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: Carolinum, Charles University
Participation: Representatives of Academia from Charles University, Rectors and their representatives from partner Universities, representatives of the state and public life

24 October

13:30 Registration

14:00 Opening
Prof. Tomáš Zima, MD., DSc.
Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

14:10 Introduction by leaders of international university associations and networks: UNICA, Coimbra Group, Europaeum, LERU
Prof. Luciano Saso – President UNICA
Prof. Ludovic Thilly – Chair Coimbra Group
Prof. Andrew Graham – Executive Chair Europaeum
Prof. Kurt Deketeleare – General Secretary LERU

14:30 100 years of Czechoslovakia in Europe and the world
Prof. Martin Kovář, PhD

14:45 Founding Fathers of Czechoslovakia and Charles University
Doc. Petr Pithart, Former Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, Charles University

Debate

15:30 Coffee break
I) Legacy of Democracy

15:50
Chair: Prof. Aleš Gerloch, PhD.

- 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

- Education towards Democracy
  Prof. Dr. Axel Freimuth, Rector, University of Cologne

Debate

19:00 Dinner

25 October

II) Legacy of Humanism

9:00
Chair: Doc. Jan Konvalinka, PhD.

- 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. Zdislaw Mach, PhD., Dean, Jagiellonian University

- The search for truth in “post-truth” society
  Prof. Brigid Laffan, PhD., Director, Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute

10:30 Coffee
III) Legacy of Responsibility

10:50
Chair: Prof. Lenka Anna Rovná, PhD.

- Role of academics in politics
  José Manuel Barroso, Former President of European Commission

- Third role of universities in the modern world
  Prof. Dr. Hans-Jochen Schiewer, Rector, University of Freiburg
  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.

12:30  Lunch

15:00  Festive Gathering of the Academic Community