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Prague's International Organizations and the Global Cold War

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Faculty of Arts, Náměstí Jana Palacha 2, Room 201

hosted by

[Cold War Research Group](#)

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Programme:

13:00–13:15

Welcome by Václav Horčíčka (Director of the Institute of World History) and Jan Koura (Director of the Cold War Research Group)

Panel 1: International Organizations as a Research Problem

Chair: Mikuláš Pešta (Charles University)

13:15–13:30

Lessons from Writing History Including One's Role as Author: The Case of the International Organization of Journalists (IOJ)

Kaarle Nordenstreng (University of Tampere)

13:30–13:45

Prague-based International Organizations in the Collections of the National Archive of the Czech Republic

Jakub Šlouf, Lenka Kločková and Roman Štér (National Archive of the Czech Republic)



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13:45–14:15

Discussion

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Coffee break

During the coffee break, Kaarle Nordenstreng's book *The Rise and Fall of the International Organization of Journalists Based in Prague 1946–2016* will be presented and available for purchase at a discount.

Panel 2: International Organizations, Socialist States and the Cold War

Chair: Kaarle Nordenstreng

14:45–15:00

Peace as a Legitimizing Tool of the Czechoslovak Socialist State (1948-1953)

Diego Ruiz Panadero (Complutense University of Madrid)

15:00–15:15

"Even during lectures, delegates are outside the hall." Formal and Informal Roles of the Christian Peace Conference (CPC)

Ladislav Beneš (Charles University)

15:15–15:30

Student Internationalism in the Cold War. The Foundation and Split of the International Union of Students

Lidia Lesnykh (University of Fribourg)

15:30–16:00

Discussion

16:00–16:30

Coffee break

Panel 3: International Organizations and Anti-colonial Struggle

Chair: Jan Koura

16:30–16:45

Anti-colonialism with a Global Reach: The World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) during the 1950s and 1960s

Immanuel Harisch (University of Vienna)

16:45–17:00

For women's Education, Rights and Development – the WIDF in the Last Period of the Cold War

Yulia Gradszkova (Södertörn University)

17:00–17:15

A Hub of Anticolonialism. Prague's International Organizations and the Anti-colonial Network in the Global Cold War

Mikuláš Pešta (Charles University)

17:15–17:45

Discussion

Final Discussion and Closing Remarks

18:00–18:15

The Closing of the Velvet Curtain

Jan Urban

18:15–18:45

Final Discussion

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