

Historia Europæana

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invites you to

the International Postgraduate (Doctoral) Conference

Rethinking 20th Century Europe

In Giant's Shade

which will take place on

7th - 8th November 2022 in Brno

at the South Moravian Region conference hall

Žerotínovo náměstí 449/3

and, if necessary, also ONLINE

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The 9th annual *Rethinking 20th Century Europe* conference will take place on November 7th - 8th, 2021. This year's conference will discuss topics that might almost echo the themes of Old Testament.

On the very first glance, the topic of this year's conference – *In Giant's Shade/In Shadow of Giant* – invites associations related to the common Judeo-Christian foundation of the European civilization. Ultimately, the battle of David and Goliath is, as a symbol of unequal odds and perseverance of the underdog, an image that has been guiding and inspiring us for centuries. A giant can be dealt with in many ways – he can be fought, but his shade can also provide cover. Alternatively, he can be reasoned with for mutually beneficial conditions, as can be observed in nature. For example, there are the oxpeckers – small birds that live off parasites on the bodies of rhinos and other big mammals of Africa.

This year, we want to dedicate our conference to all different ways of asymmetrical coexistence. A hegemon, in role of the proverbial giant, can come in all shapes and sizes – a regional or global power, a dominating social or political force or a trend of ideas that sets the tone of a certain group. Thus, we can talk about a wide array of questions, from colonization and strategies of resistance or coping of the colonized territories, to issues of collaboration with elements of an occupation regime that an individual internally disagrees with. The debate can take us from the approaches of small countries in the bipolar world of the second half of 20th century to the problems of everyday trade-offs in an environment where individuals submit themselves to the others' idea of a general direction for a given collective. However, we should not forget about the primary association that we mentioned in the very beginning – stubborn resistance (or resolution to resist) against a greater and stronger foe is, in the end, an idea that doubtlessly resounds in the entire society these days. We will gladly include submissions analysing different forms of asymmetry of power or social structures and, above all, the ways the minor party attempts to change its situation, to attune to it or – however paradoxical it might sound – to profit from it.

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 fall of the Eastern Bloc.

Schedule

Preliminary planned programme of the 1st day of the conference

09:00 – 10:00	Presentation of participants
10:00 – 10:30	Opening ceremony
10:30 – 13:20	Panel Session A
13:20 – 14:00	Coffee break
14:00 – 18:00	Panel Session B
18:30 – 00:00	Wine & Dine

Preliminary planned programme of the 2nd day of the conference

09:00 – 12:45	Panel Session C
12:45 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:15	Panel Session D
16:20 – 16:30	Closing ceremony

Application process and guidelines

Application Form

- **Application deadline: EXTENDED until 22 July 2022**
- Application form is to be filled in at following link: <https://forms.gle/yF1bcL6Bxxoskz38> By filling out the application the applicant agrees with the collecting, storage and processing of personal data in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of April 27th, 2016.

Conference Fee

- **Conference fee: CZK 500 (EUR 20)**
- **Payment deadline: 1 September 2022**
- **Please do not pay the conference fee until you receive confirmation that your application has been accepted.**
- Account number: (CZ): 2200367834/2010 (CZK)
- Acc. number: (SK): 2200367834/8330 (EUR) IBAN: SK08 8330 0000 0022 0036 7834
- Variable code: **will be specified after your application has been accepted.**
- **Please do NOT forget to include your name in the payment transfer details!**

Submissions

- **Submission deadline: 10 October 2022**
- The conference should serve as a place for dialogue and exchanging academic experience. Therefore, it is important to limit your presentation to **15 minutes** and ensure that it is clear and comprehensible.
- The conference languages are Czech, Slovak and English. We kindly ask all participants to prepare well-arranged PowerPoint slides in English to accompany their presentation.
- The length of your submission, which may become a part of a forthcoming monograph, should be max. **35 standard pages** (70 000 characters including footnotes, abstract, keywords and bibliography). Guidelines for editing contributions (referencing, citation norms etc.) can be found [HERE](#).
- Each submission must adhere to the principles of academic text (methodology, a list of sources and literature must be included).
- Please send your submission to historia.europeana@phil.muni.cz. The subject of your e-mail should go like: "title of your paper + your name". Example: Czech Emigration + Martin Denis.
- The designed outcome of the conference is an article in [Studia Historica Brunensia](#), a peer-reviewed periodical.
- The organizers reserve the right to reject submissions which do not meet the set criteria. All submissions will be reviewed before publishing.

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