

Interdisciplinary Conference on Human Rights

Organizers: Anglo-American University and Norwich University

Partner of the Conference: POST BELLUM

WEB: <https://www.aauni.edu/human-rights-conference-2019/>

Prague March 7-9, 2019

DAY 0 Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Informal Welcome Evening for Student Participants, 7PM

Anglo-American University, Letenská 5, Prague

Vernissage of Exhibition "Dictionary", author - Alena Foustková (AAU)

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DAY 1 Thursday, March 7, 2019

Opening Ceremony - 9AM - 12PM

Czech National Bank, Senovážné náměstí 30, Prague, Czech Republic

Preliminary program for Opening Ceremony:

Note: Simultaneous translation English-Czech at the Opening Ceremony only. ID or another personal card as a deposit needed to get the headset.

Dress code: Business Casual/Business Formal

Moderator: Dr. Eva Rivera, AAU Vice-President for Development and Communications

SPEAKER	PRELIMINARY TOPIC	LENGTH
Opening Ceremony SESSION 1 9:00-11:00 (simultaneous translation CZ/EN)		
Doc. Lubomír Lízal, President, Anglo-American University	Welcome from AAU President	3 min
Dr. Richard W. Schneider, Rear Admiral USCGR (Ret.) 23rd President of Norwich University	Importance of Human Rights in the mission statements of our Universities (VIDEO)	5 min
Dr. Michael McGinnis, Dean, College of Science and Mathematics, Norwich University	Human Rights across all disciplines	5 min
Mr. Petr Jan Pajas, AAU President Emeritus, Founder of the conference	Idea and Mission of this Conference and why it is important today	15 min
Kelly Adams-Smith, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S Embassy in Prague	Role of U.S. in Czechoslovak dissent during Communism	10 min

Opening Ceremony continues		
Movie - POST BELLUM	Ceny Paměti národa: Miluška Havlůjová The Memory of Nations Awards: Miluška Havlůjová	7 min
Dr. Daniel Kroupa, Philosopher, former dissident and signatory of Charter 77, politician and university educator	From Charter 77 to Charter 08	15 min
Dr. Alexandr Vondra, politician and diplomat, former dissident and signatory of Charter 77	The Human Rights Agenda: In Past, Present and Future	15 min
Prof. Dr. et Dr. Thomas Schirrmacher President of the International Society for Human Rights	Why people of all religions and worldviews can and should back human rights ethics	15 min
Q&A session - 15 min		
BREAK 15 min		
Opening Ceremony SESSION 2 11:00-12:00 (simultaneous translation CZ/EN)		
Prof. Rowland Brucken, Professor of History, Norwich University	Milestones of 20th Century in relation to Human Rights – view of American historian	15 min
Prof. Milada Polišenská, Professor of History, Anglo-American University	Milestones of 20th Century in relation to Human Rights – view of Czech historian	15 min
D'Shealyn Bullock and Tom Lessard, Norwich University	Student Keynote - Norwich University	10 min
Hanna Ripper and Ksenia Sayfutdinova, Anglo-American University	Student Keynote - Anglo-American University	10 min
Q&A session 15 min		
12:00 – 13:00 SANDWICH LUNCH IN CZECH NATIONAL BANK		

GETTING TO Anglo-American University from Czech National Bank:

Walk 400m to Náměstí Republiky, TRAM 15, direction Kotlářka. Get off at third stop Malostranská and AAU is around the corner. Conference organizers will prepare student guides to guide the groups, meeting point is street level entrance of Czech National Bank (same as used for conference entry). Groups will leave from Czech National Bank at following times: **1:00pm, 1.15pm, 1.25 pm**

DAY 1 Thursday, March 7, 2019 - continues at AAU

Anglo-American University, Letenská 5, Prague

Program for DAY 1, afternoon (at AAU)

POST BELLUM SESSION 14.00-15.45 (consecutive translation CZ/EN) Room 2.07	
Opening of photo exhibition Lukáš Žentel	Lukáš Žentel - "Setkání"
Movie screening	The Stories of 20th Century: My State Security Příběhy 20. století: Moje StB
Mikuláš Kroupa, journalist and director of Post Bellum	Discussion with conference participants
Round Table on Roots of Human Rights 16.00-18.00 Room 2.07	
Richard Smith AAU Founder	Human Rights, Empire, and the Bible
Thomas K. Johnson	Martin Luther King and Those Wonderful Old Names! The Letter from a Birmingham Jail as a Window into Christian Human Rights Resources.
Thomas Schirrmacher	Are Human Rights Above Worldviews and Religions and If So, Where Does Their Global Authority Come From?
Moderated Discussion with the conference participants 16.00-18.00 Room 2.18	
Prof. Rowland Brucken, Professor of History, Norwich University	The State of Contemporary Human Rights

Guided Tour 1 at 6PM: for Norwich University guests. Meeting point AAU Reception (Tour for other participants is scheduled for Friday, 6PM)

PROGRAM DAY 1 ENDS

DAY 2 Friday, March 8, 2019 – 9:00-18:00

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Dress code: Business Casual

Moot Court 9:00 - 14:20 Room 2.03
Chair: Carollann Braum
8:30 – 9:00: Registration
9:00 – 9:15: Performance Honoring the Victims of Human Rights Violations During Communism
9:15 – 10:45: Applicant 515 v Respondent 795
Judges: Sasha Usilova, Karen Moreno, Charlie Lamento
10:50 – 12:10: Applicant 375 v Respondent 515
Judges: Sasha Usilova, Karen Moreno, Charlie Lamento, James Oczko
12:10 – 13:00: lunch in
13:00 – 14:20: Applicant 795 v. Respondent 375
Judges: Sasha Usilova, James Oczko, Berda Tural

Presentations MORNING (AAU) Each presentation 15 minutes + Q/A 6-7 min per presentation	
09:00- 10:30 Room 2.07	Contemporary Human Rights Challenges in Eastern Europe
Chair	Andrew Giarelli
Papers (4*15 min + 30 min discussion)	
Nela Larysova	Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe: The Enemy Within?
Přemysl Rosůlek	How it all began: Advent of `Banal` Islamophobia in the Czech Republic (2001-2008)
Tereza Smejkalová	The European Union's Role as a Human Rights Actor Has Been Undermined by Dichotomy between its Values and Interests
Arlinda Ymeraj	"Welfare State", Social Rights and the State Parties' Responsibilities in Post Communist Era
09:00- 10:30 Room 2.05	The Protection of Minorities
Chair	Zuzana Fellegi
Papers (3*15 min + 20 min discussion)	

Christopher Barnhoorn	Nazi Ideology behind the Persecution of the Roma
Session "The Protection of Minorities" continues	
Diana Izmaylova	The Collapse of The League of Nations as Organisation Responsible for Protecting Human Rights in Czechoslovakia
Jason Guth	How the Szlachta Permitted Kings to Rule, Not God
BREAK 15 min	

10:45 - 12:00 Room 2.07	World War II in Czechoslovakia
Chair	Lisa Brucken
Papers (3*15 min + 20 min discussion)	
Milada Polišenská	Legal, Diplomatic and Moral Aspects of Deportation of Czechoslovaks to the Soviet Gulag
Daniela Tupy	Communist Use of the Police in Czechoslovakia
Shayla Moya	Catholic Church's Variant Perspective

10:45 - 12:00 Room 2.05	Linguistics and Definitions of Human Rights
Chair	Eva Eckert
Papers (intro 10 min + 3*15 min + 20 min discussion)	
Klára Chmelařová <i>(presented by E. Eckert)</i>	Returning a Voice: Healing Halq'eméylem and the Land of the Sto:lo tribe of Fraser Valley, Canada, BC.
Paula Kalfiřtová	Education as a Human and Linguistic Rights Issue in the Philippines
Martin Mareš	Securing the Linguistic Rights for Yaakunte and Romani: The comparative study of the revitalisation of stigmatised languages in Kenyan postcolonial and Czech post-communist sociolinguistic spaces
12:00 SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH IN AAU CAFÉ DES TAXIS	

Presentations Friday, March 8 AFTERNOON (AAU)

13:10-14:15 Room 2.07	August 1968 and the 1970s: Human Rights Resurgen
Chairs	Milada Polišenská and Lucio Picci
Papers (3*15 min + 20 min discussion)	
Megan McShane	Josef Koudelka's Exakta Photographs of August 21, 1968: Totalitarianism Remembered Fifty Years Following the Prague Spring
Joanna Roś	Being a Witness. Albert Camus and Polish Alternative Culture of the 1970s and 1980s
Patrick Vaughan	The Role of Zbigniew Brzezinski in Formulating the Human Rights Campaign for the Carter Administration

13:10-14:15 Room 2.05	Human Rights and Middle Eastern History
Chair	Pelin Ayan Musil
Papers (3*15 min + 20 min discussion)	
Mariia Ashikhmina Aisha Mubarak	The Role of Student Activism in Revolutions
Dylan O'Brien	Israel's Violation of West Bank Palestinians Rights in Relation to Land
Christopher Schwenk	Mandatory Palestine: Conflicting Nationalisms and Political Violence

14:30-15:50 Room 2.07	Genocide: Law and History
Chair	Petr Jan Pajas
Papers (3*15 min + 20 min discussion)	
Taylor Gorycki	The Hamidian Massacre: The Forgotten Genocide
Tom Lessard	The Vietnamese Famine of 1944-1945: Implications for the Rise of the Viet-Minh and Anti-Imperialism in French Indochina
Sarah McClean	How Raphael Lemkin's Childhood Affected His Creation of the Word "Genocide"

14:30-15:50 (can end later) Room 2.05	Post-Atrocity Memory and Legacy
Chair	Daniela Lences-Chalaniova
Papers (4*15 min + 20 min discussion)	
Nona Kubanychbek	Peace and Human Rights as Preconditions for Sustainable Development
Nina Paulovicova	From Mobilization to Normalization of the Radical Right. The Case Study of Slovakia
Carollann Braum Scott Prange	Truth, Justice and Reconciliation After Communism and The Neuropsychological Impact of Truth
Rodrigo Olvera Briseño	Blossoming Beyond Central Europe

14:30-15:50 (may end later) Room 2.03	Media, Technology, and Surveillance
Chair	Michael McGinnis
Papers (4*15 min + 20 min discussion)	
Stefan Fiedler Alvarado	Anti-Democratic Regimes of Central Europe and the Control of Information Flow
Gabriele Meissner	The Age of Super Surveillance How Technology Helps to Undermine Democracy, Rule of Law and Human Rights in the Reunified Germany
George Hays II	Czech-Soviet Relations and Identity as Portrayed in Post-Cold War Czech Film: A Discourse Analysis
Ksenia Sayfutdinova	Media and Its Role in Politics of Russian Federation and Hungary
BREAK 15 min	

16:00-17:20 Room 2.07	Women: Historical Victims and Activists
Chair	Carollann Braum
Papers (4*15 min + 20 min discussion)	
D'Shealyn Bullock	The Fight for Women's Suffrage
Nyla Lennon	The Production of Sex Trafficking in the Late 1980s in Costa Rica
Linn Caroleo	Combating Sexism: Reviewing the Trend Over the Past 100 Years in Science and Mathematics
Zuzana Fellegi	Feminism and Understanding of the Gender Roles in the Czech Republic
BREAK 10 min	
17:30	WORD FROM FOUNDERS OF THE CONFERENCE
Petr Jan Pajas	The Best Student Paper Award (donated by AAU Community and Petr Jan Pajas)
Rowland Brucken	Moot Court Awards Ceremony (Carollann Braum)

Guided Tour at 6PM: for paying participants, registration till March 6 needed at human.rights@aauni.edu

DAY 3 Saturday March 9, 2019 – 9.00 - 12.00

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Mock Truth Commission Room 2.07

Chairs: Carollann Braum and Rowland Brucken

Guest speakers (testimony-givers): Petr Jan Pajas, AAU President Emeritus; and Daniel Kumermann, former ambassador of the Czech Republic to Israel and former consul general to the United States in Los Angeles, and Charter 77 signer.

9:00 Opening and Introduction
9:10 The Importance of Truth Commissions by Dr. Rowland Brucken
9:20 Testimony of Petr Jan Pajas
9:50 coffee break
10:00 Testimony of Daniel Kumermann
10:30: Open discussion with both guests – question and discussion facilitated by student participants
11:15 – Presentation of Memorials to Honor the Victims of Human Rights During Communism, followed by immediately with Lunch