
University and the Republic

PROGRAMME OF RECTORS CONFERENCE
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University and the Republic: 100 years of Czechoslovakia/Czech Republic
Legacy of Democracy, Humanism and Responsibility
Date October 24 – 25, 2018
Location Patriotic Hall, Carolinum, Charles University
Participation representatives of academia from Charles University, rectors and their counterparts from partner universities, representatives of the state and public life

24 October

13:15 **Registration**

14:00 **Opening**

Prof. Tomáš Zima, MD., DSc., Rector, Charles University
Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality
Prof. Dr. Lenka Rovná, Vice-Rector for European Affairs, Charles University

14:10 **Introduction by leaders** of international university associations and networks: UNICA, Coimbra Group, Europaeum, LERU

Chair: Prof. Tomáš Zima, MD., DSc., Rector of Charles University

Prof. Luciano Saso – President UNICA

Prof. Ludovic Thilly – Chair Coimbra Group

Dr. Hartmut Mayer – Director EUROPÆUM

Prof. Kurt Deketelaere – Secretary General LERU

14:30 100 years of Czechoslovakia in Europe and the world

Prof. Martin Kovář, PhD., Vice-Rector for Public Affairs, Charles University

14:45 University, Masaryk and the state

Doc. Petr Pithart, Former Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

Debate

15:10 **Family Photo, Aula Magna**

15:30 Coffee break

I) **Legacy of Democracy**

15:50

Chair: Prof. Aleš Gerloch, PhD., Vice-Rector for Academic Appointments, Charles University

Universities in troubled world

Prof. Louise Richardson, Vice-Chancellor, University of Oxford

Universities in free market societies

Prof. Luc Sels, Rector, KU Leuven

Universities as a space for independent discussion

Prof. Karol Mičieta, PhD., Rector, Comenius University in Bratislava

Universities as speakers of truth

Prof. Bert van der Zwaan, Rector Magnificus, Utrecht University

Debate

19:00 Dinner (registered participants)

25 October

II) **Legacy of Humanism**

9:00

Chair: Prof. MUDr. Milena Králíčková, PhD., Vice-Rector for Education, Charles University

Education towards democracy and humanism
Prof. Sally Mapstone, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of St. Andrews
Economics and Humanism
Prof. Jean-Robert Tyran, Vice-Rector, University of Vienna
Humans and humanism
Prof. Zdzislaw Mach, Ph.D., Dean, Jagiellonian University
The search for truth in "post-truth" society
Prof. Brigid Laffan, Ph.D., Director, Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute

Debate
10:30 Coffee break

III) **Legacy of Responsibility**

10:50
Chair: Prof. Dr. Lenka Rovná, Vice-Rector for European Affairs, Charles University
Role of academics in politics
José Manuel Durão Barroso, Former President of the European Commission
Third role of universities in the modern world
Prof. Dr. Hans-Jochen Schiewer, Rector, University of Freiburg
Universities and society. Leading by example
Prof. Dr. Michael Hengartner, President, University of Zurich
European Universities – model for others?
Vanessa Debiais-Sainton, Head of Higher Education Unit, European Commission
Debate
12:20 Closing Remarks
Prof. Tomáš Zima, MD., DSc., Rector
12:30 Lunch
15:00 Festive Gathering of the Academic Community, Aula Magna
Participants are invited to wear their academic gowns during the ceremony
16:30 Reception

The official language of the conference is English.
THE CONFERENCE WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED.
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