

Helsinki at 50.

**Human Rights, Peace, and Security
in Europe in the Perspective of
Political Exile as a Non-State
Actor in International Politics**

Date: October 22-23, 2025, Prague

Venue: Archive of Parliament of the Czech Republic

(Komunardů 1634/44, Prague 7)



Czech Academy
of Sciences



Wednesday October 22

9:30-11:00 **Panel 1: Diverse Interpretations of Human Rights**

Helsinki Conference As a “Funeral Ceremony for 100 Million People of Eastern Europe”

Anna Mazurkiewicz

The Network of Yugoslav ‘Exiles’: Intellectuals and the Interpretations of Human Rights

Una Blagojević

Human Rights and Slovak Political Emigration: Interpretations and Discussions

Michaela Lenčéšová

Commentary

Kacper Szulecki

11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30-13:00 **Panel 2: Helsinki in the Perspective of Political Leftist Exiles**

The Reflection of the Helsinki Accords by the Czechoslovak Socialist Opposition in Exile

Kristina Andělová

The Spanish Communist Exile in Czechoslovakia Between the Prague Spring and the CSCE (1968-1975)

Maroš Timko

The Czechoslovak Social Democrats in Exile and Hesitation about Policy of Human Rights

Tomáš Zahradníček

Commentary:

Jacques Rupnik

13:00-14:15 **Lunch Break**

14:15-15:45 **Panel 3: The Role of Information Transfer Across the Iron Curtain**

Slovak Broadcast in West and Human Rights After the Helsinki Final Act

Peter Jašek

What Does “Information” Mean in the Case of Human Rights Activism? Romanian Exile Actors As Knowledge Factotums

Ioana Macrea-Toma

From Sceptical Sirens of Helsinki to an Awakened Volcano: Exile (Not Only) Communication Networks and Making the Invisible Visible

Petr Orság

Commentary:

Prokop Tomek

15:45-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-17:45 Panel 4: Multinational Exiles from the USSR

The Helsinki Process and Hopes for National Revival.
Belarusian Émigré Publishing in London After 1975

Tatsiana Astrouskaya

Mediating between the West and Russia as
a Political or Humanitarian Act: Discussions
and Practices in Pavel Litvinov's Circle

Olga Rosenblum

A Lifeline to the West: Exchange and Cooperation between
Ants Kippar's Relief Centre for Estonian Prisoners of
Conscience and the Soviet Estonian Dissident Community

Lars Fredrik Stöcker

Commentary:

Michal Kopeček

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Thursday October 23

9:30-10:45 Panel 5: Interpretation of the Helsinki Process in Exiles

Fighting Goliath: Revisiting the Story of the Paris-Based
Ligue for the Defence of Human Rights in Romania

Ana-Maria Cătănuș
(co-author Dan Cătănuș)

Between Geopolitical Fantasies and Foreign Policy Blueprints:
Central European Exilic Intellectuals and the Post-Cold War Order

Kacper Szulecki

Commentary:

Matěj Bílý

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:30 Panel 6: Exile, Opposition, and Memory

Prisons and Labor Camps Themes in Bulgarian
Exile Literature (1970-1989): Traumatic Memory as
a Discursive Instrument of Psychological Warfare

Jakub Mikulecký

1956 Exiles and the Hungarian Opposition

András Mink

Commentary:

Petra Loučová

12:30-13:45 Lunch Break

13:45-15:15 **Panel 7: Human Rights as a Tool of Political Exiles' Lobbying in the West**

The Romanian Exiles in the United Kingdom in the 1980s: The Campaigns to Defend Human Rights and Stop the Systematization of Villages

Mioara Anton

The Human Rights Issue in the anti-Communist Croatian Emigration

Bernd Robioneck

Jan Nowak-Jeziorański's Role in Shaping a Pro-Polish Lobby in the U.S. During the 1970s and 1980s

Jakub Tyszkiewicz

Commentary:

Ondřej Vojtěchovský

15:15-16:15 **Final Debate**

Visit to **OSCE Documentation Centre in Prague**
(Náměstí Borise Němcova 529/2, 160 00 Prague)

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