



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



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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



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III) Legacy of Responsibility

10:50

Chair: Prof. **Lenka Anna Rovníá**, 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**