

PROGRAMME X OF X THE X CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER Straka Academy—seat of the Czech Government

17.30—19.45

Introductory word

Minister Michael Kocáb X Oldřich Tůma

Panel discussion

***"How Well Did the Cold War Experience Prepare
for Membership in NATO and EU?"***

Chair

Vojtěch Mastný X Anne Deighton X Georges-Henri Soutou X Petr Luňák X László Borhi X
Mary Sarotte X Jiří Dienstbier X Alexandr Vondra

FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER Liechtenstein Palace

9.30—11.45

1. The Struggle for East-Central Europe as a Primary Cause of the Cold War?

Chair

Benjamin Frommer

Leonid Gibianskii

"Stalin, Eastern / East-Central Europe and the Initial Stage of the Cold War Modern
Knowledge of Documents, and Ongoing Old and New Discussions"

Michael Hopkins

"The United States and Eastern Europe, 1943–1948"

László Borhi

"Why Was Eastern Europe Sovietized?—New Archival Evidence
on the Case of Hungary, 1945–1956"

Vít Smetana

"Czechoslovakia's Road to the Cold War"

Rolf Steininger

"Austria and the Cold War, 1945–1955"

Discussion

Lunch

13.00—14.45

2. Plans for a Major War in Europe and the Role of Nuclear Weapons

Chair

James Hershberg

Timothy Naftali

"Power and Reputation in the Soviet-American struggle"

David Holloway

"Nuclear Weapons and the Cold War Order in Europe"

Petr Luňák

"Warsaw Pact Planning for the Central European Theater in the Last Cold War Decade"

Discussion

Coffee break

15.15—17.30

3. Attempts to Break the Cold War Deadlock versus Efforts to Stabilize the Existing System

Chair

Michal Kopeček

Peter Ruggenthaler

"The Stalin-Note Debate—The Soviet Union and the German Question"

Csaba Békés

"Cold War, Detente and the Soviet Bloc, 1953–1975"

Oldřich Tůma

"Was the Prague Spring a Cold War Milestone?"

Dariusz Stola

"What Was Detente for Ordinary Men? Poland's Opening from Isolation
to Mass Mobility to the West"

Vilém Prečan

"Perestroika the Czech Way: The Roots and Causes of Czechoslovak Immobility in the 1980s"

Discussion

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SATURDAY, 21 NOVEMBER Liechtenstein Palace

9.30—11.45

4. The German Question—the Pivotal Point of the Cold War

Chair

Thomas Blanton

Anne Deighton

"Britain and the German Question"

Georges-Henri Soutou

"The German Question as Seen from Paris"

Hope M. Harrison

"The Building of the Berlin Wall: What We Have Learned
in the 20 years since the Fall of the Wall"

Oliver Bange

"The German Problem and Security in Europe—Hindrance or Catalyst
on the Path to 1989/90"

Bernd Schäfer

"Pulling the Rug: Eastern Europe and the Implosion of East Germany"

Discussion

Lunch

13.00—15.15

5. The Ending of the Cold War and the Role of East-Central Europe in the Process

Chair

Oldřich Tůma

Thomas Blanton

"U.S. Policy and the Revolutions of 1989"

Alex Pravda

"Soviet Policy and East-Central Europe, 1988–89"

William Taubman

"Gorbachev's Role in Ending the Cold War"

Svetlana Savranskaya

"The Fall of the Wall, Eastern Europe and Gorbachev's Vision of Europe after the Cold War"

Soňa Szomolányi

"The Common External Factor of the Fall of Communism and the Diverging Transition Paths
of the East Central European Countries"

Discussion

Coffee break

15.45—18.00

6. Varying Interpretations of the Cold War and Its Historical Importance

Chair

Odd Arne Westad

Mark Kramer

"The Onset and Long Duration of the Cold War"

James Hershberg

"The Fading of Cold War History – A Tale of Two Conferences, 1988–89"

Silvio Pons

"Rethinking 1989: Some Historical Reflections on Communism"

Richard Ned Lebow

"The End of the Cold War as a Non-Linear Confluence"

Discussion

Concluding words

Odd Arne Westad

Summary speech

Oldřich Tůma / Vít Smetana

18.00—20.30

Reception