

## 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**

<i>Chair</i>	<i>Thomas Blanton</i>
<b>Anne Deighton</b>	"Britain and the German Question"
<b>Georges-Henri Soutou</b>	"The German Question as Seen from Paris"
<b>Hope M. Harrison</b>	"The Building of the Berlin Wall: What We Have Learned in the 20 years since the Fall of the Wall"
<b>Oliver Bange</b>	"The German Problem and Security in Europe—Hindrance or Catalyst on the Path to 1989/90"
<b>Bernd Schäfer</b>	"Pulling the Rug: Eastern Europe and the Implosion of East Germany"
<i>Discussion</i>	

### **Lunch**

13.00—15.15

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

<i>Chair</i>	<i>Oldřich Tůma</i>
<b>Thomas Blanton</b>	"U.S. Policy and the Revolutions of 1989"
<b>Alex Pravda</b>	"Soviet Policy and East-Central Europe, 1988–89"
<b>William Taubman</b>	"Gorbachev's Role in Ending the Cold War"
<b>Svetlana Savranskaya</b>	"The Fall of the Wall, Eastern Europe and Gorbachev's Vision of Europe after the Cold War"
<b>Soňa Szomolányi</b>	"The Common External Factor of the Fall of Communism and the Diverging Transition Paths of the East Central European Countries"
<i>Discussion</i>	

### **Coffee break**

15.45—18.00

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

<i>Chair</i>	<i>Odd Arne Westad</i>
<b>Mark Kramer</b>	"The Onset and Long Duration of the Cold War"
<b>James Hershberg</b>	"The Fading of Cold War History – A Tale of Two Conferences, 1988–89"
<b>Silvio Pons</b>	"Rethinking 1989: Some Historical Reflections on Communism"
<b>Richard Ned Lebow</b>	"The End of the Cold War as a Non-Linear Confluence"
<i>Discussion</i>	

### **Concluding words**

<b>Odd Arne Westad</b>	Summary speech
<b>Oldřich Tůma / Vít Smetana</b>	

18.00—20.30

### **Reception**