10:05 – 10:20 **MARCEL DEMČÁK:** The cultural and educational activities of the gendarmerie in interwar Czechoslovak society.
- 10.20 – 10.35 Discussion

10:35 – 10:50 *Break*

## Panel XI.

### Education as a tool to overcome a crisis using the example of interwar Czechoslovakia

*moderator Peter Mičko (Lectures in Czech and Slovak language)*

- 10:50 – 11:10 **RÓBERT ARPÁŠ – ADRIANA KIČKOVÁ:** Building national education after a coup d'état. Language and textbook policy in Slovakia after 1918.
- 11:10 – 11:25 **MIROSLAVA GALLOVÁ:** The specialized education of girls and women in the period of the First Czechoslovak Republic, with the emphasis on business schools
- 11:25 – 11:40 **JULIIA DELIBALTOVÁ:** Elementary schools and Bürgerschule during the Czechoslovak Republic
- 11:40 – 11:55 Discussion

11:55 – 12:30 *Lunch*

## Panel XII.

### Churches, education, and spiritual renewal

*moderator Lyubov Pavlyshyn (Lectures in Czech language)*

- 12:30 – 12:45 **KOSTIANTYN KUTSOV:** Specifics of the formation of the first organizations of Ukrainian (Ruthenian) Carpathian university students in interwar Czechoslovakia 1920–1926
- 12:45 – 13:00 **VIKTOR KICHERA:** State and Greek Catholic education in Carpathian Ruthenia in the era of Czechoslovakia 1919–1939
- 13:00 – 13:15 **JURIJ DANILEC:** The Orthodox Church in Transcarpathia in the post-war crisis of the second half of the 1940s
- 13:15 – 13:30 Discussion
- 13:30 – 14:00 *Close*

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