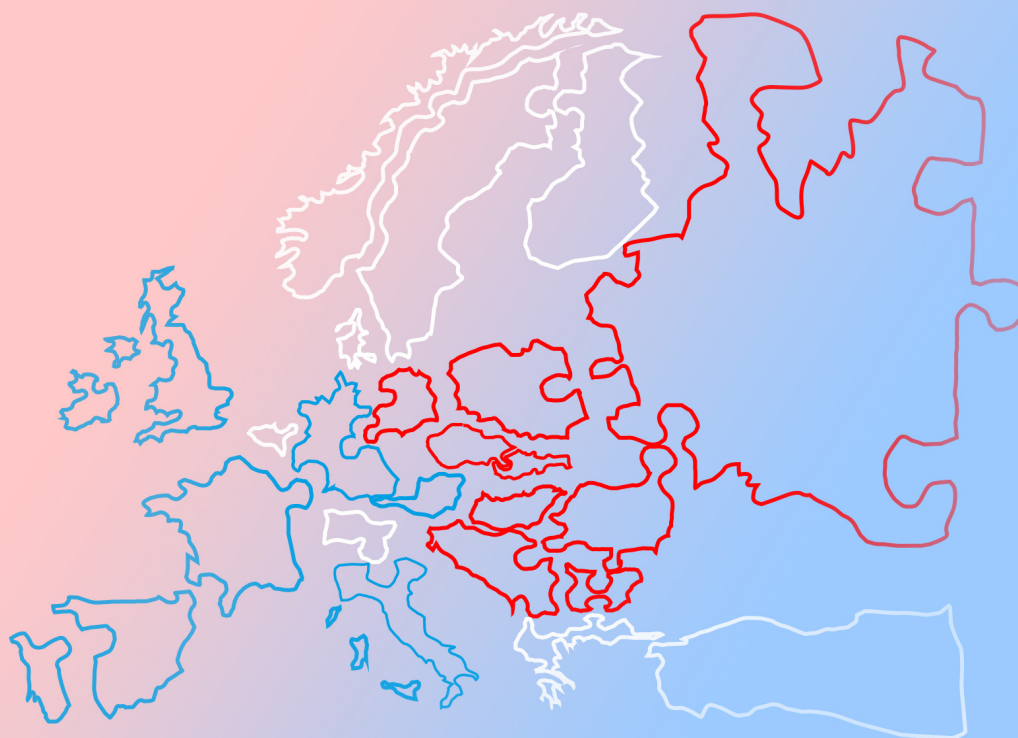


**Historia Europæana,
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invite you to the 10th Annual
International Postgraduate (Doctoral) Conference

**Rethinking
20th Century Europe:**

Continuity vs. Discontinuity



27th–28th November 2023

**South Moravian Region conference hall,
Žerotínovo náměstí 449/3, Brno
(and, if necessary, also ONLINE)**

The 10th anniversary *Rethinking 20th Century Europe* conference will take place on November 27th – 28th, 2023. This year's conference will focus on a topic of indeed contemporary relevance.

The idea of **continuity and discontinuity** is central to historiography from time immemorial. Whether we divide historical epochs or try to delimit important events, we do, at least subconsciously, come back to using certain years or processes as hard and definite milestones. However, reality is often different and even an ostentatious act of drawing the line behind the past cannot always hide the numerous threads still connecting the past and the future. Applying the proverbial concept of *longue durée* enables us to observe and analyse just how definite these drawn lines are and why are they presented or perceived as such.

This year's 10th anniversary conference will be dedicated to questions concerning continuous historical development or, on the contrary, its violent interruptions. The topic can be approached in different ways, spanning from official narratives and their origin, through actual contemporary development and its perception all the way to retrospective assessments of the changes after a proper interval. The great revolutions of the 20th century – the Russian revolutions of 1917, the creation of Czechoslovakia and other national states in Central Europe in 1918, the radicalisation of regimes in Nazi Germany and Soviet Union in 1930s or the dissolution of Eastern Bloc and the Soviet Union in 1989 and the years after – come to mind as natural topics of such interest. Nevertheless, in a wider context, we can also focus on deeper aspects of these transitions. We can observe the legislative and administration continuity of regimes after ostentatious revolutions or takeovers, typical for the states emerging from the fall of Austria-Hungary. We can also focus our attention on the continuity of culture and traditions, whether it may be the sphere of politics and power or the everyday and social life on the background of historical changes. Such a development can be also traced over far longer periods of time, e.g. in the form of varying narratives of particular historical events or changes in approach to specific topics over time.

Various approaches and theoretical concepts can be used to approach the above stated matters – we certainly do not shy away from interdisciplinarity. We expect the contributing articles to focus on wider ideas, as well as to particular topics and events. However, the desired outcome should be to point out the international significance of the topic or wider context and comparison, rather than a narrowed-down study of specific or regional phenomena. We put emphasis on the general context, aiming to interpret the causes, purposes and the consequent effect of the studied events. The time span of our focus is between the early 20th century and the years following the fall of the Eastern Bloc.

Conference Schedule

Day 1 November 27th 2023

- 09:00-10:00 Attendance
- 10:00-10:30 Opening ceremony: **prof. PhDr. Jiří Hanuš, Ph.D.**
Vice-rector for Personnel and Academic Affairs of Masaryk University
- doc. Mgr. Tomáš Malý, Ph.D.**
Head of the Department of History, Faculty of Arts MU
- Mgr. Ondřej Varad'a**
Head of the Association Historia Europæana, z. s.
- 10:30-11:00 **prof. PhDr. Michal Stehlík, Ph.D.:** Continuities and Discontinuities
Institute of Czech History, Faculty of Arts, Charles University in the 20th Century
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 – 13:15 Panel A – Political (Dis)Continuities**
- 11:15-11:35 **Mgr. Daniel Vymětalík:** Repatriation and Re-emigration of Czechs
Faculty of Public Policies and Czechoslovak Citizens from Ukraine
Silesian University in Opava in the Years 1918–1923
- 11:35-11:55 **Mgr. Barbora Dietrichová:** From Monarchy through Deutschböhmen
Department of History, Faculty of to the Third Reich: (Dis)Continuity
Arts, Palacký University Olomouc of German Communal Politics in Bohemia
- 11:55-12:15 **Mgr. Ondřej Kukan:** The Austrian State after Anschluss?
Department of German and The Study of the Question of Continuity
Austrian Studies IMS FSV UK of Austria after its Anschluss in 1938
- 12:15-12:35 **Mgr. Marián Maršálek:** Establishment of Agrokomplex National
Department of History, Faculty of Exhibition Center in Nitra and Its Function
Arts, Constantine the Philosopher in Agriculture
University
- 12:35-13:15 Discussion
- 13:15-14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 16:00 Panel B – Thought Clashes and Connections

14:00-14:20	Mgr. Tomáš Schejbal: Institute of History FF UHK IfZ Universität Wien	From Solidarity to Class Hatred?
14:20-14:40	Mgr. et Mgr. Pavel Máša, Ph.D.: Graduate of the Department of History Faculty of Arts Masaryk University	'What Would Dr. Rieger Said if He Were to Speak to Our Nation?' Instrumentalization of the Memory Of František Ladislav Rieger In the Half-Time of the First Czechoslovak Republic
14:40-15:00	Mgr. Jaromír Sobotka, Ph.D.: Department of History Faculty of Arts Masaryk University	The Struggle for Marx: The Dispute over the Legacy of 19th Century Worker's Movement
15:00-15:20	Mgr. Václav Daněk: Department of History Faculty of Arts Masaryk University	"One Nation – One Youth!" The Path of the Sudeten German Youth Movement to the Hitlerjugend
15:20-16:00	Discussion	
16:00-16:10	Closing remarks	
From 18:30	Wine and Dine (Supper and a social evening)	

Day 2 November 28th 2023

9:00-9:05 Opening of the 2nd day

9:05 – 11:05 Panel C – Religious Transformations and Durations

- 09:05-09:25 **Mgr. Martin Juríček:**
Department of History, Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University
Transformations of the Loyalty of the Roman Catholic Clergy in the First Years of the Existence of Czechoslovakia in the Environment of Rural Parishes in Slovakia
- 09:25-09:45 **Mgr. et Mgr. Jakub Marša:**
Department of History
Faculty of Arts
Masaryk University
“The call for peace is directly a sign of our generation.” The Peace Movement in the Czechoslovak Church in the Context of February 1948
- 09:45-10:05 **Mgr. Miroslava Soláriková:**
Slovak National Library
Department of History
Masaryk University
The Second Vatican Council as a Bearer of Changes
- 10:05-10:25 **Mgr. Jan Ševčík:**
Department of History
Faculty of Arts
Masaryk University
Tradition and False Tradition in the History of Occultism and Magic
- 10:25-11:05 Discussion
- 11:05-11:20 Coffee break

11:20 - 12:50 Panel D – Changing Discourse, Keeping Identity?

- 11:20-11:40 **Vukašin Zorić, MA:**
Faculty of Philosophy
University of Belgrade
A Prelude to an (Un)Perpetual Union: Representations of Continual Yugoslav Unity before the Yugoslav Unification in Yugoslav Historiography (1918–1941)
- 11:40-12:00 **Balázs Fenyvesi:**
Eötvös Loránd University
The Defenders of Madrid. Revisiting the Memory of Postwar Anti-fascism in the Coalition Era Hungary (1945–1948)

12:00-12:20 **Caroline Beshenich:** Belarus, Governmental Legitimacy, and Abuse: A Closer Look at the Continuity of National Identity in Belarus
Jagiellonian University

12:20-12:50 Discussion

12:50-13:05 Coffee break

13:05 – 14:05 Panel E – (Dis)Continuity of Elites and Organizations

13:05-13:25 **Mgr. et Mgr. Jaromír Dvořák:** Czech Anglicists and Their Contribution to Cultural Transfer
Institute of Czech History
Faculty of Arts
Charles University

13:25-13:45 **Zsidi Bernát:** The Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Regime Change (1985–1993)
Eötvös Loránd University

13:45-14:05 Discussion

14:05 Closing ceremony