



UK CZECHOSLOVAK STUDIES NETWORK CALL FOR PAPERS



Reimagining 'The Heart of Europe'

Inaugural Conference of the UK Czechoslovak Studies Network, Friday 17th September 2021, University of Oxford (online and in- person pending COVID-19 restrictions)

The conference aims to be a space for new voices and identify fruitful areas of new research focusing on the Czech and Slovak region, in any of its past and present shapes, alongside all its peoples and cultures within and beyond its borders.

The day will bring together researchers on the region to discuss current projects, establish connections, and spotlight areas for collaboration. We welcome proposals for 20-minute papers from researchers of all disciplines within the humanities, arts, and social sciences. Potential topics could include, but *are not limited to*, the following overlapping topics:

- Insiders & Outsiders - this topic might encompass ideas of self-perception, class, gender, diaspora, emigration and otherness
- Space & Place - this could include research on national space, ethnic tensions, border tensions, landscape, cityscapes, and urban bodies
- Temporality – research may focus on regional time culture, ideas of modernity, tradition, and folk culture
- Power – the concept of nationalism, relationship with central powers, notions of the centre and periphery

All proposals should include a title, an abstract of no more than 250 words, and a brief speaker biography of no more than 150 words. They should be submitted to jana.hunter@history.ox.ac.uk and dylan.price@music.ox.ac.uk by no later than 8th August 2021. You will know the outcome of your submission by the 15th August 2021. All other attendees may sign up for the conference by 10th September 2021.

Please address any questions to jana.hunter@history.ox.ac.uk and dylan.price@music.ox.ac.uk.

We look forward to your papers.

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