THE CZECH AND SLOVAK REPUBLICS: TWENTY YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE, 1993-2013

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

OCTOBER 4-5, 2013
The Chair in Slovak History and Culture at the University of Ottawa, with the support of the Faculty of Arts, and with the co-sponsorship of the Embassy of the Slovak Republic, and the Embassy of the Czech Republic, cordially invites you to the conference “The Czech and Slovak Republics: Twenty Years of Independence, 1993-2013" to be held on October 4-5 in Tabaret Hall, University of Ottawa, 550 Cumberland Street,

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of these events, this international conference will bring together academics from the two republics to present papers based upon their latest research in their respective countries. Knowledgeable North American scholars will comment on their presentations.

*The conference will be held in the English Language.
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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 A.M.:  WELCOME:
Christian Detellier, Vice-President Academic and Provost, University of Ottawa

PLENARY ADDRESSES:  The Hon. Jozef Moravčík, Slovak Republic
The Hon. Petr Pithart, Czech Republic

10:00 A.M.  The Causes of the Dissolution of Czechoslovakia.
Chair: Jan G. Frajkor, Carleton University
Paper: the Slovak Perspective: Jozef Žatkuliak and Adam Hudek (Slovak Academy of Science, Bratislava)
Commentator: Stanislav J. Kirschbaum (Glendon College, York University, Toronto)

11:00-11:15 A.M. Break

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Paper: the Czech Perspective: Jan Rychlík (Charles University, Prague)
Commentator: Michael Kraus (Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT)

12:30-2:00 P.M.: Lunch, Tabaret Hall, courtesy of the Embassy of the Slovak Republic

2:00 P.M.
Political Developments since 1993.
Chair: Patryk Polec, University of Ottawa
Paper: Political Developments in Slovakia: Juraj Hocman (Hochschule Goethe Uni, Bratislava)
Commentator: Kevin Deegan-Krause (Wayne State University, Detroit)

3:00-3:15 P.M., Break

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Paper: Political developments in the Czech Republic: Adéla Gjuričová (Czech Academy of Science, Prague)
Commentator: Carol Skalnik-Leff (University of Illinois, Urbana)

6:00 P.M.  Reception, Embassy of the Czech Republic, 251 Cooper Street
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

10:00 A.M. WELCOME:  
Antoni Lewkowicz, Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Ottawa

10:15 A.M. **Economic Developments since 1993.**  
Chair: Eda Kranakis, University of Ottawa  
Paper: Economic Developments in Slovakia: Miroslav Londák and Adam Hudek (Slovak Academy of Science, Bratislava)  
Commentator: John Gould (Colorado College, Colorado Springs)

11:00 A.M.  
Paper: Economic Developments in the Czech Lands: Martin Pospisil (CERGE-EI, Prague and OECD, Paris)  
Commentator: Sharon Fisher (Global Insight, Washington, DC)

Noon-2:00 P.M. **Lunch, Le Jazzy Restaurant, 85 University, courtesy of the Chair in Slovak History & Culture**

2:00 P.M. **Social Developments since 1993.**  
Chair: Christopher Adam, Carleton University  
Commentator: Sharon Wolchik (George Washington University, Washington, DC)

3:00 P.M.  
Paper: Social Developments in the Czech Lands: Oldřich Tůma (Czech Academy of Science, Prague)  
Commentator: James W. Peterson (Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA)

4:00 P.M. **Concluding Remarks**  
M. Mark Stolarik, University of Ottawa
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