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I would like to invite you to the international conference

## **POLITICS – INTERESTS – ENERGY**

### **Energy crises, security and society in Central Europe in the 20th century**

Date:

**Thursday and Friday 14th and 15th of September 2023**

Location:

National Archives, Archivní 2257/4, 149 00 Prague 4,  
Congress Hall and Lecture Hall,  
with the option of online entry for foreign speakers

Transport connections:

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

Conference languages:

Czech, Slovak, English, German  
and Ukrainian (without translation)

# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**Thursday 14th of September 2023**

- 8:00–9:00** Registration
- 9:00–9:30** Welcome (Congress Hall)
- 9:00–9:05** Martin HOLÝ, Institute of History, Czech Academy of Sciences, public research institution
- 9:05–9:10** Milan VOJÁČEK, National Archives
- 9:10–9:15** Bohumil JIROUŠEK, Faculty of Arts, University of South Bohemia
- 9:15–9:20** Václav HORČIČKA, Faculty of Arts, Charles University
- 9:20–9:25** Frank HADLER, Leibniz-Institut für Geschichte und Kultur des östlichen Europa (GWZO)
- 9:25–9:30** Emil VORÁČEK, introduction

## **BLOCK I. Energy and its contexts in Central Europe in the 20th century (Congress Hall)**

Moderator: Bohumil JIROUŠEK

- 9:30–9:55** Petr SAK (Prague): Energy and information
- 9:55–10:20** Ľudovít HALLON (Bratislava): The role of large-scale state-supported electrification in the development of electricity prices in Slovakia in the interwar period
- 10:20–10:30** *Break*
- 10:30–10:55** Václav PRŮCHA (Prague): Electricity policy in Czechoslovakia in the years 1945–1989 and its results
- 10:55 – 11:20** Zbyněk DUBSKÝ (Prague): Energy cooperation in Europe during the Cold War and the “new” Cold War through the eyes of critical geopolitics
- 11:20–11:50** *Discussion*
- 11:50–13:00** *Lunch*

## **BLOCK II. From interwar unrest to wartime devastation (Congress Hall)**

Moderator: Stanislav HOLUBEC

- 13:00–13:20** Hrvoje ČAPO (Zagreb): The United States of America and the Post-1918 Coal Crisis in Central Europe
- 13:20–13:40** Erki TAMMIKSAAR (Tallinn): Estonian oil shale industry in the whirlwinds of the world fuel market and global policy in 1920–1940s
- 13:40–13:50** *Break*
- 13:50–14:10** Marcela HENNLICHOVÁ (Prague): “Then get another sweater!” – Restrictions, Measures, Recommendations Through the Eyes of Contemporary Observers. The Case of the French coal crisis
- 14:10–14:30** Michal V. ŠIMŮNEK – Miloš HOŘEJŠ (Prague): The ‘Wien-Raudnitz’ and ‘Brüx-Raudnitz’ Pipelines in the Context of the Nazi Oil Policy, 1941–1945
- 14:30–14:50** *Discussion*
- 14:50–15:10** *Break*
- 15:10–15:30** Hynek OBERHEL (Litoměřice – Lovosice): Bohušovice nad Ohří – example of electrification of a small town
- 15:30–15:50** Miroslav SABOL (Bratislava): The automobile mobility crisis in Slovakia in the 1940s, or ill-considered experimentation with fuels
- 15:50–16:10** Michal PLAVEC (Prague): Air operations against oil imports from Romania (April – August 1944). Battle of the Danube
- 16:10–16:30** *Discussion*
- 16:30–16:40** *Break*

### **BLOCK III. Tectonics of geopolitical units and the region's energy industry on the periphery – Carpathian Ruthenia (Lecture Hall)**

Moderator: Zlatica ZUDOŤOVÁ-LEŠKOVÁ

- 13:00–13:20** David HUBENÝ (Prague): Promoting the interests of the Czechoslovak state in the energy industry using the example of Carpathian Ruthenia
- 13:20–13:40** David HUBENÝ – Andrej TÓTH (Prague): Development of electricity companies in Carpathian Ruthenia in the years 1938–1944
- 13:40–13:50** *Break*
- 13:50–14:10** Василь МИЩАНИН (Uzhhorod): Політико-економічні процеси розвитку електроенергетики в Закарпатській Україні (1944–1945 pp.). Political-economic processes of the development of the energy industry in Zakarpattia, Ukraine (1944–1945)
- 14:10–14:30** Юрій ДАНИЛЕЦЬ (Uzhhorod): Проблеми електрифікації православних парафій та монастирів на Підкарпатській Русі/Закарпатті в 1930–1960-х pp. Problems of the electrification of Orthodox rectories and monasteries in Carpathian Ruthenia/Zakarpattia in the 1930s–1960s.
- 14:30–14:50** *Discussion*
- 14:50–15:10** *Break*

### **BLOCK IV. Sources for knowledge of the energy industry (Lecture Hall)**

Moderator: Pavel DUFEK

- 15:10–15:30** František FRŇKA (Prague): Archives of the Czech Republic, Fuel-energy bases after 1945 in the National Archives
- 15:30–15:50** Михайло МІСЮК (Uzhhorod): Фонди про електрифікацію та енергетику Підкарпатської Русі/Закарпаття в Державному архіві Закарпатської області. Funds for electrification and the energy industry in Carpathian Ruthenia/Zakarpattia in the State Archives of the Zakarpattia Region.
- 15:50–16:10** Tomáš KOWALSKI (Bratislava): Electricity and monuments: mutual relationship lines of force in the mirror of the state monument protection agenda in Slovakia
- 16:10–16:30** *Discussion*

### **BLOCK V. Energy in film documentaries (Congress Hall)**

Moderator: Naděžda KRUGLOVA

- 16:40–17:05** Luboš MAREK (Prague): Saving electricity in the light of film sources (1920–1975)
- 17:05–17:30** Terezie HLAVÁČKOVÁ – Alena ŠLINGEROVÁ (Prague): Electricity in the Service of Countryside. Premiere of the tinting and toning film from 1928.
- 17:30–17:50** *Discussion*

## **Friday 15th of September 2023**

**8:00–9:00** Registration

### **BLOCK VI.a Geopolitical blocs and Central Europe in the whirlpool of the energy crisis and particular interests (Congress Hall)**

Moderator: Frank HADLER

- 9:00–9:25** Uwe MÜLLER (Leipzig): Die Energiepolitik im RGW nach dem Ölpreisschock in den 1970er Jahren
- 9:25–9:50** Maximilian GRAF (Vienna): Die Schuldenkrise der DDR, die Sowjetunion und der Westen
- 9:50–10:00** *Break*
- 10:00–10:25** Miroslav ŠEPTÁK (České Budějovice – Prague): Energiepolitik der österreichischen Regierungen vor dem ersten Ölschock (1969–1973)

- 10:25–10:50** Florian RUTTNER (Prague): Die Zukunft gestalten oder sich die Vergangenheit zurechtlegen? Einige Bemerkungen zur Selbstdarstellung der Geschichte der OMV
- 10:50–11:20** *Discussion*
- 11:20–12:20** *Lunch*

### **BLOCK VI.b Geopolitical blocs and Central Europe in the whirlpool of the energy crisis and particular interests (Congress Hall)**

Moderator: Jaroslav VALKOUN

- 12:20–12:40** Marek KREJČÍ (Prague): Energy crisis in Czechoslovakia after 1945
- 12:40–13:00** Pavel DUFEK – Adam ZÍTEK (Prague): Polish coal, West German Marks. Coal supply in the economic relationships among Czechoslovakia, Poland and West Germany in the years 1945–1989
- 13:00–13:20** Pavel FOUSEK (Prague): Franco-German Competition for Saarland, or the Battle for Black Gold
- 13:20 – 13:30** *Break*
- 13:30–13:50** Ivan JAKUBEC (Prague): Investment in Czechoslovak transport (transport infrastructure) in the 1970s as a condition for energy security?
- 13:50–14:10** Julia MEAD (Chicago): Frozen Assets: Czechoslovakia's 1979 Blizzard and the Energetic Social Contract of Late Socialism [online]
- 14:10–14:30** Emil VORÁČEK (Prague): Crisis strategy: the energy crisis of the 1970s and economic relations in the COMECON
- 14:30–15:00** *Discussion*
- 15:00–15:10** *Break*

### **BLOCK VII. Energy policy between reality and ideology – panel discussion (Congress Hall)**

**15:10–15:40** *Panel discussion*

Frank HADLER – Stanislav HOLUBEC – Emil VORÁČEK

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